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Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Attn: Steve Van Slyke  
1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105  
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: NOC for Maple Valley Grinding and Tipping Building

Dear Mr. Van Slyke:

Cedar Grove Composting- Maple Valley facility has a biofilter dedicated to the grinding building operation and one for the tipping or receiving building. No changes are being made to the currently permitted receiving building biofilter. The request is to update the CFM design rating for the receiving building biofilter and expand the grinding building biofilter to take some of the air load out of the tipping building biofilter and move it to an increased size grinding building biofilter.

We have enclosed and copy of a Notice Of Construction (NOC) for the expansion of the existing grinding building biofilter. We are requesting an applicability determination to decide if the addition of this venting can be implemented without a change to the existing NOC or require a new NOC. The attachments include the following:

- 1) NOC
- 2) CH2MHill 70% design drawings

PSCAA Regulation 6.03(a) requires that an approval order be obtained before making a "substantial alteration" to control equipment installed on an existing source. We believe the correction to the receiving building biofilter rating and the expansion of the grinding building biofilter is not a "substantial alteration" of the biofilter, which is the control equipment on the grinding building. In addition PSCAA 6.03(b)(10) allows a source to request a determination, based on the information in an NOC application, that no approval order is required because the change to the control equipment would have a "de minimis impact on air quality and does not pose a threat to human health and the environment."

Please contact us if additional information is required in order to make a determination of applicability.

Sincerely,

Jerry Bartlett  
Chief Environmental and Sustainability Officer  
Cedar Grove Composting



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**NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL**

*Incomplete applications delay Agency review, so please fill out your application thoroughly. Instructions for filling out the application are available on the NOC Permit Application Instructions webpage.*

<b>GENERAL EQUIPMENT FORM</b>		<b>FORM P</b>	
<b>AGENCY USE ONLY</b>		Date: <i>7/11/13</i>	Reg No.: <i>25994</i> NOC No.: <i>10649</i>
Type of business: (check)	Status of equipment (check):	Applicant Name & Mailing Address: <i>Cedar Grove Composting 7343 E. Marginal Way S. Seattle, WA 98108</i> Phone No.: <i>206-832-3000</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> new <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> existing	<input type="checkbox"/> new <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> existing <input type="checkbox"/> relocation	Fax No.: <i></i>	
Company (or owner) name & mailing address: <i>Cedar Grove Composting 7343 E. Marginal Way S. Seattle, WA 98108</i>		Email Address: <i>JerryB@EmeraldNW.com</i>	
Nature of Business / Type of Process: <i>Composting</i>		Installation address (Include city & zip code): <i>47825 Cedar Grove Rd. Maple Valley, WA 98038</i>	
<b>PROCESS EQUIPMENT AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT</b>			
Process Equipment		Air Pollution Control Equipment	
# Units	Equipment Type	# Units	Equipment Type
<i>2</i>	<i>Building 5- Grinder And Tipping</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Bio Filters</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a process flow diagram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach a project description		
<b>PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT</b>			
I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application and the accompanying forms, plans, and supplemental data described herein is to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.			
Signature: <i>Jerry Bartlett</i>		Date: <i>7-5-2013</i>	
Type or print name: <i>Jerry Bartlett</i>	Title: <i>CSEO</i>	Phone: <i>206-832-3005</i>	
Prepared by (signature and title):			

Your application will not be processed unless you mail a \$1,150 filing fee payment *along with this application*. Additional fees may apply after application review. An Environmental Checklist form and additional equipment specific forms may also be needed. These forms are available on the Agency's Regulatory Forms webpage. See the NOC Permit Application Instructions webpage for instructions on filling out the permit application. To pay by credit card, check here  and an accounting technician will contact you.

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Stacia Dugan/CH2M HILL/SEA  
DATE: August 29, 2013

