



**SCAPPOOSE**  
*Oregon*

October 1, 2020

TO: Scappoose Community

RE: Wastewater Treatment Facility Odor

Dear Scappoose Citizens,

As most of the Community is likely aware, our Wastewater Treatment Facility has been releasing some extremely strong and foul-smelling odor. This odor is from an annual process of applying Class B biosolids to local farm fields.

The City has been performing this process for many years. Originally it was applied as a liquid and just a few years ago, became a dry process. The dry process provides many benefits from added storage capacity at the Plant to easier land application by using traditional manure spreading equipment.

This year we have been met with meteorological conditions that are intensifying the fumes and winds coming out of the East that are blowing towards the City from our Plant.

The City has posted information from the EPA describing Biosolids and their uses on our website and Facebook page. This article also describes testing procedures that the City is required to follow along with information stating that the odor does not mean there is a risk to human health.

Scappoose Wastewater Staff works with the Oregon DEQ to ensure the safe processing and handling of these biosolids. We also understand that these circumstances are not pleasant for the Community and apologize for the inconvenience and miserable conditions some of you may be experiencing. As the biosolids dry and get mixed into the fields, the odor will dissipate. We are hopeful that this will only take a few days.

We appreciate and thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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