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Special Phone Meeting of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission

September 6, 2002 Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 10A
Department of Environmental Quality
811 S.W. Sixth Avenue
Portland, Oregon

AGENDA

- A. Action Item: Consideration of Pollution Control Facility Tax Credit Requests
- B. Director's Dialogue

Following the regular meeting, the Commission will meet in executive session as allowed by ORS 192.660(1)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the Director pursuant to standards, criteria and policy directives previously adopted by the Commission.

Note: The Commission will not break for a public forum at this meeting.

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Environmental Quality Commission Members

The Environmental Quality Commission is a five-member, all volunteer, citizen panel appointed by the governor for four-year terms to serve as DEQ's policy and rule-making board. Members are eligible for reappointment but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Melinda S. Eden, Chair

Melinda Eden is an attorney, farm owner and former reporter for the Associated Press. Her education includes a J.D. from the University of Oregon and a certificate in Natural Resources from the University of Oregon Law School. Chair Eden was appointed to the EQC in 1996 and reappointed for an additional term in 2000. She became vice chair in 1998 and chair in 1999. Chair Eden currently resides in Milton–Freewater.

Tony Van Vliet, Vice Chair

Tony Van Vliet received his B.S. and M.S. in Forest Production at Oregon State University. He has a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Wood Industry Management. Commissioner Van Vliet served sixteen years as a member of the Public Lands Advisory Committee, has been a member of the Workforce Quality Council, served sixteen years as a State Representative on the Legislative Joint Ways and Means Committee, and served eighteen years on the Legislative Emergency Board. He currently resides in Corvallis. Commissioner Van Vliet was appointed to the EQC in 1995 and reappointed for an additional term in 1999.

Mark Reeve, Commissioner

Mark Reeve is an attorney with Reeve & Reeve in Portland. He received his A.B. at Harvard University and his J.D. at the University of Washington. Commissioner Reeve was appointed to the EQC in 1997 and reappointed for an additional term in 2001. He serves as the Commission's representative to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for which he is Co-Chair.

Harvey Bennett, Commissioner

Harvey Bennett is a retired educator. He has taught and administered at all levels of education, concluding as president emeritus of Rogue Community College. Commissioner Bennett has a B.S., M. Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. Commissioner Bennett was appointed to the EQC in 1999 and he currently resides in Grants Pass.

Deirdre Malarkey, Commissioner

Deirdre Malarkey is a graduate of Reed College and has graduate degrees from the University of Oregon in library science, Middle Eastern urban and arid land geography, and a Ph.D. in geography. Commissioner Malarkey has served on the Water Resources Commission, the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board, and the Natural Heritage Advisory Board for the State Land Board. Commissioner Malarkey was appointed to the EQC in 1999 and she currently resides in Eugene.

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Mikell O'Mealy, Assistant to the Commission Telephone: (503) 229-5301 Date:

August 16, 2002

To:

Environmental Quality Commission

From:

Stephanie Hallock, Director J. Hallock

Subject:

Agenda Item A, Action Item: Consideration of Pollution Control Tax Credit Applications

September 6, 2002 EQC Meeting

Proposed Action

Commission decision on DEQ's analysis and recommendations on Shelton Turnbull

Printers' Pollution Control Facilities Tax Credit applications.

Key Issues

Shelton Turnbull Printers submitted two pollution control tax credit applications for equipment used in a material recovery process. The company may use the credit on their 2002 Oregon tax return only if the Environmental Quality Commission certifies the facilities by the end of their tax-year [ORS 468.170(7)], which is September 30, 2002. On October 1, 2002, ownership of the company transfers to the employees and they will not have the ability to use the credit.

The Department recommends the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) certify both facilities at the maximum percentage of 35% provided under ORS 468.173(3). The applicant requested the reduced percentage rather than wait until October 4, 2002 when the EQC will consider proposed rules to clarify the availability of the 50% maximum tax credit.

EOC Action Alternatives

Either application may be postponed to a future meeting if the Commission:

- Requires the Department or the applicant to provide additional information; or
- Makes a determination different from the Department's recommendation and that determination may have an adverse effect on the applicant.

Department Recommendation The Department recommends the Commission approve certification of applications number 5915 and 5916 as presented in Attachment A.

