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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2021 Annual Report as required by Ordinance 18893. The Solid Waste Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submits this report to Public Health-Seattle & King County (Public Health) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) as required by WAC 173-351-200(11).

The 920-acre Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, located in Maple Valley, has been in operation since the 1960s and is the last operating landfill in King County. Owned by King County and operated by DNRP, the landfill receives over 800,000 tons of solid waste a year. The King County solid waste system serves the unincorporated area and 37 of the 39 cities in King County.

The enclosed report provides information on annual waste disposal quantities, remaining landfill capacity, and the status of landfill development projects. Significant activities described include construction, maintenance, repair, and emergency or corrective actions taken.

The report also provides summaries and evaluations of data from monitoring programs for groundwater, stormwater, leachate, and landfill gas, as well as current environmental monitoring programs approved by Public Health and Ecology. Extensive information about operating permits, tonnage, disposal fees, landfill capacity, and financial matters can be found in the attachments to the report.

Actions described in this report support the King County Strategic Plan efficient, accountable regional and local government goal through implementation of monitoring and environmental controls at the landfill to ensure that operations and outputs meet all regulatory requirements. It further supports this goal by exercising sound financial and risk management through maintenance of the Landfill Reserve Fund account for new area development, closure, post-closure, facility relocation, and facility improvements.

It is estimated that this report required 355 hours of staff time to produce, at a cost of approximately \$33,750.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

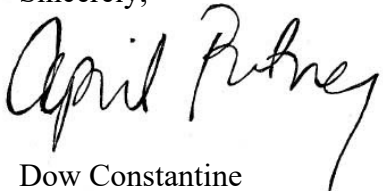
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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The information in the report helps decision makers and King County residents understand the operations, maintenance, and monitoring work conducted at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Pat D. McLaughlin, Division Director of the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4501.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosure

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