

Point Recycling and Refuse

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Dear Charles,

Point Recycling is forced to make changes at our Point Roberts Transfer Station.

Whatcom County Administration has taken legal action against our company that could result in the termination of all garbage collection. This irrational and unjustified attitude by Administration indicates an inherent hostility precluding a sustainable future for the Point Roberts Transfer Station.

As a utility operator, I have always taken a long term view, and built the solid waste and recycling infrastructure this community needs for the future. I have also provided numerous services below cost in order to meet the County's environmental goals. The County's actions have forced us into an uncertain future. We are now required to limit our activities to a four month perspective under the probability that the Company will no longer exist past this October.

We are forced to suspend collection of all materials outside of the Station Lease Requirements and materials which require stockpiling prior to export or processing. Effective July 21st we will no longer accept the following items: Yard-waste recycling; Used motor oil; Batteries; Electronic waste recycling; Fluorescent light bulbs; Tires; Propane tanks and Refrigerators.

We are also limiting Station hours to the County required two days per week. I will be submitting a revised Plan of Operations to your department.

Given the County's refusal to participate in this solid waste system or to fulfill its legal mandates, I do not foresee operating the Transfer Station past October 31st, 2008. We will be required to remove all Station improvements from the site. When we vacate the property, this site will no longer meet the Minimal Functional Standards required for a Solid Waste Operating Permit. It will take several months for the County to rebuild the facility to a point where it could legally accept solid waste.

The County Health Department should prepare for the environmental repercussions in Point Roberts of no garbage collection for any households or businesses, and no operating transfer station.

Sincerely,



Arthur Wilkowski
Owner/ Operator

Cc: Whatcom County Council, Executive,
Peter Christianson, Dept of Ecology
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