Appendix B

March 15, 2005 letter from Public Health - Seattle & King County regarding review and oversight activities at the Midway Landfill.

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RE: Activities Related to Kent-Highlands and Midway Landfills

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) adopted revisions to its solid waste regulations, The Code of the King County Board of Health Title 10, effective December 21, 2003. The new code incorporates changes in program funding that made the PHSKC Solid Waste Program primarily permit fee supported. Traditionally PHSKC has provided regular periodic field inspections at and reviewed documents related to the Kent-Highlands and Midway landfills, despite the fact these facilities are not under PHSKC permits. Under our new fee structure, PHSKC is no longer able to perform field inspections or document reviews for these landfills unless a funding source becomes available to meet our costs for providing such services.

We are informing you of this because we understand that these facilities are CERCLA sites overseen by Department of Ecology (DOE). We understand that DOE already routinely reviews documents related to potential environmental/health impacts resulting from the two facilities. For this reason, it seems most appropriate that DOE rather than PHSKC perform any needed periodic inspections. Alternatively, PHSKC could inspect the facility under contract with DOE.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter please contact Bill Heaton, Solid Waste Program Supervisor, at (206) 205-4397 or bill.heaton@metrokc.gov.

Sincerely,

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