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**Fwd: FW: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility:
1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines**

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Stobbe, Chad <chad.stobbe@dnr.iowa.gov>
To: Becky Jolly <becky.jolly@dnr.iowa.gov>

Mon, Aug 31, 2026 at 1:31 PM

Becky - Please file this correspondence under 77-CRT-02-20P as received with no further action required. Thanks

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From: **Larry Young** <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 27, 2026 at 7:33 AM
Subject: FW: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)
To: Stobbe, Chad <chad.stobbe@dnr.iowa.gov>, Schepers, Malia [DNR] (Malia.Schepers@dnr.iowa.gov)
<Malia.Schepers@dnr.iowa.gov>
Cc: MIKE SEILER (rtilampequip@msn.com) <rtilampequip@msn.com>

Hope this was all you needed. Let me know otherwise and we look forward to seeing you guys coming up in September!

From: Thomas Howard <Thomas.Howard@polkcountyiowa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 2:46 PM
To: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>
Subject: RE: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

Larry,

See attached the zoning letter for 1757 NE 58th Avenue, Des Moines.

If more information is needed please let me know.

Sincerely,

Tommy Howard | Land Use Planning Coordinator

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From: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 1:45 PM

To: Thomas Howard <Thomas.Howard@polkcountyiowa.gov>; Chad Hines <Chad.Hines@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Cc: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Subject: RE: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

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Thanks Tommy!

From: Thomas Howard <Thomas.Howard@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 1:44 PM

To: Chad Hines <Chad.Hines@polkcountyiowa.gov>; Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>

Cc: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Subject: RE: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

Larry,

It looks like the DNR is requesting a Zoning Certification Letter from Polk County. Here is the link to apply: [Zoning Certification Letter - Polk County Public Works, IA](#)

Within the application please detail your use and NAICS code. I am aware that the use is very similar if not the same as GKAT, but this will allow us to determine/certify that the use is allowed by right and does not require a Conditional Use Permit within the current zoning district which is "HI" Heavy Industrial District.

I will note that "Disposal Uses" including recycling centers do require Conditional Use Permits, so be specific with the description of the use and NAICS code you believe you fall under and we will make the determination if it should be considered a Disposal Use or not.

Sincerely,

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From: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>

Date: August 18, 2026 at 11:07:27 AM CDT

To: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Cc: rtilampequip@msn.com

Subject: FW: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: 1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines

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Good morning Luke! Just wanted to follow up on the progress of combining the two permits. Just if you ran across anything or needed any questions. Also the DNR was asking something about 1757 NE 58th being zoned

"light industrial" or "heavy industrial" of if we had received some sort of exemption from you guys. I know we have been running this exact same process and exact same material since I believe about 2013 but that was

before we were processing the CRT glass all the way down and needed an air permit. I am going to send you part of the email Chad Stubbe at the DNR sent asking me this question.

"please let us know if A-TEC or GKAT has a Zoning Certification Letter from Polk County Planning & Zoning confirming that CRT recycling complies with the Heavy Industrial classification, or if this activity requires a Conditional Use Permit from Polk County. The last permit application (Doc #105722) I can find for A-TEC was from 2023 which states that the site was then zoned as "General Business District - Industrial Light," which is different than today. – Chad Stubbe

Not sure if this is under your permitting efforts or what, if anything had ever changed since it has been the same recycling set up and procedures since at least 2013. Just let me know what you think about that above statement because it is confusing to me.

Thanks Luke!

Larry

From: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2026 9:53 AM
To: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

Good morning Luke. That sounds great! Mike Seiler will still be the point on this if you have any more "technical" questions otherwise nothing has really changed other than the volumes will significantly decrease.

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From: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>
Sent: Friday, 31 July 2026 10:12:41
To: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>
Subject: RE: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

Good morning Larry,

Since A-TEC will be taking over operations at this location ([1757 NE 58th Ave](#)) we would still need to switch the operating permit from GKAT to A-TEC. The process should be fairly straight forward since A-TEC already has an operating permit with us for the location next door ([5765 NE 17th St.](#)). We would just add the equipment from this location to your other operating permit (essentially combining the two permits). Please reply confirming that this is okay with you and we will start working on updating the permit. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Luke Milefchik

Air Quality Compliance Technician

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From: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 1:53 PM

To: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Subject: RE: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

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THANKS LUKE!

The DNR has to come in and determine when we can transfer the CRT Processing permit to even start operations and the courts have to decide who owns all the equipment. (among other things)

A-TEC LLC has always had ownership of the building.

Does that make any sense?

From: Luke Milefchik <Luke.Milefchik@polkcountyiowa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 12:26 PM

To: Larry Young <lyoung@a-tec-recycling.com>

Subject: Polk County Air Quality - GKAT Ownership Change to A-TEC - Facility: [1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines](#)

Good afternoon,

My name is Luke and I am a Compliance Technician with Polk County Air Quality. I was talking to a representative for GKAT Reclamation and they stated that A-TEC Recycling is taking ownership of their

facility located at 1757 NE 58th Ave, Des Moines. I wanted to confirm this with you and let you know that the facility operating permit will need to be transferred. In order to transfer the operating permit, I would need a statement from you saying that A-TEC has ownership of facility along with its equipment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. My phone number is [\(515\) 286-3372](tel:5152863372).

Thank you!

Luke Milefchik

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August 26, 2026

Larry Young
A-Tec Recycling
PO Box 57580
Pleasant Hill, Iowa 50317

Re: Zoning verification letter for 1757 NE 58th Avenue, Des Moines in Unincorporated Polk County, Iowa, District Parcel: 27002467001001

Dear Larry:

You requested a zoning letter from the Polk County Planning and Zoning Division for the subject property located at 1757 NE 58th Avenue, Des Moines. The property is located within Section 12 of Township 79 North, Range 24 West of the 5th P.M. (Saylor Township) in Unincorporated Polk County, Iowa and legally described as the East 250 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 of UPI Industrial Park Plat 1 Replat. The subject property is zoned "HI" Heavy Industrial District. The properties to the South, East, and West are zoned "HI" Heavy Industrial District. The property to the north is zoned "LI" Light Industrial District. A-Tec Recycling purchased the property in 2011. The existing use of a small internal recycling facility for cathode ray tubes and material recovery is a permitted use in the "HI" Heavy Industrial District. The recycling operation should continue to only operate inside the building. A complete list of permitted and conditional uses in the "HI" District is available in Table 4.1 of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance.

There is currently no active enforcement on the property and the property appears to be in compliance. The subject property does not appear to be within the floodplain, and appears to be entirely located within Zone X, outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. New FEMA FIRM maps were adopted for Unincorporated Polk County on February 1, 2019.

Please contact me with questions by e-mail at Thomas.Howard@polkcountyiowa.gov or by phone at (515) 286-2280.

Sincerely,

Tommy Howard

Tommy Howard, Land Use Planning Coordinator
Cc: Brian McDonough, Planning & Development Manager