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Matt Mahoney - Public Works Manager
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RE: 2024 – 2029 Benton County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

Dear Matt Mahoney,

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to approve your *2024-2029 Benton County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan)*.

This Plan demonstrates the 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.

The six-year planning period covered by this combined Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan is 2024-2029. Thus, the five-year review required in [RCW 70A.205.075](#) should begin in the year 2028 with a final plan in place by the end of 2029. You can find your Plan and other County documents in your [Benton County BOX Folder](#). This folder is accessible to anyone with the link so feel free to share with your SWAC and other solid waste members.

Thanks to you and everyone else involved for their hard work in preparing your Plan. Ecology looks forward to the successful implementation of your programs and strategies to effectively manage solid waste in your county.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mulrony

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