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Subject: Acceptable Metro Area Waste at Hillsboro Landfill (Designated Facility Agreement #932404)
and notification of special exemption permit from Metro's regional system fee

Dear Mr. Burns:

As you are aware the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has established an emergency eradication quarantine area in the Bethany/Cedar Mill area of unincorporated Washington County (the "quarantine area") in an effort to eradicate the Japanese Beetle. Metro is working closely with Washington County, ODA, DEQ, local haulers, landscapers and the city of Hillsboro, to collect, isolate and dispose of yard debris and soil that is generated from within the quarantine area.

DEQ has approved Hillsboro Landfill to accept approximately 1,000 tons per year of yard debris and soil for to deposit directly on the landfill's working face. Metro also approves the disposal of these materials, as allowed by DEQ and in accordance with the landfill's DFA, which are generated within the quarantine area. Although these types of materials are normally considered to be source separated recyclable material, Metro, DEQ and ODA have determined that this material is not amenable to recycling due to the pest risk and subsequently requires special management at the landfill.

Metro will allow Hillsboro Landfill to accept yard debris and soil collected by Walker Garbage, Waste Management, Aloha Garbage, Washington County Drop Box and Northwest Landscape Services from within the quarantine area on behalf of ODA. Metro recommends that haulers take the necessary steps to notify their customers to keep yard debris and soil separate from construction waste, demolition debris, other solid wastes and recyclables from within the quarantine area. Construction and demolition waste received from within the Metro region must still be processed by Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery to meet the enhanced dry waste recovery program standards in Metro Code Section 5.01.260. The yard debris and soil, however, may be disposed in the landfill as specified above. In addition, to the extent possible, haulers should seek to route their trucks to efficiently collect material within the quarantine area and minimize mixing with waste from outside that area.

Because the eradication of this beetle is considered an urgent agricultural emergency by ODA, Metro will waive the collection of its regional system fee on the disposal of this material as specified in the Special Exemption Permit issued to ODA and included with this letter. Specifically, Hillsboro Landfill does not need to collect or remit Metro's regional system fee for yard debris and soil that is generated

by ODA from within the quarantine area effective June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Metro will provide the landfill with further guidance on the regional system fee changes for this waste in the future. Please contact Kevin Six at (503) 797-1672 at Metro for more information on monthly reporting requirements.

In order to qualify for the fee exemption, the landfill must ensure that each load from the quarantine area is scaled and reported to Metro under the name of the "Oregon Department of Agriculture Japanese Beetle Project." The landfill may set up subaccounts for other parties that may also dispose of yard debris and soil at the landfill as specified in the ODA permit. This information must be provided to Metro as part of the landfill's normal monthly reports.

Metro, DEQ and ODA are also working to establish a nearby yard debris reload facility at Northwest Landscaping Service location at 1800 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro. This site is to be used primarily by local residents, local businesses and landscapers that generate yard debris and soil within the quarantine area. We are still working through the logistical details of the operation, but will keep you updated as plans are finalized.

Metro Council will soon consider whether it will assess its solid waste excise tax on the disposal of yard debris and soil from the quarantine area. Metro will keep you apprised of the status of the excise tax. Until that time, the landfill should continue to collect the solid waste excise tax on all Metro area-waste that it receives for disposed.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional clarification please contact Paul Slyman or Roy Brower.

Sincerely,



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