

This letter is a proposal for a Notice of Alteration to our existing environmental license (#2625R) for KitchenCraft specifically item #38 *Respecting Solid Waste*.

At present our license states that all solid waste is disposed of only to a waste disposal ground operating under the authority of a permit.

KitchenCraft currently disposes of its waste wood at the land fill. Waste wood consists of stained virgin wood, and a combination of stained and unstained MDF, melamine, particle board, and veneer. Stains comprise of both water and solvent based mixtures.

KitchenCraft is one of several cabinet production facilities that make up Master Brand Cabinets. We are the only location in Canada with all other facilities located throughout the United States. While on a site visit to one of the facilities in Indiana I had inquired about what is done with their waste wood. I was informed that it is chipped up and used as either animal bedding or compost by local farmers. Speaking with other Master Brand facilities they have the same practices for their waste wood. This significantly increases their land fill avoidance thus resulting in a high recycling rate.

Prior to moving forward and following suit with facilities in the U.S I want to inform Manitoba Conservation, ensure the approval is gained, and the license altered to reflect the change in diverting our waste wood away from the landfill to having it used for compost or animal bedding.

The wood that we use is all CARB compliant, similar stains are used in the facilities in the U.S., and just as here the waste wood is not considered a hazardous waste. This has satisfied both state and national environmental agencies.

Material excluded from this process would be wood that has polyvinylchloride (PVC) fused to it. These PVC materials would be separated away from other waste woods to make certain they are not used as animal bedding or compost.

To further separate the waste wood from contamination by other waste an independent bin will be used for waste wood. This bin would be labeled and communicate to all associates that this bin is for waste wood only.

I have spoken with a couple of local farmers to gauge their curiosity and they would be interested in this material as either a compost or animal bedding. I would anticipate other parties would be interested as well.

Should you require any other information or have any questions please let me know.

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