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Keith Martin Solid Waste Manager Benton County Public Works P.O. Box 1001 Prosser, WA 99350

RE: Final Review - Draft Final Plan - 2006 Benton County Solid Waste management

Plan, WUTC Docket No. TG-070740

Dear Mr. Martin:

Ecology has completed its review of the final draft of the Benton County Solid Waste Management Plan submitted July 27, 2007. We are pleased to say that all of the required elements identified in RCW 70.95.090 have been met, and applaud the time and effort Benton County and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee members have devoted to the planning process and the product that has resulted. The members can be rightfully proud of their efforts in developing this Plan.

Ecology submitted comments on the preliminary draft. Those comments were acknowledged and considered for incorporation into the current document.

Ecology is pleased to approve Benton County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. We look forward to successful implementation of the Plan and Benton County's continued progress with environmentally sound waste handling practices and waste reduction and recycling activities.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Penny Ingram, WUTC