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Subject: **Request for Preliminary Draft Review: Whatcom County 2015 Draft
Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Wadley:

At this time, Whatcom County would like to request Ecology's review of our preliminary draft *2015 Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (SHWMP)*. The plan has been developed to meet both solid waste and hazardous waste management planning requirements. Please find enclosed the following:

- One electronic copy of the county's preliminary draft SHWMP dated July 16, 2015.
- Evidence of local SWAC participation (minutes of the July 24, 2014, October 23, 2014, January 22, 2015, April 23, 2015, and July 23, 2015 SWAC meetings).
- Solid waste management inter-local agreements with the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas (provided as Appendix C to the SHWMP).
- Completed WUTC cost assessment questionnaire, completed on July 15, 2015 (provided as Appendix E to the SHWMP).
- Evidence of compliance with SEPA (SEPA checklist is provided as Appendix D to the SHWMP, and the 30-day public comment period will run concurrently with Ecology's review of the preliminary draft).

Please feel free to call if there any any questions or concerns, and we look forward to your comments and input. Thank you for your support of this planning process.

Sincerely,



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