Attachments

A. Approvals

Available Upon Request

ORS 468.150 to 468.190 & OAR 340-016-0005 to 340-016-0080

Approved:

Section:

Division:

Report Prepared By: Maggie Vandehey

Phone: 503-229-6878

Attachment A Approvals



Department of **Environmental** Quality

Directors

Recommendation:

Approve

Applicant

Shelton Turnbull Printers

Application No.

5915

Facility Cost

\$32,842

Percentage Allocable Maximum Tax Credit 100% 35%

Useful Life

7 years

Tax Credit **Review Report**

Pollution Control Facility: Material Recovery

Final Certification

ORS 468.150 -- 468.190

OAR 340-016-0005 -- 340-016-0080

Applicant Identification

Organized As: C Corp

Business:

Commercial and Business

Form Printer

Taxpayer ID: 93-06046314

The applicant's address is:

3403 West 7th Avenue **Eugene, OR 97402**

Facility Identification

The certificate will identify the facility as:

One International Horizontal Baler, Model LD-60-CC-HD, Serial # 0101-206; One Allegheny Shredder Serial # 101251140

The applicant is the lessee and operator of the facility located at:

3403 West 7th Avenue Eugene, OR 97402

Technical Information

The applicant operates a printing company that generates a substantial amount of waste paper. The waste from daily printing operations is processed through the applicant's shredder system and baled for recycling. The applicant also claimed a bagfilter assembly and a baler infeed system on application number 5916 that are part of the same material recovery process. The material recovery system recovers waste paper that would otherwise be landfilled. The baled material is sent to a recycling facility to be used as reclaimed fibers.

Eligibility

ORS 468.155 The **sole purpose** of the new **equipment** is to prevent, control, or reduce a substantial quantity of **solid waste**.

ORS 468.155 **Replacement:** The new equipment did **not** replace any previously certified equipment.

ORS 468.155 This equipment is used to collect recyclable material and is part of a **material** recovery process that obtains useful material from material that would otherwise be

solid waste as defined in ORS 459.005.

ORS 468.173(3) The applicant's tax year ends on September 30, 2002. The applicant elected to be certified at the 35% maximum tax credit.

Timeliness of Application

The applicant submitted the application within the one-year filing period of the 2001 edition of ORS 468.165 (6). The department verified the applicant began

Construction Started01/01/2001Construction Completed11/01/2001Facility Placed into Operation02/01/2001Application Received12/18/2001

operating the facility before construction was completed while the manufacturer resolved performance issues.

Facility Cost

Claimed Cost \$32,842 Eligible Cost \$32,842

Copies of invoices substantiated the claimed facility cost.

Facility Cost Allocable to Pollution Control

The only factor used in determining that 100% of the claimed facility cost is allocable to pollution control is the percentage of time the facility is used for pollution control. ORS 468.190 (3)

ORS 468.190(1) provides five factors the EQC must consider if the facility cost exceeds \$50,000. The components claimed on applications numbered 5915 and 5916 provide one operational system and together the cost exceeds \$50,000. The department determined the percentage allocable to pollution control would have been 100% had the two applications been presented on one application.

Compliance and Other Tax Credits

The applicant states that the facility is in compliance with Department rules and statutes and with EQC orders. There were no DEQ permits issued to this facility. The EQC has not issued any other certificates to Shelton Turnbull Printers.

Reviewers: Maggie Vandehey, DEQ



Department of **Environmental** Quality

Tax Credit **Review Report**

Pollution Control Facility: Material Recovery

Final Certification

ORS 468.150 -- 468.190 OAR 340-016-0005 -- 340-016-0080 Directors

Recommendation:

Approve

Applicant

Shelton Turnbull Printers

Application No.

5916

Facility Cost

\$39,602

Percentage Allocable Maximum Tax Credit 100% 35%

Useful Life

7 years

Applicant Identification

Organized As: C Corp

Business:

Commerical and Business

Form Printer

Taxpayer ID: 93-06046314

The applicant's address is:

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The certificate will identify the facility as:

A bagfilter assemby and a baler infeed

system

The applicant is the lessee and operator of the facility located at:

> 3403 West 7th Avenue **Eugene, OR 97402**

Technical Information

The applicant operates a printing company that generates a substantial amount of waste paper. The waste from daily printing operations is processed through the applicant's shredder system and baled for recycling. The shredder and the baler are presented on application number 5915. The applicant claimed the following two support systems on this application as part of the same material recovery system:

- a bagfilter assembly that captures dust from the paper shredding process. The dust is 100% recyclable material; and
- a baler infeed system.