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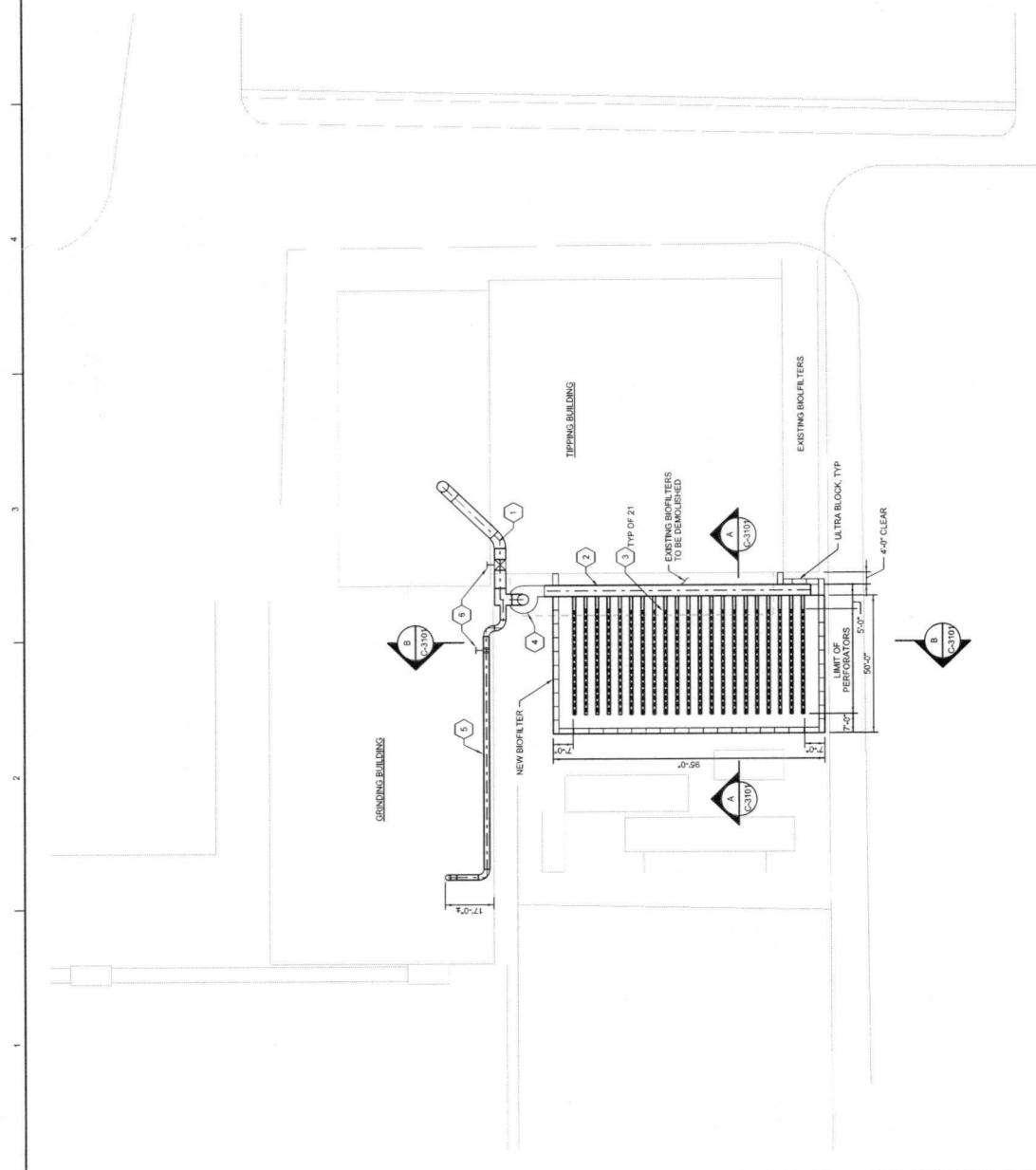
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6. FLOW CONTROL DAMPER



## SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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### 1.1 Introduction

This memo is intended to provide concept level details on the planned new biofilter for the Cedar Grove tipping building and grinding building, including exhaust air flow collection details. The plan also includes potential modifications to the existing tipping building biofilter. This is a second version of the proposed design incorporating suggestions provided by PSCAA.

### 1.2 Design Parameters

The existing fan on the south-east corner of the original tipping building provides approximately 14,000 acfm of exhaust from the tipping building to the south biofilter, or current tipping building biofilter. Cedar Grove is considering minor modifications to the design of this biofilter, including modifying the design of the laterals or potentially installing an aeration system similar to the type used in the GORE™ system. The existing fan will be replaced with a new fan capable of moving 18,000 acfm of air. Cedar Grove is also evaluating the possibility of using a variable frequency driven motor, oversized by about 10 percent, to allow increase of the fan speed (pressure) as the biofilter media ages and compacts. This will allow for maintaining the required airflow from the two buildings even as the system backpressure increases as the media ages.

