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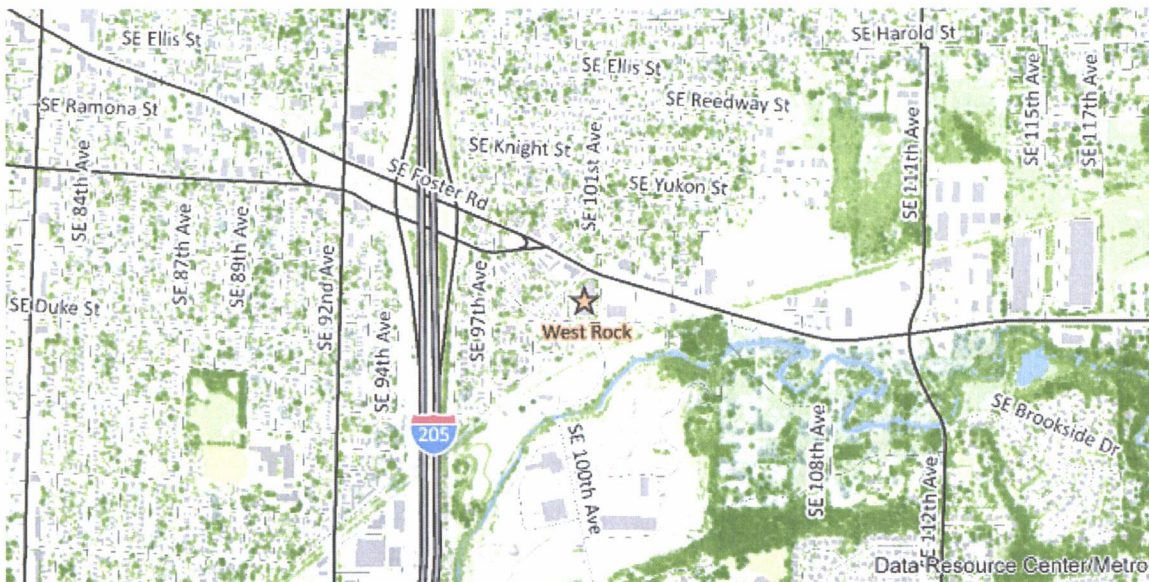
DATE: December 31, 2018

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-156-19 for WestRock Portland Recycle

Attached for your signature is new Solid Waste Facility License No. L-156-19 authorizing WestRock Portland Recycle (WestRock) to receive and process source-separated recyclable materials at their facility located at 6328 SE 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Portland (Metro District 6). The proposed license includes Metro’s standard operating requirements for a material recovery facility, but sets a six-month term instead of the standard five year term that is typically authorized under a license. Staff recommends issuing a short term license in this instance to allow time for Metro to further investigate the concerns that were raised by the neighboring community during the public comment period and solicit additional input from the public to help inform longer-term operating requirements. This memo provides background information on the applicant’s request, concerns raised about the facility, and recommends that Metro issue a new, short-term license to WestRock to accept and process source-separated recyclable materials.



WestRock is located at 6328 SE 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue 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.