The material recovery system recovers waste paper that would otherwise be landfilled. The baled material is sent to a recycling facility to be used as reclaimed fibers.

Eligibility

	The sole purpose of the new installation is to prevent, control, or reduce a substantial quantity of solid waste .
	Replacement: The new equipment did not replace any previously certified equipment.
	This equipment is used to collect recyclable material and is part of a material recovery process that obtains useful material from material that would otherwise be solid waste as defined in ORS 459.005.
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The applicant submitted the application	Construction Completed	11/01/2001
within the one-year filing period of the	Facility Placed into Operation	02/01/2001
2001 edition of ORS 468.165 (6). The	Application Received	12/18/2001
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operating the facility before construction		

was completed while the manufacturer resolved performance issues.

Facility Cost

Ineligible Cost -Floor Sweep	<u>- 300</u>
Eligible Cost	\$39,602

Copies of invoices substantiated the claimed facility cost. The applicant removed the floor sweep from service.

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Reviewer: Maggie Vandehey, DEQ

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

To:

Environmental Quality Commission

Date:

September 6, 2002

From:

Stephanie Hallock, Director

Subject:

Director's Dialogue

Proposed Modification to the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Permit

The Department is proposing a modification of the Hazardous Waste Storage and Treatment Permit for the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility to require the U.S. Army to process Pollution Abatement System (PAS) Brines on-site using the Brine Reduction Area (BRA). The modification would not prohibit the offsite shipment of liquid waste, but would direct PAS brines to the BRA consistent with past commitments from the Army. Recent discussions and media articles have indicated some confusion about whether the Army intends to operate the BRA unit or ship the liquid wastes off-site for disposal. The Department has always believed the Army planned to operate the BRA and did not specify this requirement in the permit. The proposed modification provides the Department and the Commission the opportunity to fully evaluate the issue and reach a decision concerning the management of the brine wastes. The proposed permit modification will be issued for public review and comment by late September. A public hearing will be held in Hermiston at the end of October and a recommendation to adopt or reject the proposed modification will be presented to the Commission at the December 2002 meeting.

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

To:

Environmental Quality Commission

Date:

August 8, 2002

From:

Stephanie Hallock, Director

Subject:

Self Evaluation November 2000 – November 2002

I am generally satisfied with my performance as Director these past two years. The accomplishments I am most proud of are:

- Establishing environmental priorities and good management practices
- Providing leadership and attention to employees
- · Pulling the senior management team together
- Building bridges with stakeholders and legislators
- Providing better support to and more engagement with the EQC

Areas on which I want to focus in the future:

- More stable funding, particularly in water quality
- Setting long-term environmental goals and interim targets
- More involvement in regional and national environmental issues
- Delivering results on strategic directions and key actions
- Cross-agency collaboration, particularly in sharing data and information
- Maintaining sense of team and building morale

I have provided more information below under each of the skills upon which I am to be rated.

LEADERSHIP

Internal

I have made it a priority to "re-engage" and "re-enthuse" employees in the mission and activities of the agency. I have met with employees in all HQ Divisions, the Lab, Vehicle Inspection, and Regional offices at least twice and have made it a point to write personal notes to individual employees acknowledging outstanding accomplishments. When I first became Director, I solicited individual employee input by e-mail on changes they would like to see. I also established my personal "Director's Award for Excellence." The first year I gave it to Judy Hatton, Manager of the Business Office, and this year I gave it to Sue Oliver in the Hermiston Office. At my request, the employee newsletter now features an "excellence" profile of an employee in every issue.

Governor's Office and Cabinet

I have been an active member of the Natural Resource Cabinet and Community Solutions Team and was invited to participate on the regulatory streamlining workgroup of agency Directors, and on the transition team of agency Directors. I have continued to provide advice and assistance to



the Governor on the Umatilla chemical weapons facility. I personally persuaded the Governor to support an innovative agreement between PacifiCorps and regulators on the hydro re-licensing project for the Soda Springs Dam on the North Umpqua river.

