



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Proponent/ Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division (the Division)

Date of Issuance: October 30, 2012

Description of Proposal: The Algona Transfer Station was built in the mid-1960s. It is over-capacity, has no space for recycling, and uses outdated technology. The *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan* (the Plan), which was the result of a regional, multi-year planning effort, recommended replacing the Algona Transfer Station. The King County Council approved the Plan and the Division is now implementing it. The Division is looking at properties on which to build a new recycling and transfer station that will serve the communities of and areas surrounding Algona, Auburn, Federal Way and Pacific for the next 50 years.

Location of Proposal: The two potential sites under consideration are located at:

- 901 C Street SW, Auburn, WA 98001
- 35101 West Valley Highway S., Algona, WA 98001

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Required: The lead agency has determined that one or more of the alternatives under this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An EIS is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) and will be prepared with two Action Alternatives (build a new transfer and recycling station on an alternate property) and a No Action alternative (retain the current Algona Transfer Station).

The EIS will cover aspects of the built and natural environment including, but not limited to, the following areas: earth, air, water, plants, animals, energy, natural resources, environmental health, land use, transportation, public services, and utilities.

A description of alternatives under consideration can be reviewed at the King County Solid Waste Division office: 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle WA 98104, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and is available on the internet at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/algona/index.asp>.

Scoping: Agencies, Tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Comments will be accepted on the alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts to the environment, and licenses, permits or other approvals that may be required. Comments may be submitted via the internet at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/algona/index.asp> or by mail. Written comments should be addressed to King County Solid Waste Division, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104-3855, Attn: Eric Richardt, Project Manager.

Comment Deadline: The deadline for submittal of comments is November 30, 2012.

Public Scoping Meeting: The scoping meeting will be an open house on Thursday, November 15, 2012, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center at Green River Community College, 12401 SE 320th Street, Auburn, WA 98092. A formal presentation on the project is scheduled to occur at 5 p.m. and to be repeated at 6:30 p.m. Both oral and written comments can be submitted at the meeting. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by calling 206-296-4466, TTY Relay: 711.

SEPA Responsible Official: Pat D. McLaughlin

Position/Title: Division Director, King County Solid Waste Division

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Date: 10/19/2012

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