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Mr. Greg Gachowsky
Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office
Waste 2 Resources
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

RE: Thurston County Draft Solid Waste Management Plan
Request for Department of Ecology Preliminary Review

Dear Greg:

The purpose of this letter is to request the Department of Ecology's preliminary review of Thurston County's Draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). A digital copy of the plan can be downloaded from the Thurston County website at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/swac/SWMP.htm>.

Pursuant to Ecology's SWMP guidelines, the following documents have been prepared as indicated below:

- Copies of the interlocal agreements with the municipalities of Bucoda, Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm (SWMP Appendix A).
- Evidence of Thurston County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) participation—meeting minutes can be viewed at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/swac/swac-home.htm>.
- Evidence of compliance with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements (SWMP Appendix E).
- Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Cost Assessment (SWMP Appendix D).

The public process for the SWMP will start on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, and end on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. A dedicated webpage for the public to view the plan and submit electronic comments is located at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/swac/SWMP.htm>. In addition, hard copies of the plan will be distributed to city and town halls, local libraries, tribes, and other municipal locations. The required public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Building 1

of the Thurston County Courthouse, Room 152 (2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502). Lastly, the 30-day SEPA public process will begin on or about August 1.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter and advise me by email as to the start and end date of Ecology's review period. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the SWMP or public process, please contact the County's consultant for this project, Rick Hlavka, at rick@green-solutions.biz or (360) 897-9533.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Gorman".

Monica Gorman
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