



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

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

Project Title: Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2020 Site Development Plan

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

Date of Issuance: July 25, 2019

Location of Proposal: 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.

Purpose of Announcement: The purpose of this announcement is to invite comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for additional development at the King County Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

Description of Proposal: In 2010 King County adopted the *Project Program Plan: Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2010 Site Development Plan*, which included a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) EIS that addressed the potential impacts of implementing the plan. The approved plan provided authorization to develop landfill capacity to last until approximately 2028. The King County Council approved the *2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan* on April 24, 2019, which authorized the Division to consider alternatives to maximize the capacity of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

The Division is now considering alternatives to increase the life of the landfill and continue operation for seven to eighteen years beyond the current estimate of 2028 for reaching landfill capacity. Three Action Alternatives as well as a No Action Alternative for landfill development are under consideration. Within those three Action Alternatives, four landfill support facility relocation options and three buffer modification options are included to accommodate those development options for analysis. All of the alternatives confine landfill development and landfill support facilities relocation to the landfill property. All of the action alternatives incorporate currently-owned Solid Waste Division property into the parcel boundary of the landfill. Landfill buffer width modification options accommodate placement of the support facilities. Landfill support facilities include, but are not limited to, truck maintenance facility, parking, office space, various outbuildings, and laboratory space. None of the alternatives change the elevation of existing landfill Areas 5, 6, and 7 beyond 788 feet above mean sea level. No Landfilling or soil stockpiling would take place within 1,000 feet of the property line at the landfill under any of the alternatives.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Required: King County Solid Waste Division, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that at least one or more of the alternatives under this proposal has the potential to result in significant adverse impacts on the environment. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) 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 <https://kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development>.

The EIS will cover aspects of the built and natural environments for each alternative, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Earth
- Air (including Odor)
- Water (including Surface and Groundwater Quality and Quantity)
- Plants and Animals
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Environmental Health
- Noise and Vibration
- Land and Shoreline Use (including Recreation and Historic and Cultural Preservation)
- Aesthetics, Light, and Glare
- Transportation
- Public Services and Utilities.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Written comments on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and required permits or other approvals are welcome. Written comments may be submitted via the website at <https://kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development> or by mail, addressed to King County Solid Waste Division, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle, Washington 98104, Attn: Molly Paterson, Project Manager.

A public scoping meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at the King County Library System Service Center, 960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah WA 98027. Members of the public are welcome to drop in anytime between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Oral and written comments will be received at this meeting and Division staff will be available to discuss the proposal and answer questions.

Comment Deadline: The deadline for submittal of comments is August 26, 2019.

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