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Mr. Derek Pohle, PE Director of Public Works Grant County Department of Public Works 124 Enterprise St., SE Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Pohle:

RE: Ecology Approval of the Grant County Final Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, dated October 2007 WUTC Dockett No. TG-061359

Ecology is pleased to approve Grant County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, submitted for final review and consideration on March 6, 2008. This Plan demonstrates Grant County's continued commitment to sound solid waste management and recycling in an increasingly challenging environment.

The recommendations in the Grant County Plan support three important activities: (1) guidelines for the orderly development of programs, policy and operating plans; (2) the basis for permitting decisions, and, (3) the support to obtain grants for future actions.

This Plan promotes an integrated system that supports the state's solid waste handling priorities while protecting both the environment and the ratepayers at the same time. We believe this Plan will allow you the flexibility you need to respond to changing conditions, yet gives clear enough direction that those charged to implement the plan can stay within your original intent.

We look forward to the successful implementation of the Plan and Grant County's continued progress with environmentally sound waste handling practices and waste reduction and recycling activities.

Sincerely

Wayne Krafft

**Acting Section Manager** 

cc: Jim Wavada, Ecology

Carole Washburn, Secretary, WUTC

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