

# Metro recommendation to issue license amendment to Recology Foster Road Recovery Facility with unique special conditions

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On Sept. 10, 2012, Metro's Deputy Chief Operating Officer (DCOO) notified the Metro Council of his intent to issue a license amendment to Recology Oregon Material Recovery, Inc. (ROMR) to reload residential yard debris mixed with food waste in conjunction with existing Metro-licensed material recovery activities at the Foster Road Recovery Facility, (6400 SE 101st Ave., Building 4-A, Portland, OR 97266).

You may download a copy of the DCOO's formal notification to the Metro Council President, the staff report and draft license below.

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Because ROMR's application involves a substantial change in the type of waste received at the facility, the Metro Council has until September 25 should it decide to consider and review the matter.

The conditions of Metro's approval include special conditions to address public comments and to minimize possible negative impacts on the surrounding community associated with residential yard debris and food waste reloading. There are requirements in the proposed license that require the material to be received inside a building on a non-pervious surface, managed on an aerated floor using biofiltration, and a leachate collection system.

Other significant additional special conditions proposed by the DCOO include the following:

- Requiring the yard debris mixed with food waste to be moved off site every 24 hours (rather than 48 hours as proposed by Recology and approved by the city of Portland). Additionally, if valid odor issues were to occur as a result of the operation, Metro will retain the option of requiring the residential yard debris mixed with food waste to be removed at the end of each day.
- Yard debris (not mixed with food waste), currently being managed outside, must be managed inside the building, further reducing a potential source of odor.
- The intake building must be completely closed when not in use.
- All receiving areas for yard debris mixed with food waste must be cleaned and rinsed down by the end of each week
- A community outreach plan must be developed and implemented for the facility.

The Recology facility currently accepts and processes mixed non-putrescible ("dry") waste to recover and recycle marketable materials. The facility also accepts and reloads other materials, including yard debris (not mixed with food waste) and wood waste. The facility has been operating with a Metro license since 2002; Recology took over ownership and

control of the facility in 2009. Other than adding the new proposed reload activity, no other changes to the current operation are proposed.

According to the city of Portland, the subject property is zoned Heavy Industrial (IH) and General Employment (EG2) which allows a mix of uses with a strong industrial orientation. Recology's proposed activity was approved through a conditional use review process and upheld on appeal to both the Portland City Council and the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.