Legislators and Stakeholders

Two months after becoming Director, I carried the agency's budget and legislative agenda. We were successful in getting our bills passed and in getting most of the fees we requested. We did not, however, get as much of an increase in wastewater permitting as I would have hoped. The agency has come through three special sessions with manageable impacts on general fund (6.5% reduction) largely because we successfully worked with the legislative fiscal office on impacts of cuts, and also because we mobilized stakeholders to contact legislators. When not in special session, I have made personal visits to key legislators to report on status of commitments made to improve service during the last session, and go over our strategic priorities, budget, and legislative concepts for 03-05. If there is not a forth special session, I will contact key legislators in the fall to go over specifics of our 03-05 budget request. I have met with Ted Kulongoski and have been attempting to schedule an appointment with Kevin Mannix.

I have met with groups of representatives of environmental organizations a couple of times and several times with individuals. At OSPIRG's request, I met with a group of college students embarking on environmental careers. I have a standing breakfast meeting with Jeff Allen, Director of the Oregon Environmental Council, and I have spoken to OEC's Business and the Environment Forum. I meet regularly with John Ledger of Associated Oregon Industries and have met with the AOI environment committee chairs, and have been a breakfast speaker for AOI. I also meet regularly with the Northwest Pulp and Paper lobbyist, Kathryn Van Natta, and have spoken to their association annual meeting. I've appeared as a speaker to stakeholder groups with John Iani, Region 10 Administrator for EPA a couple of times. I participate on the "Gang of 7" northwest environmental state directors, plus Canada and EPA. Through that network, I was able to initiate action within 24 hours working with our Governor, the Idaho Governor, and Idaho state environmental Director to stop legislation in Idaho that would have disadvantaged Oregon in the "level playing field" of hazardous waste disposal. I have met with the leadership of all nine Tribes and have updated our government-to-government agreement with each of them. I have also facilitated two tribal-state natural resource agency meetings.

STRATEGIC THINKING

Planning and Performance

I am moving the agency to develop a "proactive" rather than "reactive" agenda. This means setting priorities and not doing less important work, particularly in the face of the state's budget shortfalls. It also means looking for efficiencies. To this end, I added to DEQ's strategic directions a priority to "Deliver Excellence in Performance and Product", and we have identified key actions to accomplish each strategic priority that will be tracked at the executive level. The EQC and key stakeholders have been involved in this process. We will have performance measures for each key action, and have begun setting 10 year targets and goals to help shape our legislative agenda for the coming biennia. We will report to the EQC on the long range plan in December 2002. The entire management team is involved by integrating the key actions into program planning and determining which activities we must defer or can no longer do. It is a

challenge to keep the strategic directions "real," so we will include some aspect of planning and performance measurement at each Quarterly Managers Conference. Our strategic directions were included in Performance Partnership Agreement negotiations with EPA, and we will include performance measures in our 03-05 budget submittal. I have shared information about our planning processes with other members of the natural resource Cabinet.

In addition to creating a meaningful planning framework, I am striving to move the agency in new directions for accomplishing our mission. If we are to provide leadership in environmental protection, we must connect with individual Oregonians more and differently than we have in the past. I am emphasizing a public service and customer service ethic to move staff away from "because the rule says so" to ensuring that we explain the environmental and/or policy reasons for our requirements, particularly in programs that affect individual Oregonians and very small businesses. I also believe we must do business differently with municipalities that we regulate, since we are supposed to have the same objective. We have already gotten a grant from EPA to pilot new approaches to wet weather regulation in a couple of communities. I believe in community-based problem solving and have fought successfully to save DEQ's Community Solutions Team resources from budget cuts. I also believe we must have a strong, credible enforcement program to send a message to repeat and egregious violators, and our increase in civil penalty assessments reflect that view.

Strategic Organizational Changes

One of the first things I did as Director was to send a message that enforcement is a critical part of what DEQ does and that we need to do it well. I established an Office of Compliance and Enforcement whose Administrator, Anne Price, reports directly to me. Under Anne's direction, we eliminated a backlog of enforcement actions and initiated a complete review of the enforcement rules, with involvement by the EQC.

