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Ms. Theresa Koppang
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via email – Theresa_Koppang@co.washington.or.us

RE: Source separated determination applicability

Dear Ms. Koppang,

This letter is in response to your letter dated April 24, 2017, where Washington County requested that a portion of the green waste, yard debris stream that is currently collected and delivered to a compost facility within Washington County, be instead diverted to disposal at the Hillsboro Landfill.

According to your letter, this green waste/yard debris is being generated as a result of Oregon's Department of Agriculture's (ODA's) efforts to eradicate the Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*), an invasive species, from an approximately 1,000-acre residential area in unincorporated Washington County. Based on ODA eradication standards/guidelines, DEQ understands that disposal of the material at a landfill is preferable to composting or other recycling methods.

As this material is contaminated with this invasive species, it is no longer a "recyclable material" as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-090-0110(36) and can be disposed at a DEQ-permitted disposal facility.

Should you have any questions about the content of this letter or if you need any follow-up technical assistance, please contact me at 503-229-5562.

Sincerely,

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