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Mr. R. D. Izatt, Director
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Dear Mr. Izatt:

Thank you for your written comments in response to the scoping notice on the Phase 2 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for hazardous waste management facilities siting criteria. Your comments will be addressed in the draft SEIS, and will play an important role in the development of this document and ultimately, in the adoption of the siting criteria. You will continue to receive information and I encourage your participation throughout the rule development process.

The Department is mandated by the Legislature to adopt these siting criteria by May 31, 1990. Following adoption, these criteria will become an integral part of the hazardous waste facility siting process which is administered by the Department. They would be applicable statewide and would affect the siting of new and expanding hazardous waste treatment, storage, disposal, and incineration facilities.

One important thing to keep in mind throughout this process is that siting criteria are one step in the siting/permitting process for hazardous waste management facilities. A location which meets the siting criteria is not automatically guaranteed a permit. The successful siting of a hazardous waste management facility will also require a detailed and extensive evaluation of site specific issues. Ecology is responsible for performing such an evaluation prior to taking final action on a hazardous waste management permit application. This evaluation process will involve public review of documents addressing site specific issues under the authority of the State Environmental Policy Act and the Hazardous Waste Management Act.

In summary, I wish to thank you again for your interest in hazardous waste management issues and encourage you to continue working with the Department in its goal to properly site and manage facilities handling these wastes. Any questions you may have regarding the regulation development process can be directed to Curtis Dahlgren at (206) 438-7595. Any questions you may have regarding specific proposed hazardous waste management facilities should go to Tim Nord at (206) 438-7019.

Sincerely,

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