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Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 9:53 AM
To: Jack Niedermeyer; REINHART Lisa * DGMI
Cc: Deborah Jacob; Jamie Viveiros; Spencer Parsons
Subject: RE: V 25-01 , Temporary Asphalt Plant at Goble Pit, Rainier OR.

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Jack,

Apologies for not being able to respond on the timeline you needed. DOGAMI has no regulatory provisions pertaining to the location or operation of asphalt batch plants, so we can't comment on the variance request. Regarding the other part of your request, I understand you had a conversation with Lisa Reinhart, and she was able to answer your questions about general history of compliance at the site. However, if you need more specific information in writing regarding their compliance, we can provide you with a comprehensive file review report and the latest inspection report.

Sincerely,

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Subject: V 25-01 , Temporary Asphalt Plant at Goble Pit, Rainier OR.

Hi,

I am reaching out on behalf of Columbia County Land Development Services to request your feedback on a variance application we are processing (V 25-01). The variance request is to operate a temporary asphalt batch plant between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for a total of 60 days or less between April 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025. The application was denied by the Planning Commission on September 9, 2024, and was appealed by the applicant, with an appeal hearing scheduled for November 13, 2024. A main concern raised by the public and discussed by the commission, was whether existing operations have historically been in compliance with DOGAMI/DEQ requirements and whether any concerns were raised by this application.

While some of the concerns made at the public hearing don't directly relate to this application, it would be great to have feedback from your agency as we did not receive any comments when the initial notice was sent out on August 12th. As previously mentioned, the appeal hearing is scheduled for 11/13, which means the staff report will need to be made available to the public by 11/6. If possible, it would be beneficial for us to be able to include your feedback in the findings of

the report, however if any feedback is provided after 11/6 it will be included in the presentation. I have attached the initial referral documents to this message, which include the application.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or require more information.

Best,

Jack Niedermeyer



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From: [Michael Russell](#)
To: [Jack Niedermeyer](#)
Subject: RE: V 25-01 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 3:44:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Jack,

Thanks for the reminder. We have installed one sign between the quarry entrance and Hwy 30. We were looking at installing two, but there was already a "School Bus Stop" sign along the road and we did not want to add more signage around that. The placement of the new sign is in a good spot to warn drivers not to use unmuffled engine braking before going downhill towards the highway.

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To: Michael Russell <Michael.Russell@columbiacountyor.gov>
Subject: RE: V 25-01 Appeal

Hi Mike,

Thanks for the quick follow-up. No rush, but the staff report for the appeal needs to be made available to the public by Wednesday 11/6. If possible, it would be great to confirm the status of the signage, however if we are unsure if/when the signs will be installed, we are comfortable including it as a condition of approval.

Thanks again!

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Subject: RE: V 25-01 Appeal

Hi Jack,

Yes, that is consistent with the discussion I had with Mr. Kerr. I need to confirm if we installed the signage. I will do that next week.

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From: Jack Niedermeyer <Jack.Niedermeyer@columbiacountyor.gov>
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Subject: V 25-01 Appeal

Hi Mike,

We have received an appeal for the Denial of the variance application V 25-01 for Kerr contractors to operate a temporary asphalt batch plant from 7:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. for a period of 60-days. The property is located off of Nicolai Road in Rainier and included in the appeal documents is language from the applicant which states:

“One concern regarding the use of Jake Brakes or Engine Brakes was raised. To mitigate this concern, a request has been made of Mike Russell, Director of Columbia County Public Works Department, who has indicated his team will install sign(s) along Nicolai Road informing truckers not to use these forms of braking”.

I have attached the appeal document to this message. Are you able to confirm the accuracy of this comment? If we are to recommend approval to the Board, we would like to include this as a condition.

Thanks!

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