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David Nails  
Solid Waste Recycling Director  
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252 Landfill Road  
Pullman, WA 99163

Re: Ecology Approval of the 2019-2024 Whitman County *Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan*

Dear David Nails:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to approve Whitman County's final draft *Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan*, submitted for final review on November 21, 2019.

This Plan shows Whitman County's commitment to reduction, recycling, and safe management of solid and hazardous waste. It promotes a system that supports the state's solid and hazardous waste handling priorities while reflecting local needs, protecting both the environment and ratepayers at the same time. We believe this Plan will allow you the flexibility you need to respond to changing conditions, yet gives clear enough direction to guide the County in a clear, sustainable path.

Ecology commends the efforts of staff, the consultant, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and the public at large toward completion of this Plan.

The six-year planning period covered by this combined Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan is 2019-2024. Thus, the five-year review required in RCW 70.95.110 should start in the year 2023, and updates made as necessary. Ecology looks forward to working on Plan maintenance with Whitman County and its stakeholders at that time, or before then if needed. More importantly, Ecology looks forward to working with Whitman County as this Plan is implemented, and my staff are here to assist as needed.

Sincerely,

Marni Solheim  
Section Manager  
Solid Waste Management

cc: Steven Gimpel, Regional Planner and Funding Program Administrator, Ecology  
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