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County To Discontinue Sharing Cost of Gravel Road Dust Abatement Program

Due to recent reductions in transportation funding, along with increasing maintenance costs, the Marion County Public Works Department can no longer share in the cost of the Lignin Sulfonate program for dust abatement on gravel roads. A letter was recently sent to property owners and contractors who had previously participated in the discontinued cost-sharing program.

Public Works will still allow qualified contractors to apply Lignin on county maintained gravel roads in accordance with county maintenance regulations and specifications. Public Works will provide a list of approved contractors to citizens who want to apply Lignin to adjacent gravel roads. Citizens will need to apply to Public Works for a dust control permit, and pay the full cost of the Lignin to the contractor. Permit applications are available at Public Works' offices at 5155 Silverton Rd. NE and 555 Court St. NE (2nd floor), and on the Web site below. The permit must be signed by a Public Works representative before the placement of any Lignin Sulfonate on a county road. There is no charge for the permit.

Public Works will handle the road preparation work in advance of the Lignin application until July 2, 2009, at no charge to applicants. After July 2, 2009, applicants will be charged for any needed grading at a rate of \$120.00 per hour. Grading will be scheduled as staff is available.

For further information, contact Marion County Public Works at (503) 588-5304 or visit the Lignin information web page at: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Operations/lignin.htm> .

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