When I became Director, I also established a position in my office specifically to support the EQC, and I believe that has made a tremendous difference in the quality of the materials presented to the EQC and in the quality of the interaction between the Department and the EQC so that ultimately we make more informed decisions and policy choices.

Because of the importance of information management and communication to all we do, I initiated a complete review of how we management information at DEQ and what we can do better. The Information Management and Assessment Project under Helen Lottridge will be completed in September 2002.

COMMUNICATIONS

Part of my "excellence" initiative at DEQ is to insist upon quality verbal and written communication, and that expectation has resonated throughout the organization. We have revamped our rulemaking process and we are going to offer writing training throughout the agency (air quality was the first). I personally have "red lined" many documents, and the quality coming to me is much improved. I have included communication expectations in employee workplans, e.g. updating Voicemail messages, returning phone calls within 24 hours, etc. and we have recently developed a "Communication Credo" for DEQ.

I believe that effective communication by the Director is critical to DEQ's success at the legislature, with stakeholders and with the public. Our voice must be heard at crucial times. To that end, I initiated a meeting with the editorial board of the Oregonian to set the record straight on City of Portland CSOs after an editorial portrayed the issue and the EQC's action incorrectly. I have written Op Ed pieces for the Klamath Falls paper on TMDLs and for the Coos Bay paper when DEQ was unfairly criticized for the manner in which a spill was handled, and I responded to criticism in Willamette Week about DEQ's work on the Willamette River. I have been profiled in publications for OSPIRG, Associated Oregon Industries and the Oregon Insider, and profiles by the Oregonian and the Business Journal are in the works.

I am comfortable speaking to diverse groups and am often requested to speak. I am also comfortable giving testimony to the legislature and carrying our budget through the ways and means process. I have a great deal of experience dealing with hostile audiences in difficult situations and pride myself on being able to turn those situations around and represent the Department well.

TEAMWORK

It took about a year and a half for the Executive Management Team of Division and Office Administrators to start performing as a team. With the assistance of a facilitator, we have put a lot of effort into learning how to work together for the good of the agency as a whole. A measure of our success is that other managers in the agency now want to emulate how well we are working together. I have had to learn how to lead as a Director and also to empower the team; to be directive enough but not too directive. I feel that we continue to grow as a group as we learn more about each other. Another measure of our success has been collaboratively identifying budget cuts without being turf protective.

The other teams of which I have been a part are the Community Solutions Team Directors and the natural resources Cabinet. I feel a real kinship with many of the Directors with whom I work. For example, I co-hosted a dinner for the new Director of DLCD when he moved to Oregon. I am also getting to know Directors outside the natural resource area by my membership on the regulatory streamlining group and the transition team. I expect there will be challenges to maintaining a sense of team among Directors when the administration changes, but I will do my best to maintain and enhance the relationships we have built. I firmly believe that "leading by example" sends a message throughout the agency that collaboration and teamwork are valued.

CUSTOMER OR CONSTITUENT SERVICE/FOCUS

DEQ has a variety of diverse customers, from individual Oregonians with minimal exposure to government regulations to large corporations with knowledgeable environmental staff and/or consultants. Federal and state agencies, local governments, the Congressional delegation, legislators and the general public are also our "customers." As a public agency, service to these diverse publics is as important as the regulatory work we do. We have an obligation to communicate information and to be responsive.

During my 14 years with DEQ, especially my six in Eastern Region, I have found that most of the complaints we get about service have to do with the quality of the interpersonal interaction with the agency, not the substance of the issue. DEQ's technical work is generally highly regarded, but we can improve the way we deliver our programs, particularly to individual Oregonians and very small businesses.

Since becoming Director, I have implemented a full-program customer service initiative in the on-site (septic) program. We are also carefully evaluating all new rules for impacts on individual Oregonians and/or very small businesses. We are implementing regulatory streamlining efforts in the Underground Storage Tank Program. As mentioned earlier, I have put customer service requirements in individual employee workplans, and we have established a "Communication Credo" which reflects customer service values.

