

Hazardous waste landfill in Eastern Oregon plans expansion

Associated Press
ARLINGTON — The company operating Oregon's only hazardous waste landfill says it needs more space as it anticipates a future influx of waste.

Military cleanups, federal Superfund sites and firefighter training facilities are among reasons cited by Chemical Waste Management, or CWM, to expand its hazardous waste operation outside the Columbia River town of Arlington, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Tuesday.

CWM spokesperson Jackie Lang said the expansion is about "making sure that dangerous materials and potentially dangerous materials are managed safely in the years ahead."

The hazardous waste landfill sits on nearly 1,300 acres next to Oregon's largest solid waste landfill run by the same parent company, Waste Management.

CWM is currently permitted to use 320 acres for hazardous waste disposal and wants to add 200 acres of disposal space. The company will apply to modify its permit with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.



An undated file photo shows leachate evaporation ponds at the CWM hazardous waste landfill in Arlington. Chemical Waste Management/Contributed Photo via East Oregonian

David Anderson, DEQ cleanup, hazardous waste permitting and emergency response manager, said the existing hazardous waste landfill "is

approximately half full." With new waste streams such as the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup, more space will soon become critical, Anderson said.

CWM's Arlington landfill has played a key role in the

region since opening in the 1970s. The United States had 18 commercial hazardous waste landfill facilities as of 2019 — one apiece in Oregon and Idaho, and none in Washington.

Another Washington man accused of storming U.S. Capitol

The Associated Press
VANCOUVER, Wash. — Federal agents on Tuesday arrested a Washington state man accused of breaching the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, pushing past police and entering the Senate gallery.

Marc Bru, 41, was arrested in Vancouver and appeared in U.S. District Court in Portland on Wednesday, The Oregonian reported.

An arrest warrant affidavit contains images that appear to show Bru flashing the "OK" white power hand symbol while attending a pro-Trump rally in Washington, D.C., then marching with a crowd to the U.S. Capitol.

About 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 6, video footage shows Bru entering the Senate Gallery and later exiting, according to the affidavit.

One photo appears to show Bru with swim goggles around his neck and the antenna of a walkie-talkie radio clipped to his sweatshirt inside the U.S. Capitol, FBI agent Julianna Dippold wrote in the affidavit.

The FBI learned of Bru's activities largely through tips,

according to the affidavit. Bru is charged in federal court in Washington, D.C., with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct in any restricted building or grounds, violent entry and disorderly conduct on capitol grounds, obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder, and obstruction of justice and Congress.

Oregon's U.S. Magistrate Judge Youlee Yim You ordered Bru's pretrial release with GPS monitoring. The judge found Bru has long-standing community ties and family in the area, and some evidence of employment. He must surrender travel documents, stay away from Washington, D.C., and not possess firearms, the judge ordered.

Bru hasn't yet entered pleas to the charges. It wasn't immediately known if he has an attorney to comment on his case.

At least four other people in Washington state have also been charged in connection with the insurrection.

OSHA investigating deaths by 25-ton excavator

BY LESLIE THOMPSON
Argus Observer

WESTFALL — Oregon Occupational Safety and Health is investigating the deaths of two men who were crushed by an excavator in Westfall last month.

The investigation could take three or four months, according to an email from Aaron Corvin, spokesman for the agency.

Malheur County Sheriff Brian Wolfe, who was among

those who responded to the call at about 8:45 a.m. March 12, said a caller indicated that two people were possibly trapped under the tracks of an excavator.

When emergency personnel arrived, the men were already dead, and it appeared they had died immediately.

According to Wolfe, Greg Quant, 57, of Burns, was operating the excavator. He had just finished up some work for Roger Wheeler, of Westfall,

who went down to the area to talk to him after the job was finished.

When Quant was standing on the tracks "either getting out or back in, that part is unclear, it appears as if he hit the safety lever and the excavator engaged into gear," Wolfe said.