The exhaust fan on the grinding building exhausts approximately 16,000 acfm. CH2M HILL is proposing a redesigned, larger biofilter to the south west side of the tipping building where the grinding building biofilter is currently located that will be approximately 50' wide by 95' long. The existing 16,000 cfm fan will be replaced with one larger 32,300 cfm capacity fan to increase the exhaust flow from both the tipping building and the grinding building. Cedar Grove is also considering purchasing a variable speed fan, oversized by up to 12 percent, to allow increase of the fan speed (pressure) as the biofilter media ages and compacts. This will allow for maintaining the required airflow from the two buildings even as the system backpressure increases as the media ages.

In addition there will be at least two air intake locations to the biofilter. One intake (~ 16,000 acfm) will be located on the south side of the grinding building. Figure 1 shows the site layout plan showing the collection ducting locations. A 24" diameter HDPE collection duct will be installed along the south wall of the grinding building and a collection point installed approximately one quarter of the width of the building and three quarters down the length of the building from the grinder end. An open collection inlet will be hung from the roof infrastructure to draw exhaust from the building and minimize fugitive releases through the westernmost door. A flow control damper will be placed

on this line to allow closing it off when the grinding operation is not in use and exhaust is not required.

The second intake (~16,300 acfm) will be located on the tipping building extension. A second HDPE collection duct 48" in diameter will be installed in the tipping building extension, nearer to the grinder. The open ended duct will be hung from the roof infrastructure to draw exhaust from this end of the building. A flow control damper will be placed on this line as well.

To provide added flexibility in the exhaust capture system, or if it appears that the tipping building biofilter requires more residence time (decreased velocity), a third intake may be added on the west side of the tipping building approximately 50 feet north of the south west corner of the tipping building. This would allow 2000 acfm to 4,000 acfm of the flow rate to the tipping building biofilter to be directed to the new biofilter. The following is the basis of the airflow calculations and sizing.

TABLE 1  
Airflow requirements

Biofilter	Volume (CF)	Airflow Req'd for 4 AC/HR	Existing Airflow CFM	New Airflow CFM	Increase in Airflow CFM
Tipping Building	515,000	34,300	14,000	34,300	20,300
Grinding Building	224,900	15,000	16,000	16,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>739,900</b>	<b>49,300</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>50,300</b>	<b>20,300</b>

The new biofilter has an area of ~4750 SF and a depth of 6' for a total media volume off 28,500 CF. The empty bed residence time is therefore  $(28,500/32,300) \times 60$  or 53 seconds, which is adequate.

### 1.3 Biofilter Media and Placement Recommendations

Cedar Grove is planning on using the same media mix used for the other biofilter media replacements, except they are also considering replacing the top one (1) foot of the media with just hog fuel and no overs in order to aid with weed control.

A biofilter media to be used is composed of a 50/50 blend of Hog Fuel and 1 inch overs screened to eliminate most of the fines. The precise blend was determined from sampling and analysis performed at Soil Control labs on particle size gradation, porosity, and percentage of inerts. The particle size gradation is one of the most important parameters used to determine the best media blend to provide adequate porosity and longevity of the media. The target media particle size gradation and the selected media characteristics are shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2****Biofilter Media Particle Size Gradation**

Particle Size	Target Percent
<3/8"	0-10 percent
3/8" – 1.0"	20-40 percent
1.0" – 3.0"	40-60 percent
>3.0"	0-20 percent

The hog fuel in the selected media is further defined as 50 percent urban wood and 50 percent overs, ground and then screened. The overs and the 1" screen overs are materials produced by Cedar Grove's compost operation. Cedar Grove's specifications for urban wood are provided below.

**Acceptable Clean Wood**

1. Urban wood derived from clean discarded unpainted or treated pallets, wooden crates, and lumber.
2. Woody debris from land-clearing or forest lands thinning activities; handled and processed to substantially exclude dirt, clay, rocks, and other entrained non-combustible materials.
3. Processed or "engineered" wood construction and fabrication products containing bonding agents/adhesives. Such products include fiberboard, oriented-strand board, plywood, "gluelam" or "microlam", particle board, and similar partially synthetic wood-based materials.
4. Urban wood from trimming of trees, bushes, and the like. The presence of leafy, conifer needles, or other foliage shall not exceed 15 percent by weight, in any Delivered load of Clean Wood.
5. Certain non-toxic paints or treatments may be determined acceptable on Clean Wood but on a case-by-case and prior to attempted delivery basis only.

