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Mr. Ron Draggoo, Program Director
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RE: Final Approval of the *Douglas County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan – August 2010*, WUTC Docket TG-100347

Dear Mr. Draggoo:

I am pleased to inform you that the *Douglas County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, August 2010* is hereby approved by the Department of Ecology (Ecology). All planning requirements prescribed in chapters 70.95 RCW, 70.95I RCW, and 70.105 RCW have been satisfied, and this document can now be implemented as the guiding document for local solid and hazardous waste programs in Douglas County.

Planning efforts by their very nature force a hard look at difficult issues. Plans are documents that draw roadmaps that set direction for future activities. The recommendations in the Douglas County Plan, from Ecology's viewpoint, 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 and the state's *Beyond Waste Plan*, 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 you should not stray too far from the appointed path. Ecology looks forward to working with you over the next five years to help implement this plan. I encourage you to utilize Ecology staff for any technical assistance you may need along the way.

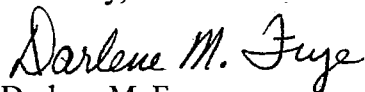


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The interlocal agreements included in the plan and full adoption by participating jurisdictions are evidence of the strength of county-wide support. We truly appreciate the work this plan represents: the efforts of staff, SWAC, consultants, private industry, the haulers and disposal firms, government officials and the public.

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

Sincerely,



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