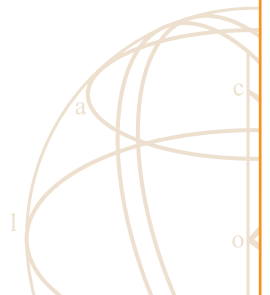


Attachment D
Ecology File Letters and Photographs



To: CLAR

From: D.B.

SUBJ: DO I ~~WANT~~ TO OPEN A CAN OF WORMS? - ROISE CASCADE
WOODWASTE SITE

DATE: DEC. 21, 1988

(1) ROISE CASCADE LANDFILL IS ON THE LIST FOR THE DATA BASE DISTRIBUTED BY KIRK COOK.

(2) MADE SOME INQUIRIES AND FOUND OUT:

(a) CITY OF YAKIMA HAD DUMP ON THIS PROPERTY UNTIL ABOUT 1961 OR EARLIER.

(b) ROISE CASCADE HAS HAD AN UNPERMITTED WOODWASTE SITE AT THIS LOCATION FOR MANY YEARS. SHEER VOLUME WOULD DEMAND A PERMIT. HAS NEVER HAD A PERMIT.

(c) WOODWASTE PILES TO NORTH OF I-82 HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO GREENWAY, SO ASSUME THESE LANDS NO LONGER OF ANY CONCERN.

(d) THE PRESENT WOODWASTE AREA FILLS APPROXIMATELY 20 ACRES AND IS ABOUT 1/4 MILE FROM THE OLD YAKIMA DUMP.

(e) THE WOODWASTES ARE 0-10 FEET IN DEPTH AND AVERAGE 6-8 FEET.

(f) SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION WAS A PROBLEM IN THE DISTANT PAST, OVER WHERE I-82 IS NOW, BUT HAS NOT BEEN IN MANY YEARS BECAUSE OF ROISE'S SPREADING AND NOT LETTING THESE PILES GET TOO DEEP.

(g) ROISE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT SEVERAL OPTIONS TO SOLVE ITS GROWING WOODWASTE PROBLEM INCLUDING:

(i) SEPARATION FACILITY WHICH SEPARATES BARK WASTES FROM SOIL AND ROCK. SUCH WASTES WOULD ALL BE USED IN THEIR BOILER. THEY PRESENTLY HAVE TO BUY FUEL.

(ii) POSSIBILITY OF SPREADING BARK WASTES ON MARGINAL LAND AS A SOIL ENHANCER; HAS WORKED IN OREGON.

(iii) A NEW ~~WOODWASTE~~ WOODWASTE SITE IN THE LOCAL AREA.

(iv) ROISE KNOWS IT MUST DO SOMETHING WITHIN SEVERAL YEARS.

I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE QUITE SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS SUBJECT,
AND I DO WANT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, BUT DO NOT NECESSARILY
WANT TO MAKE WAVES. POSSIBLE OPTIONS;

(a) DO NOTHING

(b) PERMIT PRESENT SITE, MAKE SURE IT HAS NO
^{OR REFERENCE} RELATION TO TAKIWA DUMP OF PAST. IF TRULY SEPARATED BY
 $\frac{1}{4}$ MILE, DON'T SEE WHY THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM.

(c) WAIT A YEAR OR TWO FOR BOESE TO MAKE ITS MOVE.

I NEED YOUR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION ON THIS ONE.



Boise - Cascade
Looking South along Yukon R.
I - 90 Wood waste piles

9-6-89

JV

Boise Cascade Wood waste piles

9-6-89

JV





Wood waste Boi-Cascade

9-6-89

AV

Boise Cascade
Wood waste piles along I-90 (east side)

9-6-89

AV



○ Boise-Cascade
Wood waste piles ○
9-6-89

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wood waste piles 9/6/89 ○
Boise Cascade Looking NE toward
Yakima River approx 100 yds.

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Director

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March 13, 1991

Mr. Don Steinmetz, R.S.
Director, Environmental Health
Yakima Health District
104 North 1st Street
Yakima, Washington 98901

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

On February 20, 1991, Ecology staff conducted a site visit at the **Boise Cascade** facility in Yakima. It was observed that Boise Cascade is continuing to operate a **Woodwaste Landfill** at their facility in Yakima without the benefit of a Health District permit. I have enclosed **photographs** showing the fill site which is located near the Yakima River and the Greenway Trail. **Boise Cascade** has been informed by representatives from Yakima Health District and the Department of Ecology of the requirements for woodwaste landfills in the past (see attached letter) so it appears that they are knowingly disregarding state and county laws regarding solid waste disposal.

We strongly encourage your department to take the **appropriate** action to stop the deposition of woodwaste at this site, and require the facility to close in conformance with Chapter 173-304 WAC. If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to **assist** your efforts to bring this facility in compliance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 454-7298.