**Materials Expressly Prohibited from Clean Wood**

1. Wood treated or exposed to preservatives, chemicals, and paint. Includes that with CCA, "Sun Wood", or creosote treatment regimes, railroad ties or timbers, and painted demolition wood.
2. Pre-primed construction materials; "Chep" pallets.
3. Materials exposed to and contaminated by sea or brackish water.
4. Fiber residual "sludges" such as those from pulp/paper manufacturing or water treatment.

It is recommended that, if needed, water be added to raise the moisture content of the blend to approximately 50 percent before placing the media.

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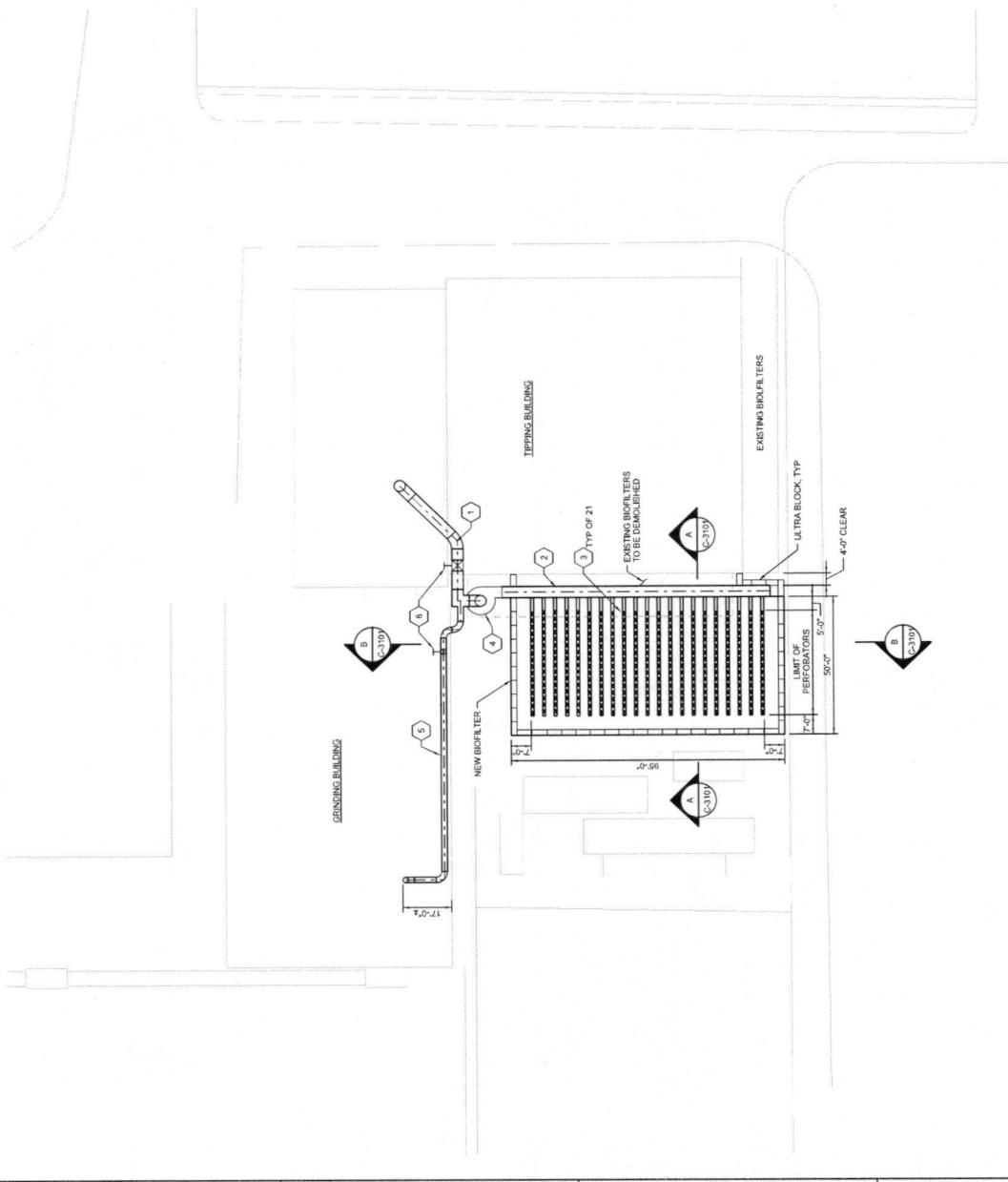
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