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April 28, 2010

Mr. Dave Danner, Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC)  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Approved plan – *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update*

Dear Mr. Danner:

Ecology is forwarding two hard copies of the formal submission of the final *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update*. Last spring, the WUTC reviewed the draft of this plan under docket number TG-090718.

Ecology received the final plan submission package from Whatcom County on April 21, 2010. Ecology staff reviewed the package and approved the *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update* on April 27, 2010.

Should you have questions about the enclosed, please contact myself (425-649-7056 or [Diana.wadley@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Diana.wadley@ecy.wa.gov)) or Debbie Bailey, Whatcom County Solid Waste Secretary, (360-676-7695 or [dbailey@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:dbailey@co.whatcom.wa.us)). Penni Lempere is retiring at the end of this month.

Sincerely,

Diana Wadley  
Solid Waste Planner and Coordinated Prevention Grant Officer  
Waste 2 Resources Program

Enclosures: Two copies of the *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update*, one copy of the cover letter submitted by Whatcom County, one copy of the approval letter from Ecology to Whatcom County.

cc: Penni Lempere, Whatcom County Solid Waste Specialist  
Peter Christiansen, Ecology Waste 2 Resources Section Manager

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Diana Wadley, Planner  
Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program, NWRO  
Department of Ecology  
3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008

Re: Whatcom County Final Draft Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

Dear Ms. Wadley:

At this time, Whatcom County would like to request Ecology's final review of the *Final Draft 2008/2012 County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan*.

The County understands that this is the final step in the Ecology review process, with a 45 day period of review. The final submittal packet includes the following requirements:

- Three (3) copies of the final draft plan.
- A transmittal letter formally requesting final plan review.
- All SEPA documentation.
- Summary of changes from the draft plan submittal (response summary)
- Copies of all inter-local agreements with the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack and Sumas.
- Resolutions of adoption from all participating jurisdictions.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this package and advise when the 45 day comment period begins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penni Lemperes".

Penni Lemperes, Solid Waste Specialist



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Ms. Penni Lemperes  
Solid Waste Specialist, Whatcom County Solid Waste Division  
322 N. Commercial, Ste. 220  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Ecology Receipt and Approval of *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update*.

Dear <sup>Penni</sup>Ms. Lemperes:

On April 21, 2010, Ecology received three copies of your final draft combined solid waste and local hazardous waste management plan, *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update*. Also included in your mailing were the required contents for Ecology's final review of such a plan:

- Evidence of compliance with SEPA (the DNS is in the plan, and provided separately is the completed checklist)
- Interlocal Agreements (select pages are in the plan, and provided separately are the full Interlocal Agreements)
- Evidence of SWAC participation (included in the plan)
- Resolutions of adoption (included in the plan)
- Summary of changes from the draft plan submittal

Ecology staff have reviewed your plan pursuant to chapter 70.95 RCW, RCW 70.105.220 and RCW 70.95I.020. Ecology staff has found the *Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2008 Update* to meet planning requirements and we are pleased to **approve your plan**.

Congratulations on completing the journey of plan development. This plan addresses the current waste management system in your county, and sets goals for reducing waste and protecting human and environmental health now and into the future. We look forward to the successful implementation of your plan.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Christensen

Section Supervisor, Waste 2 Resources Program

cc: Diana Wadley, Planner, Ecology  
Dave Danner, Secretary, WUTC

