

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

MARION AND POLK COUNTY

Semi-annual restaurant inspections from Nov. 6 to Dec. 3.

501 Grill

Location: 3755 Portland Road NE, Salem
Date: Nov. 26
Score: 100
No priority violations

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar

Location: 747 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem
Date: Dec. 3
Score: 100
No priority violations

Baskin-Robbins

Location: 474 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem
Date: Nov. 26
Score: 100
No priority violations

Big Blue Thai BBQ

Location: 2679 Commercial St. SE, Salem (mobile unit)
Date: Nov. 26
Score: N/A
Priority violations

■ Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the hand-washing sink, specifically: Handwashing sink was out of paper towels at the beginning of the inspection.

Blondzee's Guest House

Location: 4850 Portland Road NE, Salem
Date: Nov. 26
Score: 100
No priority violations

Bo & Vine

Location: 176 Liberty St. NE, Salem
Date: Dec. 3
Score: 100
No priority violations

Bossi's BBQ

Location: 186 SW Court St., Dallas (mobile unit)
Date: Nov. 14 (reinspected Nov. 25)
Score: N/A
Nov. 14: Priority violations

■ A test kit is not provided or is not accurate enough to measure the concentration of sanitizing solutions, specifically: Operator had quat test strips. Sanitizer on-site are chlorine tabs.
Nov. 25: No priority

ABOUT RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

This is a snapshot of the inspections conducted by the Marion and Polk County health departments.

Twice annually, licensed restaurants receive unannounced inspections that focus on food temperatures, food preparation practices, worker hygiene, dish-washing and sanitizing, and equipment and facility cleanliness.

Violations: Restaurant scores are based on a 100-point scale. Priority violations deduct 5 points, and priority foundation violations deduct 3 points. Violations recorded on consecutive inspections result in point deductions being doubled.

Scoring: Scores of 70 or higher are considered compliant. Restaurants scoring below 70 must be re-inspected within 30 days or face closure or other administrative action. Restaurants display a placard by the entrance to indicate whether they have passed their last inspection.

Food trucks, carts and trailers: Mobile food operators do not receive a numerical score. They are either approved to operate or not approved to operate.

violations

Buffalo Wild Wings

Location: 3892 Center St. NE, Salem
Date: Nov. 25
Score: 100
No priority violations

Cast Iron Cafe

Location: 415 S Main St., Mt. Angel
Date: Dec. 3
Score: 100
No priority violations

Cheers On 1st

Location: 245 N 1st St., Stayton
Date: Dec. 3
Score: 92
Priority violations

■ Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: Glass reach in refrigerator had an air temperature of 43F with dressing 46F, milk 46F, half and half 50F, salsa 46F, cheese 46F that had been in overnight. **Point deduction: 5.**

■ Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked, specifically: Coleslaw and taco meat was dated Nov. 23, which was more than 7 days. **Point deduction: 3.**

Comfort Inn & Suites Restaurant

Location: 1775 Freeway Court NE, Salem
Date: Dec. 2
Score: 100
No priority violations

Court Street Dairy Lunch

Location: 347 Court St. NE, Salem
Date: Nov. 6 (reinspected Nov. 26)

Score: 95
Nov. 6: Priority violations

■ Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: Up-right refrigerator at the cook line is around 43F. (Hot dogs 45F, ham 43F, cheese 45F, ambient air thermometer 43F). **Point deduction: 5.**

Nov. 26: No priority violations

Creekside Grill

Location: 242 S Water St., Silverton
Date: Nov. 12 (reinspected Nov. 25)
Score: 95
Nov. 12: Priority violations

■ Food-contact surfaces of equipment and utensils are not properly sanitized after cleaning, specifically: Kitchen dishwasher final rinse is 153F after it was run twice. **Point deduction: 5.**

Nov. 25: No priority violations

Dairy Queen

Location: 1465 25th St. SE, Salem
Date: Dec. 2
Score: 100
No priority violations

Eat My Sweets

Location: 401 Center St. NE #254, Salem
Date: Nov. 27
Score: 100
No priority violations

El Pique

Location: 289 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Date: Dec. 2
Score: 100
No priority violations

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Garbage burner wants renewable energy label

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The Covanta Marion facility in Brooks. DAVID DAVIS AND KELLY JORDAN / STATESMAN JOURNAL

Operators of Oregon's only municipal waste incinerator will again ask the state Legislature to designate trash burning as renewable energy, after an identical bill failed last year.

