



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Description of Proposal: The King County Solid Waste Division is considering alternatives to increase the capacity and extend the life of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. Five alternatives are under consideration that would provide additional landfill capacity in the southern half of the landfill site. The alternatives under consideration would allow the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill to continue operation for three to thirteen years beyond the current anticipated closure date (between 2016 and 2018). A No Action Alternative is also being evaluated as part of the environmental review.

Proponent: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division

Location: Cedar Hills Regional Landfill is located on a 920-acre site in unincorporated King County at 16645 228th Avenue SE, Maple Valley 98038. It is located approximately 4 miles south of Issaquah and 6 miles east of Renton.

Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division

EIS Required: The lead agency has determined that one or more of the alternatives under consideration could potentially have significant adverse impacts on the environment. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) and will be prepared. A description of alternatives under consideration can be reviewed at our offices (201 S. Jackson St., Suite 701, Seattle WA 98104) and is available on the Internet at www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste.

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS; geology; air quality; odor; noise; surface water quality and quantity; groundwater quality and quantity; plants and animals; energy and natural resources; greenhouse gas emissions; scenic resources; cultural resources; land use; vehicular traffic; aesthetics; releases to the environment affecting public health; and public services and utilities.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required. Comments may be submitted in writing by mail or via the Internet. Written comments should be addressed to Shirley Jurgensen at King County Solid Waste Division, King Street Center, 201 South Jackson, Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104-3855. Comments can also be submitted via the Internet at www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste. The deadline for submittal of comments is May 1, 2009. A public scoping meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at the Greater Maple Valley Community Center, 22010 SE 248th St., Maple Valley 98038, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Oral comments will be received at this meeting and written comments can also be submitted at this meeting.

Responsible Official: Kevin Kiernan

Position/Title: King County Solid Waste Division Director

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