DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) – NON-PROJECT ACTION and ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Description of Proposal: This non-project proposal, the 2011 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, presents strategies for managing King County’s solid waste over the next 6 years, with consideration of the next 20 years. The plan includes policies, recommendations, and goals for: solid waste system planning; waste prevention and recycling; solid waste collection and processing; solid waste transfer system; landfill management and solid waste disposal; and solid waste system finance.

This plan updates the 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan with the many achievements in solid waste management over the last decade. In addition, it includes the recommendations from the 2006 Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan that was approved by the King County Council in December 2007. Thirty-seven of the 39 cities in the county (including all but the cities of Seattle and Milton) comprise the solid waste system.

Proponent: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division

King County Solid Waste Division, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on the Solid Waste Division website at: http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/comp-plan.asp. Alternate formats provided upon request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below.

Documents being adopted: The King County Solid Waste Division has identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this non-project proposal. In addition to the information in the SEPA environmental checklist and the non-project action review form, the documents listed below will help to meet the environmental review needs for the current proposal. Documents are available for review on the Solid Waste Division website at: http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/documents-planning.asp

Title of document being adopted: Final Environmental Impact Statement, 2001 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.
Agency that prepared document being adopted: King County Solid Waste Division
Date adopted document was prepared: February 2001
Description of document being adopted: This EIS evaluates and compares alternatives for each key component of the solid waste system.

Agency that prepared document being adopted: King County Solid Waste Division

Date adopted document was prepared: September 2006

Description of document being adopted: This EIS supplements the EIS prepared for the 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. The EIS analyzes the recommendations made in the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan for the improvement, closure, and/or construction of transfer facilities throughout King County.

Title of document being adopted: Final Environmental Impact Statement, Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2010 Site Development Plan.

Agency that prepared document being adopted: King County Solid Waste Division

Date adopted document was prepared: July 2010

Description of document being adopted: This EIS was prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of five action alternatives for future development of the landfill.

Comments on this DNS must be submitted in writing by June 20, 2011. Send comments to:

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