City of Seattle
Seattle Public Utilities

Solid Waste Management Plan Revision
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Description of Proposal
In a continued effort to provide reliable, efficient, and environmentally conscious utility services to its customers, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has prepared the Preliminary Draft *2011 Solid Waste Plan Revision* (2011 Plan). This Plan updates the 1998 Solid Waste Management Plan, *On the Path to Sustainability*, as amended in 2004. The Plan also satisfies a State requirement to maintain a coordinated, comprehensive solid waste management plan in a current and applicable condition (RCW 70.95).

The 2011 Plan describes how SPU will manage City of Seattle solid waste over the next 20 years and includes recommended strategies in each of three areas:

1. Preventing waste,
2. Increasing recycling and composting, and
3. Improving services.

The Plan does not detail the specific solid waste projects or activities that would be undertaken, but rather, describes the City's goals related to solid waste management and the types of activities necessary to achieve those goals in a safe and economical way. Plan implementation would require future evaluation and development of programs and capital improvement projects designed to address identified solid waste issues and needs.

Before it can be implemented, the 2011 Plan must be adopted by the Seattle City Council and then approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Adoption and approval of the 2011 Plan is considered a non-project action under SEPA.

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Location of Proposal
The planning area for the 2011 Plan includes all areas within the municipal limits of the City of Seattle, King County, Washington, including about 82 square miles of land populated by about 610,000 people. SPU owns and operates two major solid waste transfer facilities, the North and South Recycling and Disposal stations located at 1350 North 34th Street (zip code 98106) and 8105 5th Avenue South (zip code 98134), respectively; and the North and South Household Hazardous Waste facilities at 12500 Stone Way North (zip code 98133) and 8100 2nd Avenue South (zip code 98108), respectively. Non-recyclable solid waste from the recycling and disposal stations is typically transported to privately owned intermodal facilities, where it is loaded onto railcars and transported to the Columbia Ridge Regional Landfill in

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Arlington, Oregon. Recyclable materials are transported to or picked up by private recycling business. Compostable materials are transported to Cedar Grove, a private composting business. The locations of future program and projects would be identified in the future, prior to implementation.

Lead Agency

Seattle Public Utilities, the lead agency for this proposal, determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Non-significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date below.

Copies of the Plan and the environmental checklist are available at:

- Seattle Public Utilities, Director's Office Main Reception Area, Seattle Municipal Tower, Suite 4900, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington
- Seattle Central Library, General Reference Section
- Online at http://www.seattle.gov/util/SolidWastePlan

Public and Agency Comments

Comments must be submitted by June 21, 2012 and must be sent to:

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Signature: Betty Meyer

Issue Date: June 7, 2012

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2012. The appeal must be in writing, accompanied by a $50.00 filing fee in a check made payable to the City of Seattle, and sent to:

City of Seattle Hearing Examiner
700 5th Avenue Suite 4000
P.O. Box 94729
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You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the Hearing Examiner at 206-684-0521 to ask about or to make arrangements to read the procedures for SEPA appeals.

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