The Office of Communication and Outreach (formerly Public Affairs) completed a customer service survey of the regulated community, and has developed the "Consumer Corner" radio ads and Web Page assistance for on-site, asbestos, and heating oil tanks. To implement our strategic direction to "engage Oregonians in solving environmental problems," OCO is working "Clean Water Action" pilot projects in Tualatin and Eugene.

The message I communicate to staff is that I want to improve "how" we do our work, rather than change "what" we do. Our regulatory mission to protect the environment remains the same. We need to strive to ensure that every interaction customers have with us in person, on the phone, or in writing is of the highest quality.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

The number one strategic priority I set for the agency is to "Deliver Excellence in Performance and Product." The bar is set high, and the staff knows it. They also know that I ask of them only what I demand of myself. I am fully engaged and involved in issues; sometimes more than I need to be and I am trying to step back and let my administrators handle more with less input from me. I have a strong work ethic and generally work 50 to 60 hours a week, but I do not take the office home with me.

As the Director, I am accountable for every action this agency takes as well as how we are perceived by others. I take this responsibility very seriously. I also believe that how the agency conducts business reflects on my personal credibility and integrity, so I am highly motivated to deliver only the best in performance and product. I also have a strong public service ethic and commitment to serve the Commission, the Governor, and the people of the State of Oregon. I know that I work best when inspired by my leader, and so I strive to inspire the staff at DEQ by being engaged, involved, setting high standards, and working hard.

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Environmental Quality Commission Minutes of the Three Hundredth and Fifth Meeting

September 6, 2002 Special Phone Meeting^[1]

2:00 p.m.

The following Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) members were present for a special phone meeting, held at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) headquarters building, Room 10A, located at 811 S.W. Sixth Avenue, in Portland.

Melinda Eden, Chair Tony Van Vliet, Vice Chair Mark Reeve, Member Harvey Bennett, Member Deirdre Malarkey, Member

Also present were Stephanie Hallock, DEQ Director; Larry Knudsen, Oregon Department of Justice; and other DEQ staff.

Friday, September 6, 2002

Chair Eden called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. Agenda items were taken in the following order.

A. Action Item: Consideration of Pollution Control Facility Tax Credit Requests

Holly Schroeder, Acting DEQ Management Services Division Administrator, presented two Pollution Control Facility Tax Credit applications recommended for Commission approval. Maggie Vandehey, DEQ Tax Credit coordinator, described the applications from Shelton Turnbull Printers for equipment used in a material recovery process. Ms. Vandehey explained that the company would be able to use the credit on their 2002 Oregon tax return only if the Commission certified the facilities by the end of the company's tax year (September 30, 2002). Consideration of these applications was scheduled for the September 16-17, 2002, EQC meeting. The need for a special EQC meeting arose when the Commission changed its meeting date from September 16-17, to October 3-4, 2002. The Commission discussed the pollution control facilities with Ms. Schroeder and Ms. Vandehey. Commissioner Malarkey moved the Commission approve the applications as recommended by the Department. Commissioner Reeve

seconded the motion and it passed with five "yes" votes.

B. Director's Dialogue

Director Hallock updated the Commission on the status of the state budget and DEQ's plan for reducing the agency's general fund budget as requested by the Governor. Director Hallock and Wayne Thomas, DEQ Administrator of the Chemical Demilitarization Program, spoke with Commissioners about recent events at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). Director Hallock announced that the Department is proposing a modification of the Hazardous Waste Storage and Treatment Permit for the UMCDF to require the U.S. Army to process Pollution Abatement System (PAS) brines on-site using the Brine Reduction Area (BRA). Director Hallock explained that the proposed modification would provide the Department and the Commission the opportunity to fully evaluate the issue and reach a decision concerning the management of the brine wastes. Commissioners discussed the proposed permit modification with Director Hallock and Mr. Thomas.

Chair Eden adjourned the public meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Following the regular meeting, the Commission met in executive session as allowed by ORS 192.660(1)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the Director pursuant to standards, criteria and policy directives previously adopted by the Commission.

Chair Eden adjourned the executive session at approximately 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Mikell O'Mealy at 503-229-5301.

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^[1] Staff reports and written material submitted at the meeting are made part of the record and available from DEQ, Office of the Director, 811 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204; phone: (503) 229-5990.