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Roger Bush, Chair
Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
Pierce County Council
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**RE: Appendices to 2008 Supplement to the
Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan**

Dear Chairperson Bush:

The Solid Waste Division proposes three additional Appendices be included in the 2008 Supplement to the *Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan*. Two of these Appendices address administrative comments raised by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) in their Preliminary Reviews of the 2008 Supplement. The third Appendix presents two disposal projections tables to measure progress to achieve goals.

Appendix D. Ecology and the WUTC recommend that Pierce County clarify our presentation of the “minimum service levels” for our various recycling programs.

The Solid Waste Division recommends adding “Appendix D” to include copies of the three in-force minimum service level ordinances adopted by the County Council: single-family residential recycling (PCC Chapter 8.29); multi-family recycling (uncodified Ordinance 91-86); and yardwaste collection (uncodified Ordinance 92-22).

Appendix E. Ecology requests that copies of the city and town Resolutions adopting the Year 2000 Solid Waste Management Plan, Interlocal Agreements, and Letters of Concurrence to adopt the 2008 Supplement be included within the Appendices.

The Solid Waste Division recommends adding “Appendix E” to list each of the city and town resolutions and to provide a space for the inclusion of a compact disc on which we will provide scanned electronic copies of each requested document. This proposed solution, which is supported by Ecology staff, is preferable to the alternative of printing and distributing hundreds of pages of additional documentation with each copy of the plan.



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Appendix F. During the recent public comment period, the Solid Waste Division created two tables to project the disposal and recycling rates which were necessary to achieve the Plan's recycling and diversion goals by 2032.

The Solid Waste Division recommends that these tables become Appendix F. These tables will serve as the official measurement tool to evaluate achievement of waste reduction, recycling and disposal programs.

Housekeeping. If the Council approves and includes these three Appendices in the 2008 Supplement, this will necessitate a change to the Table of Contents pages. Proposed revisions to the general Table of Contents (preceding page 1) and the Appendices' Table of Contents (Appendix – 1) are included along with Appendices D, E, and F.

My staff and I look forward to appearing before your Committee on July 28. In the meantime, please contact me at (253) 798-4656 or via e-mail at steve.wamback@co.pierce.wa.us should you have questions.

Respectfully,



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Attachments:

Appendix D. Minimum Service Levels: PCC Chapter 8.29, #91-86, #92-22
Appendix E. Resolutions, Interlocal Agreements, and Concurrence Letters from Cities and Towns
Appendix F. Disposal Projections 2032
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