

MSWMAC

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

December 22, 2005

The Honorable Bob Ferguson
Chair, King County Regional Policy Committee
King County Courthouse, Room 1200
516 Third Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Table 1, Characteristics Matrix for Future Public or Privately-Contracted Solid Waste System

Dear Councilmember Ferguson:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) the attached refined draft of Table 1, Characteristics Matrix for Future Public or Privately-Contracted Solid Waste System, dated November 3, 2005. A previous draft of Table 1 was included in Milestone Report 3, Options for Public and Private Ownership and Operation of Transfer and Intermodal Facilities.

The RPC adopted Report 3 at its July 14, 2005 meeting by Motion 12182. Because Report 3 indicates that Table 1 is a preliminary draft, Motion 12182 requires that the table be further refined prior to preparation of the report on preliminary transfer and waste export facility recommendations (Milestone Report 4).

Table 1 was intended as a working document to aid the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) in developing the more detailed analysis of public and private options to be included in Milestone Report 4. The attached refined version of the table is still a draft, because MSWMAC has not taken the time to discuss and agree on specific language throughout. However, both MSWMAC and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) have concluded that the information contained in the refined draft is sufficient to meet the above intent, and that it would not be a good use of our time to refine the table to the point where it could be formally approved by MSWMAC.

We believe it would be more productive to apply our efforts to completing Milestone Report 4, which will be transmitted to the King County Council at the end of February 2006. Completion of Report 4 is a critical step towards completion of the Waste Export System Plan. Report 4 will contain a more detailed analysis of public and private options that builds on the information in Table 1.

The Honorable Bob Ferguson

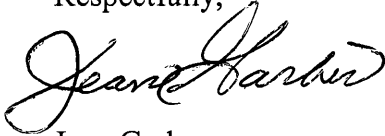
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We trust that the refined draft of Table 1 meets the intent of Motion 12182 and will serve your needs until we are able to transmit Milestone Report 4.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 425-277-9327.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Garber".

Jean Garber
Chair, MSWMAC

Enclosure

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