Sincerely,

Julie Atwood
Solid and Hazardous Waste
Section Supervisor

JA/djm
Enclosures

cc: Gretchen Hoy
Al Hanson
Pat Spurgin



Boise Cascade wood waste
Feb 20 1991 YAKIMA Greenway

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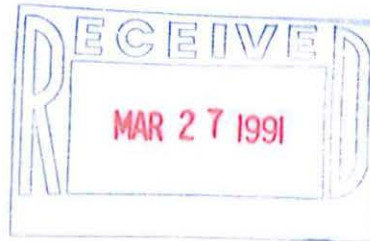
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March 26, 1991

Gretchen Hoy
Boise Cascade Corporation
P.O. Box 8328
Yakima, WA 98908



RE: Yakima Woodwaste Facility

Dear Ms. Hoy:

I am writing to you about the Boise Cascade's Woodwaste Landfill Facility in Yakima, Washington. This facility is out of compliance with state law, WAC 173-304. In the past, both Yakima Health District (YHD) and Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) representatives have informed you about the law's requirements. It was our understanding that Boise Cascade would discontinue to use the facility and bring the site in compliance with state law.

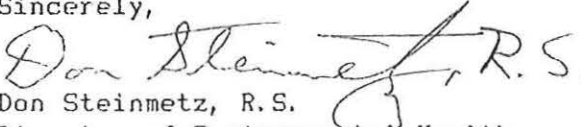
On March 13, 1991, DOE informed YHD that Boise Cascade is continuing to operate its woodwaste landfill out of compliance with state law. YHD and DOE are concerned about the effect this facility may have on ground water quality. Due to the geology of the area, ground water quality is easily influence by surface actives. Many residents depend on this aquifer for their drinking water supply. One of the purposes of the state law is to safeguard the health of our citizens by protecting the quality of ground water. I hope Boise Cascade's apparent lack of action is just an oversight and it will bring the site into compliance with state law.

However, because of Bosie Cascade Corporation's lack of action, the Department of Ecology is requesting that the Yakima Health District take appropriate legal action to stop the deposition of woodwaste at the site in question and require the facility to close in conformance with WAC 173-304. This letter is the first step in that process.

Therefore, at this time, the Yakima Health District is requesting that Bosie Cascade Corporation stop the deposition of woodwaste at the site in question and close the site in conformance with WAC 173-304. It is further requested that Bosie Cascade Corporation comply with this request within 10 days after receipt of this letter. If Bosie Cascade does complied with this request prior to the 10 day deadline, please notify this office. If Bosie Cascade Corporation choses not to comply with this request, the Yakima Health District will have no other alternative but to seek court enforced compliance with state law.

I hope that Bosie Cascade Corporation and the Yakima Health District do not end up in court. However, options available to resolve this situation are limited by state law. If you have any questions, please call me at 575-4055.

Sincerely,


Don Steinmetz, R.S.
Director of Environmental Health

SUPPORTING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

cc: Juile Atwood, DOE

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Yakima City
Grandview
Granger

Harrah
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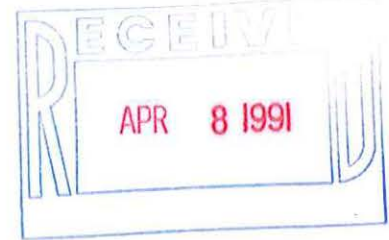
Union Gap
Wapato
Zillah



Boise Cascade

Timber and Wood Products Division

Environmental and Energy Services
P.O. Box 8328
Boise, Idaho 83707-2328



April 4, 1991

Yakima Health District
104 North First Street
Yakima, WA. 98901

Re: Response to March 29, 1991 letter
Yakima (Greenbelt) Woodwaste Facility

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

This is a response to the attached letter.

The attachment is correct in that BOISE CASCADE agreed that no more woodwaste would be disposed at the referenced location after December 31, 1990. Due to some miscommunication, additional material had been added (at the request of the present landowner) for grade considerations. As of today, the area has been closed to vehicular traffic, and no additional materials will be landfilled.

Sincerely,

Gretchen E. Hoy
Environmental Engineer

Attachment

cc: Don Abbott, WDOE
Garrett Andrew, BCC Boise
Julie Atwood, WDOE
Dick Godfrey, BCC Yakima
Jeff Lewis, WDOE
Art McEwen, YHD
Dick Nachbar, BCC Portland
Yakima River Regional Greenway Foundation

CHUCK CLARKE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Director



Boise Cascade
Woodwaste

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September 11, 1992

Art McEwen
Yakima Health District
104 North 1st Street
Yakima, Washington 98901

RE: Former Boise Cascade Woodwaste Property

Dear Mr McEwen:

I am writing you in regard to the Boise Cascade Woodwaste facility. As you are aware, Boise Cascade Corporation has proposed the closure of their woodwaste landfill in Yakima. The area being proposed for closure is shown on the attached photocopy of an aerial photo. In our review of this proposal, we discovered neighboring areas which we believe have received woodwaste in the past. These areas are also shown in Attachment A. The southern area definitely has received woodwaste in the past several years (after November, 1985). We are unsure about the composition of fill in the northern area. The Department of Ecology requests that you determine the status of these facilities and when they will be closed in accordance with the Minimum Functional Standards, Chapter 173-304 WAC.

Our understanding is that the southern area in question may have changed ownership, either to the Greenway Foundation or to Yakima County. If so, these agencies should be made aware of the closure requirements. In either situation, a schedule for closure needs to be developed.

Ecology will gladly meet with you and/or the owners to further discuss the status of these areas and future closure activities. Please feel free to call myself or Rick Roeder at 454-7297.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jeff Lewis in cursive.

Jeff Lewis R.S.
Solid Waste Unit Supervisor

JL:rmt

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Areas in Question

Proposed
-losure
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