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

Re: Whatcom County Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Ms. Wadley:

At this time, Whatcom County would like to request Ecology's formal review of the *Preliminary Draft 2008/2012 County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan*. The local hazardous waste plan (LHWP) has been incorporated into our solid waste management plan (SWMP). It is the County's intention for Ecology to review and approve both plans to meet their respective requirements per the Solid and Hazardous Waste Guidelines, and Chapter 70.95 RCW for *Solid Waste Management Plans*; and Chapter 70.105 RCW and RCW 70.95I.020 (related to used oil) for *Hazardous Waste Management Plans*.

The County understands that this submission will restart the 120 calendar days (previously started on November 26, 2008 and stopped on January 27, 2009) that Ecology is allowed to review a preliminary draft SWMP and that during these 120 calendar days, Ecology will informally review the LHWP in accordance with the same schedule as the SWMP. A formal request for final approval of the LHWP will be made in conjunction with our request for final approval of the SWMP.

Enclosed are the following per your request:

- Three hard copies of the county's combined draft Solid and Hazardous Waste Plans dated 2008, in addition to the complete electronic submission provided on April 23, 2009.
- Completed WUTC cost assessment questionnaire, completed in April, 2009.
- Evidence of SWAC participation: See attached SWAC Minutes.
- Copy of inter-local agreements with the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack and Sumas. See Appendix D.
- Evidence of compliance with SEPA. See Appendix A.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this package and advise when we can expect your comments.

Sincerely,

Penni Lempere, Solid Waste Specialist