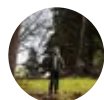


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J.H. Baxter wood treatment plant in west Eugene to end operations Monday



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The J.H. Baxter & Co. wood treatment plant in west Eugene will cease operations Monday, according to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency.

The J.H. Baxter plant has a long history of pollution violations and most recently was deemed responsible for the presence of dioxins, a class of toxic compounds, in nearby residential yards. The company and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are in talks about J.H. Baxter & Co.'s responsibility for replacing soil in those yards.

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LRAPA spokesman Travis Knudsen said a skeleton crew will remain on-site after Monday, but the plant's normal operations will cease.

"From a regulatory perspective, we still want to get more information from Baxter on this transition," Knudsen said. "We have our own questions and engagement on this topic to understand the path forward, but they have let us know they intend to — for all practical purposes — close the plant on Jan. 31."

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This is a developing story and will be updated.

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