

Okay, great. Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington. I have two comments. The first one is just a repeat of what I was asking about before. And I think it would just be great if in the rule it could be clear what the criteria is for determining existing or criteria could be used for determining clean-up standards when material is being placed at a site.

The second comment, and by now you guys may already have an answer for that. The second comment is on the definition of compost. So, recently, the American Association of Plant and Food Control Officials have come up with a new definition for compost, which is a slight variation on the old one, and they spent years coming up with this. The new definition and I guess I'll go ahead and read it, compost is the product manufactured through the controlled aerobic biological decomposition of biodegradable materials. The product has undergone mesophilic and thermophilic temperatures, which significantly reduces the viability of pathogens and weed seeds, and stabilizes the carbon such that it is beneficial to plant growth. Compost is typically used as soil amendment but may also contribute plant nutrients.

So that's the end of their new definition, and the reason that they came up with this is because there was confusion between compost and other products. Like for example, biochar, and mulch, and anaerobic digestate. And I think, I'm not an expert on this, but it seems to me this is a good new definition. It's a little bit of a tweak on your existing definition in your rule, but it seems like it would be a good thing to be consistent with this sort of new national approach. And that's the end of my comment.