When it engaged, it threw him to the ground, according to the sheriff, who said the witness believed that Wheeler had jumped down in an effort to save Quant when the machine

ran over both of them.

The heavy equipment was a John Deere 225 D excavator, weighing 25 tons, Wolfe said.

"It was a very, very unfortunate incident," Wolfe said. "Both men were well-known in their respective communities. They were both good, hard-working men, just doing their jobs and it appears as if a mistake was made."

OSHA investigators came out from Bend that day, Wolfe said.

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Biden hailed the legislation as generating "economic growth for the entire nation."

"It focuses on rebuilding the backbone of this country — working families, the middle class, the people who built this country," he said.

Oregon's two Democratic senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, voted for the bill. Three of the state's five House members — all Democrats — voted for the bill: Suzanne Bonamici, Peter DeFazio and Earl Blumenauer.

Critics of the bill said the price tag was too large and that much of the spending wasn't targeted at issues created by the COVID-19 crisis.

U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, was among the Republicans in the House opposing the bill.

U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Canby, was one of two Democrats to oppose the bill. He said he was angry that members of Congress were not allowed to offer amendments of their own during the House vote. He also

Oregon's COVID-19 relief

The amounts are listed in millions of dollars. The funding in Oregon is:

Counties	Amount	Counties	Amount	Counties	Amount
Baker County	\$3.13	Lane County	\$74.10	Beaverton	\$17.51
Benton County	\$18.05	Lincoln County	\$9.69	Bend	\$12.65
Clackamas County	\$81.10	Linn County	\$25.16	Corvallis	\$13.81
Clatsop County	\$7.80	Malheur County	\$5.93	Eugene	\$35.59
Columbia County	\$10.15	Marion County	\$67.46	Grants Pass	\$9.34
Coos County	\$12.51	Morrow County	\$2.25	Gresham	\$27.17
Crook County	\$4.73	Multnomah County	\$157.65	Hillsboro	\$18.62
Curry County	\$4.45	Polk County	\$16.70	Medford	\$18.34
Deschutes County	\$38.34	Sherman County	\$0.35	Portland	\$217.79
Douglas County	\$21.52	Tillamook County	\$5.24	Redmond	\$6.40
Gilliam County	\$0.37	Umatilla County	\$15.12	Salem	\$32.88
Grant County	\$1.40	Union County	\$5.20	Springfield	\$13.88
Harney County	\$1.43	Wallowa County	\$1.40		
Hood River County	\$4.53	Wasco County	\$5.17		
Jackson County	\$42.85	Washington County	\$116.68		
Jefferson County	\$4.78	Wheeler County	\$0.26		
Josephine County	\$16.97	Yamhill County	\$20.77		
Klamath County	\$13.23				
Lake County	\$1.53				

believed the bill could be unfair to small-business owners.

In an interview with KGW television in Portland, he took a swipe at Democrats who said he wasn't representing their interests.

"You want someone that's going to be a party hack, elect somebody else, Schrader said. "You want someone that's going to represent the 5th Congressional District of Oregon and my

great state, you elect me."

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Portland man sentenced to 17 years in child pornography case

Associated Press
PORTLAND — A Portland man who served 12 years in prison for sexually abusing a child in California was sentenced Monday to serve 17 more years after using Facebook Messenger to convince a teenager to take sexually explicit videos of himself.

Prosecutors said Scott Lawrence, 57, posed online as a woman and communicated with the teenager from South Dakota, The Oregonian reported.

Lawrence obtained the boy's videos and distributed a graphic image of the boy to two other people, Assistant

U.S. Attorney Gary Sussman said. Lawrence pleaded guilty to receiving and distributing child pornography and violating his supervised release conditions from a 2018 conviction for failure to register as a sex offender.

U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones ordered Lawrence to face a life term of supervised release following his 17-year federal prison term.

Sussman argued the lengthy sentence was necessary to protect the public.

Both the prosecutor and Lawrence's lawyer, Francesca Freccero, jointly recommended the prison sentence imposed by the judge.



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