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MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

January 24, 2022

David Berry
Sagadahoc Recycling Company, LLC
21 Dinsmore Cross Road
Bowdoinham, ME 04008

RE: Operations at the Bowdoinham Recycling Barn

Dear David,

We have had several discussions regarding operations at the Bowdoinham Recycling Barn since my letter of 3 May, 2021 to the Town of Bowdoinham. Specifically, we have discussed activities and operations that would not require any permitting from the Department. As pointed out in my letter of 3 May, the acceptance of pre-separated, uncontaminated, used paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, and metal (including white goods) when its' handling of these wastes to limited to sorting, compacting or baling, containerizing, and/or transferring, when these materials will be used by a manufacturer, does not require a permit from the Department. Additionally, the Barn would be exempt from permitting for the temporary storage, for a maximum of 30 days, of wood waste (brush, stump, wood chips, lumber), construction or demolition debris, tires, white goods and household hazardous as part of an annual or semi-annual municipally-authorized collection program. The operation of the resale/swap shop for clothing and other goods that are still in operating condition is also exempt, but it would require significant oversight on your part to avoid an overaccumulation of items that cannot be reused and are, therefore, municipal solid waste.

I have discussed your proposal to collect and dispose of household hazardous waste with the Hazardous Waste Unit in DEP and they have stated that as long as you limit your collection and disposal to households only, not businesses, this would be an exempt activity.

Finally, I have discussed your proposal to collect used motor oil in the quantities you proposed with the Petroleum Unit in DEP. Again, this activity would be exempt from permitting. However, you may need a permit from the State Fire Marshall for the above-ground storage tank that you use to store the used motor oil.

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If you have any additional questions or would to discuss activities which may be permissible, but require licensing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael T. Parker