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Information Bulletin

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Suspension Notices Issued to Foundation Organics Composting Facility

Victoria, BC - The Capital Regional District has issued several suspension notices to the operators of the Foundation Organics composting facility. This will result in a significant decrease in organic material being delivered to the Foundation Organics facility and is anticipated to have a positive impact on operational concerns with the facility. Continued non-compliance will result in suspension of Foundation Organics' operating license.

In 2004, the Capital Regional District developed the Composting Facilities Regulation Bylaw (Bylaw 2736) to regulate the operation of composting facilities in the region. The purpose of licensing composting facilities is to ensure they do not contaminate ground or surface water, or generate unacceptable levels of nuisance odour, vectors, litter or dust. In addition to CRD Bylaw 2736, composting facilities must comply with the BC Organic Matter Regulation, BC Agriculture Waste Control Regulation, the host municipality's bylaws, Workers' Compensation Board regulations and other applicable regulations.

The CRD is committed to doing its part to resolve this issue and has significantly increased its investigation and enforcement activity to ensure that there will be improvements, including odour management, at the Foundation Organics facility in the near future.

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