Officials from Covanta Marion, the Brooks facility that burns most of Marion County's trash, have said that if the legislation fails again, they will have to double garbage rates or even shutter the plant.

The renewable energy designation would allow Covanta to sell the electricity it produces at a higher rate. That money would fund needed upgrades at the 33-year-old facility, company officials said.

Opponents argue that burning garbage is not a renewable resource, and that incentives meant to create new sources of renewable energy should not go to a plant that's been operating for three decades.

Rep. Brian Clem, D-Salem, said he agreed to introduce the bill during the short session, which begins Feb. 3, at the request of Marion County commissioners.

"I declined to do that as my personal bill, but I did offer a slot as a com-

mittee bill," Clem said.

Clem chairs the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use, which discussed the legislative concept Wednesday.

The new proposal is the same as an amended bill that passed the Senate last year, but did not get a hearing in the House.

It would allow the incinerator to be certified under Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires 50% of the electricity Oregonians use to come from renewable sources by 2040.

Only electricity generated from the burning of biogenic material, such as wood or paper, would qualify. That material makes up about half of the waste burned there.

Combustion of anthropogenic materials, such as plastic, wouldn't qualify.

Covanta spokesman

James Regan could not be reached for comment Wednesday. Regan has previously declined to say how much revenue the designation would bring in.

Covanta Marion is a subsidiary of New Jersey-based Covanta Energy Corp. It burns about 550 tons of municipal solid waste per day, generating up to 13.1 megawatts of energy. The incinerator was Oregon's 20th largest greenhouse gas emitter in 2017, according to the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Marion County's contract with Covanta expires in September 2020. If the burner closes, the county will send waste to the Coffin Butte landfill north of Corvallis.

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Sale

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ently there is a reasonable chance, there is a chance Brooks is reopened," NORPAC attorney Al Kennedy said.

In the short term, however, the Stayton facility, the companies' original site when it started as Stayton Canning Company in 1924, will remain closed.

Michigan-based Lineage Logistics is one of the largest cold storage com-

panies in the world.

It has over 150 locations in the United States, though the former NORPAC facilities it is acquiring will be its first in Oregon. Oregon Potato Company, an Idaho-based agricultural company, has started a new company, Vegco, to operate the former NORPAC business in Washington and Oregon.

Vegco intends to purchase the Brooks processing facility from Lineage after the bankruptcy sale goes through.

"That condition is not dependent on Lineage

being able to sell to Vegco," Kennedy said. "Lineage is bound, even if Vegco walks away today. These are separate, separate transactions."

NORPAC filed with the state it could lay off more than 1,400 workers at its Willamette Valley processing facilities.

NORPAC filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Aug. 22 with a deal in place to sell the majority of its assets including the Salem, Brooks and Quincy, Wash., processing facilities, though not the Stayton plant, to Oregon Potato Company for \$155 million.

After Oregon Potato Company withdrew its offer in October it offered to purchase the Washington plant and the goods it held for \$93.5 million. But after rival Simplot got involved in the bidding, the price of the Quincy facility rose to \$107 million, with Oregon Potato Company completing the transaction in December.

Teamsters attorney William Wilder filed an objection to the sale, stating the successor to NORPAC should be required to assume the previous con-



Agriculture entrepreneur Frank Tiegs has pulled out of his planned \$155.5 million takeover of the bankrupt NORPAC Foods processing company. Despite filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, NORPAC Foods' processing plant in Stayton is still hiring new employees. DAVID DAVIS AND KELLY JORDAN / STATESMAN JOURNAL

tracts between the union and NORPAC if it is an agricultural processor. A hearing on that has been set for Jan. 24.

Since 2014, nearly a third of co-ops in the United States have dissolved or gone bankrupt, according to a report by CoBank.

NORPAC had 140 members and contracts with another 220 growers under contract, and many are owed money by the company that may never be paid.

But the sale to Oregon Potato Company ensures that many farmers in the

Willamette Valley will have a place to sell their goods in the future.

Vegco does not intend to rehire NORPAC's former truckers, Vegco attorney Joseph Vanleuven said.

Competing bids were required by Jan. 10 and had to exceed Lineage's offer by \$2 million, but none were filed.

"We continued to have alternative or potential alternative buyers contacting the buyers to the company up until the last week or two and we had one that informed us last Friday that they were not

going to bid," Kennedy said.

"I think we had a real estate developer who was willing to bid on one of the sites, but not all three."

Kennedy said in court the sale of the Salem, Brooks and Stayton plants should be closed by the end of January.

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