



April 22, 2019

Derek Ranta, District Manager  
Columbia Resource Company (CRC)  
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Vancouver, WA 98666

RE: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) Fee Adjustment

Dear Derek,

Pursuant to Section 12.3.3 Increased Tipping Fees for State/Local Fees or Federal Taxes Fees or Surcharges of the Solid Waste Recycling, Transfer, Transportation and Out-of-County Disposal Contract, CRC notified the county on April 1, 2019 of CRC’s intent to exercise the option to adjust the basic tipping fee effective April 1, 2019. The Tip Fee increase is based on approved scheduled increases to DEQ Fees of \$ .07 per ton charged at all landfills operating in the State of Oregon. The fee increase impacts Wasco County Landfill and Finley Buttes Landfill.

Section 12.3.3 (A) states the following:

Subject to **Error! Reference source not found.** the Contractor may increase Tipping Fee components for reasonable actual increased Costs caused by the imposition of or increases in the rates of State/Local fees or surcharges applicable primarily to Persons engaged in the solid waste handling industry. Applicable Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) Fees total \$1.24 per ton as of January 1, 2006, and the Contractor shall be entitled to recover 90 percent of any future increase in the DEQ Fee through a Tipping Fee increase

I have reviewed the calculations provided in the CRC notification and concur with the calculated increase to the Tipping Fees. The calculated change in Tip Fees will be \$.06 per ton on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Accordingly, the rate per ton for the basic Tip Fee would increase as follows:

	Current	April 1, 2019
Drop Box	\$84.98	\$85.04
Non-Drop Box	\$95.71	\$95.77

The county wishes to reiterate the fact that the option to increase the tipping fees based on the DEQ Fees is at the sole discretion of CRC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Travis Dutton, Solid Waste Program Manager, at (564) 397-8103.

Sincerely,

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH  
Director/Health Officer, Clark County Public Health



