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## **Updates on facilities progressing through Cleaner Air Oregon**

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has updated the progress of facilities moving through the Cleaner Air Oregon program. Below is a brief description of the updates. View relevant documents and full details by visiting each facility's specific webpage.

### **Arcimoto, Inc.**

<https://www.lrapa.org/347/Arcimoto-Inc>

On November 5, 2021, LRAPA received an application for a Simple Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (ACDP) and initial Cleaner Air Oregon application from Arcimoto, Inc.

Arcimoto, Inc. is an electric vehicle company headquartered in Eugene, Oregon that manufactures and sells tandem two-seat, three-wheeled electric vehicles. Production of these electric vehicles consists of fabrication, welding, coating, and assembly. The facility will be located at 311 Chambers St, Eugene, Oregon, 97402.

Arcimoto, Inc. is a new facility in Lane County and must complete a Cleaner Air Oregon Risk Assessment prior to being issued an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit. The facility's November 5, 2021, application materials included a CAO Modeling Protocol, and a Risk Assessment Report.

On January 19, 2022, Arcimoto submitted Plant Site Emissions Summary which includes emission inventory calculations.

### **J.H. Baxter & Co. (JHB)**

<https://www.lrapa.org/327/JH-Baxter-Co---Eugene-Plant>

On January 28, 2022, JHB submitted a letter to LRAPA, and other regulatory agencies, indicating their plan to "mothball" the facility and end all wood treatment activities by January 31, 2022. JHB cited rising costs associated with operating the facility and dwindling sales

margins due to shifts in the wood preservation market. A reduced crew will remain on-site to assure all environmental requirements and safety regulations are met.

JHB's letter described an intent to use facility equipment to reclaim wood preservation oil from process water in their retorts. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) determined this proposed activity would constitute unpermitted treatment of a hazardous waste and informed JHB it is not a permitted activity.

While JHB has ended wood treatment activities, their Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permit remains active and unchanged. Because of this, LRAPA expects JHB continue to progress through the Cleaner Air Oregon program despite the "mothball" status of the facility.

On February 8, 2022, JHB requested a 3-month extension for a source test report due on February 8, 2022. The report includes data from source testing of the carbon adsorption unit, pentachlorophenol stack, and permanent total enclosure verification conducted in December 2021. (Source testing, aka "stack testing", is a process that directly measures air emissions from point sources throughout a facility. This type of testing is useful in estimating the type and quantity of emissions more accurately.) JHB cited a need to secure additional funds to complete lab testing and development of the report as justification for an extension.

On February 9, 2022, LRAPA conditionally approved the extension request with a new deadline of May 9, 2022. Added conditions of this approval are: (1) JHB cannot resume operations of any wood preservation activities, and (2) JHB must contact LRAPA by April 8, 2022, with an update on the facility's intentions regarding the submittal of the source test data by the new May 9, 2022, deadline.

JHB has informed LRAPA the facility is exploring commercially viable operations on-site, such as contractual work to incise wood or using existing drying kilns on-site to dry green wood. These activities are currently allowed under the facility's existing air permit.

On February 2, 2022, an informational ArcGIS StoryMap about JHB was published (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/61e11e3a99a54ff784a68ffacacffcc>). This StoryMap is an interactive tool intended to tell the story of past, current, and future regulatory efforts regarding air, land, and water pollution from the facility.

On February 17, 2022, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm the Active Bethel Community neighborhood association (ABC) will host a public meeting on JHB and the cleanup efforts of dioxins found in the soil of residential properties located near the facility. DEQ will detail their oversight of JHB and the cleanup process. The focus of this meeting is soil cleanup, however LRAPA will be

present to speak on air regulations and answer air quality related questions. The meeting will occur virtually on zoom, find the connecting details on ABC's website:

<https://activebethelcitizens.org/event/jh-baxter-closing-cleanup-informational-meeting-with-deq-department-of-environmental-quality/>

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