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Cathlamet, Washington*

Wahkiakum County Public Works Department

Peter A. (Pete) Ringen, P.E.
Public Works Director/ County Engineer

March 7, 2014

Penny L. Ingram, Regulatory Analyst
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Regulatory Services Division
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Filing of 2013 Wahkiakum Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Ms. Ingram:

This is to transmit for filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission one copy of the 2013 Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Management Plan for Wahkiakum County. This Plan has been adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and also by the Town of Cathlamet.

Thank you for your guidance through electronic communications as this plan was updated. In my February 25, 2014 electronic communication with you, I completed the Tip Fee Forecast which indicated there is no projected increase in Tip Fee at the K-M Drop Box Facility during the next 6 years. The County Commissioners could change this, however the County has observed a decrease in use of this facility following the last rate increase, and it is likely that additional increases in the rate would be counter-productive for capturing operating costs, due to the expectation of further reduction in use. The K-M Drop Box Facility is open two days per week.

Please let me know if there is any additional information you require. I can be reached at ringenp@co.wahkiakum.wa.us or 360-795-3301.

Sincerely,

Pete Ringen, P.E.
Director/County Engineer

Attachment: One Copy 2013 Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan

Cc: Julie Robertson, Waste 2 Resources Program, Washington State Department of Ecology
Solid Waste Program File

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Julie Robertson
Waste 2 Resources Program, SWRO
Washington State Department of Ecology
PO Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: 2013 Wahkiakum County Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Ms. Robertson:

Wahkiakum County requests final review and acceptance of our Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan for 2013. The County appreciates your previous review and input on the preliminary draft of this document from your June 27, 2013 electronic communication.

Three copies of this document are included for Ecology review and consideration of acceptance. In addition, the following documents are also provided:

Final SEPA Threshold Determination dated January 17, 2014
Resolution of Adoption by Board of County Commissioners
Resolution of Adoption by Town of Cathlamet
Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Cathlamet and Wahkiakum County
Copy of sign-in sheet from Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

Previous communication from you requested 20-year solid waste handling projections. The County has observed a downward trend in use at the K-M Drop Box facility, and therefore does not intend to invest capital funds in this facility. Current plans are to simply continue operation of this facility two days per week, to provide a solid waste disposal option to residents of the County. Similarly, as use of the K-M Drop Box Facility declined when rates were last increased, there is no proposal to increase rates above the current rate of \$140/ton in the foreseeable future.

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A tipping fee forecast was provided to the Regulatory Analyst of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) on February 25, 2014. A copy of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan will be transmitted for filing with the WUTC simultaneously with this transmittal to you.

Thank you so much for your participation in the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting, and your many helpful comments and contributions to the 2013 plan. Please let me know if any additional information will be needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Ringen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pete Ringen, P.E.
Director/County Engineer

Cc: ✓ Penny Ingram, Regulatory Analyst, WUTC
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