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Meggan Uecker  
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**RE: Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft January 2021  
Docket TG-210016**

Dear Meggan Uecker:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan).

Commission staff contacted the County because the Plan indicated tip fees between 2021 and 2025 will be determined at a future date. The County responded that no increase in tip fees is planned or expected during the Plan period, and any program initiatives would be paid from existing fund balances.

The Plan includes a Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) for the county, with the goal of reducing the contamination levels of recycling materials. The CROP will address the collection of glass, which can contaminate other material such as paper, cross contamination such as plastic bottles caught in baled paper, inadvertent diversion of recyclable material to disposal, and ineffective removal of contaminants.

The CROP will be implemented in conjunction with a statewide plan and will consist initially of studies and outreach and education initiatives. The Plan identifies funding for CROP as tipping fees, and estimates \$12,000, but no forecasted increase in tipping fees is included in the Plan. The CROP also mentions a cost to service providers (for cart tagging, route mailers, etc.) and estimates the cost at \$28,000, which is to come from rates, but no further information is provided.

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Commission staff finds no further financial rate impacts to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Clallam County and has no further comments on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the Commission's Plan review process to Benjamin Sharbono at (360) 664-1242 or [benjamin.sharbnono@utc.wa.gov](mailto:benjamin.sharbnono@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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