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January 7, 2011

Mr. Sam Castro  
Director of Public Works  
Pend Oreille County  
P.O. Box 5041  
Newport, WA 99156

Dear Mr. Castro:

RE: Ecology Approval of the Pend Oreille County Solid Waste Management Plan Update Final Draft of June 1, 2010

Ecology is pleased to approve Pend Oreille County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, submitted for final review and consideration on Nov. 23, 2010. This plan demonstrates Pend Oreille County's continued commitment to sound solid waste management even in times of great fiscal challenge to the county.

Planning efforts by their very nature force a hard look at difficult issues. Plans are documents that draw roadmaps which set direction for future activities. The recommendations in the Pend Oreille County Plan, from Ecology's viewpoint, support three important activities: 1) the 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.

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 truly appreciate the efforts of your staff, SWAC members, consultants, government officials and the public to pull this plan together.

We look forward to the successful implementation of the plan per its implementation schedule, and to Pend Oreille County's continued progress with environmentally sound waste handling practices and waste reduction and recycling activities.

Sincerely,

Wayne Krafft  
Section Supervisor  
Waste 2 Resources Program  
Eastern Regional Office

cc: Beth Gillespie, Pend Oreille County Solid Waste  
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