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# Memo

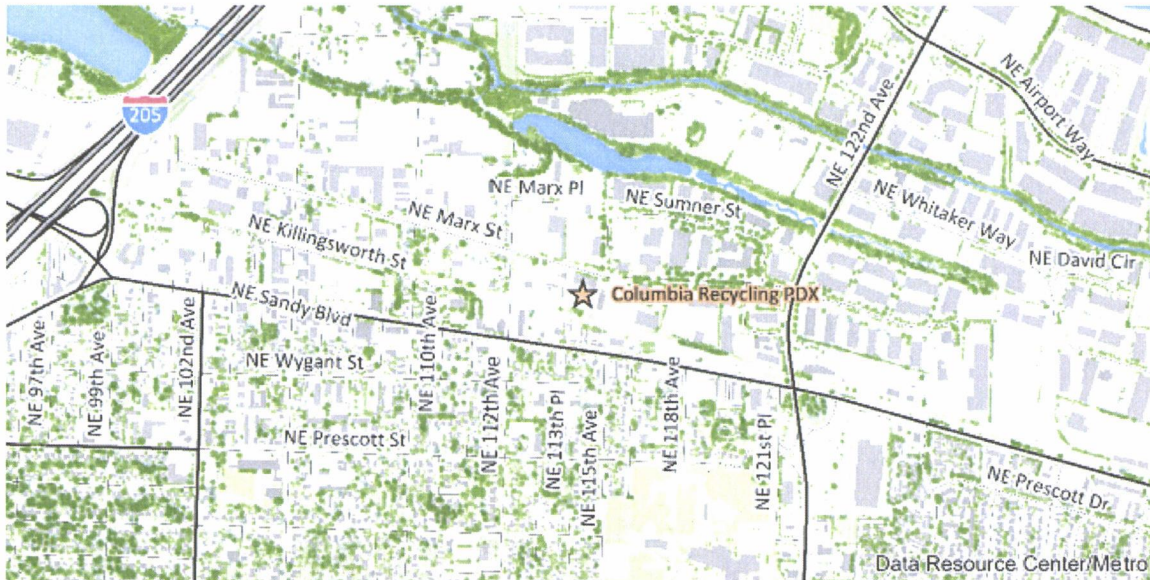
DATE: December 31, 2018

TO: Roy W. Brower, Solid Waste Information Compliance and Cleanup Manager

FROM: Will Ennis, Senior Solid Waste Planner 

RE: Issuance of new Solid Waste Facility License No. L-187-19 for Columbia Recycling PDX

Attached for your signature is new Solid Waste Facility License No. L-187-19 authorizing Columbia Recycling PDX (Columbia Recycling) to receive and process source-separated recyclable materials at their facility located at 11402 NE Marx Street in Portland (Metro District 5). This memo provides background information on the applicant's request and recommends that Metro issue a new license to Columbia Recycling to accept and process source-separated recyclable materials.



Columbia Recycling is located at 11402 NE Marx Street in Portland

## BACKGROUND

Metro is tasked with planning, management, and oversight of the region's solid waste system, and has an obligation to the public to ensure the waste intended for reuse, recycling and other purposes is handled properly and sent to appropriate markets, and that all other waste is safely managed and disposed.

Historically, Metro Code exempted from licensing certain material recovery facilities that exclusively receive non-putrescible source-separated recyclable materials that are collected through a curbside residential or commercial collection program. However, it was determined that collection methods, material composition, and market conditions for source-separated recyclable materials changed significantly since Metro initially established that regulatory exemption. These significant changes