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Pat McLaughlin, Director
King County Solid Waste Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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Re: Ecology Approval of King County's 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan: November 2019

Dear Pat:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to approve King County's Final *Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan: November 2019* submitted for final review on September 30, 2019.

This Plan amply demonstrates King County's commitment to reduction, recycling, and safe management of solid waste. It promotes a well-developed system that supports the state's solid waste handling priorities with its strong focus on waste reduction and social equity, while also reflecting local needs, protecting both the environment and ratepayers at the same time. We believe this Plan allows you the flexibility you need to respond to changing conditions, yet also gives clear enough direction to guide the County on a clear, sustainable path.

The six-year planning period covered by this Solid Waste Management Plan is November 2019-2025. Thus, the five-year review required in RCW 70.95.110 should occur in the year 2024, and updates should be made as necessary. Ecology looks forward to working on Plan maintenance with the County and your stakeholders at or before that time. More importantly, Ecology looks forward to working with you as this Plan is implemented, and my staff are here to assist as needed.

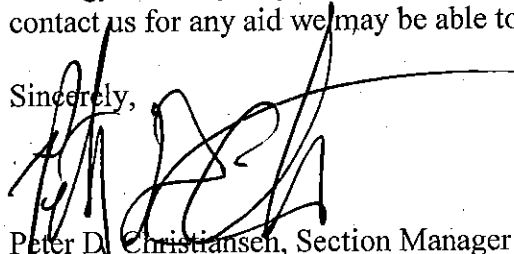
Planning efforts, by their very nature, force a hard look at difficult issues. Ecology commends the efforts of the County's Solid Waste Division staff for their commitment to involve the public with a number of open house events and create an early and deft website presence, both involvement strategies geared to elicit, respond to, and incorporate comments received. We further acknowledge the dedication and collaboration shown by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, along with the



work of the many staff in King County's suburban cities necessary to help build and support this Plan. And lastly, we greatly appreciate the readability and illustrations supporting the ideas and facts presented in the Plan.

Ecology wishes you good fortune in the implementation of this Plan. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any aid we may be able to offer.

Sincerely,



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