



## **King County**

### **Wastewater Treatment Division**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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Dear Community Member:

On April 11, 2005, King County issued the Brightwater Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which examines a range of potential impacts if an earthquake anywhere on the proposed Route 9 site were to damage new treatment plant facilities. The Draft Supplemental EIS also proposes mitigation measures to protect public health and the environment.

During a 30-day public comment period that began the day of issuance, King County received over 600 comments from 26 agencies, organizations and individual community members. The comments, while substantive, did not prompt any major changes to the analysis presented in the Draft Supplemental EIS.

This document includes responses to the comments, clarification on some points of the draft analysis, and an errata correcting minor errors in how reference material was listed. Combined with the Draft Supplemental EIS issued on April 11, 2005, it serves as the Final Supplemental EIS pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11-560).

These documents meet the requirements of the King County Hearing Examiner to conduct further studies of seismic features on the proposed Brightwater treatment plant site and to share information about potential adverse environmental impacts and mitigation with the public in a Supplemental EIS. The documents also supplement the analysis presented in the Brightwater Final Environmental Impact Statement issued on November 19, 2003.

The King County Executive will consider the information in the Supplemental EIS along with other factors, such as cost and likelihood of earthquakes, as he reevaluates his decision to locate the Brightwater treatment plant at the Route 9 site. He is expected to issue a decision soon.

The adequacy of the analyses presented in the Final EIS withstood challenges during two separate appeal processes. A King County Hearing Examiner and a Superior Court Judge both ruled that the Brightwater Final EIS issued in 2003 adequately identified and evaluated a reasonable range and number of alternative sites for the proposed treatment plant and adequately evaluated probable adverse environmental impacts as of the time it was issued.

Citizen participation in the environmental review for the Brightwater treatment facilities has helped King County design a stronger, safer treatment plant. We are continuing our mission to plan facilities that will safely convey and treat our region's wastewater.

As Brightwater moves into final design and construction, we will continue our work to ensure community members have access to timely information and opportunities to ask questions and share comments and concerns with Brightwater staff.

Sincerely,  
Don Theiler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Theiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Division Director  
King County Wastewater Treatment Division