



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: City of Lynden – Source Control Small Quantity Generator Inspections Interlocal Agreement
DATE: February 10, 2023

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County is under contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology through the Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Program to promote pollution source control and conduct inspections of potential pollutant generating enterprises within Whatcom County's jurisdiction (for this purpose, this includes all Whatcom County cities except Bellingham, which has its own PPA Program). This Interlocal Agreement establishes an agreement wherein the County will provide PPA to small quantity generators (SQG – less than 220 pounds or less than 2.2 pounds of certain kinds of highly toxic waste, in any month) of dangerous waste within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Lynden. To the mutual advantage of the County and the City, this arrangement fulfills a part of the City's Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (Phase II Permit) requirement to develop and implement a Source Control Program for Existing Development.

The Health Department will provide technical assistance site visits and prevention pollution education to SQGs. Technical assistance and education efforts are designed to eliminate hazardous waste and other pollutants at the source through best management practices that prevent spills and discharges to the ground, air and water.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

As a PPA Contractor, the County will use their inspections within Lynden City limits to partially fulfill their PPA agreement with the Department of Ecology (WC Contract #202109011). Therefore, the City is not required to provide payment for these inspections. Conducting work within the City of Lynden is funded by Ecology's PPA Agreement through 06/30/2023 and is expected to be extended for an additional two-year period at the same funding level beginning on 07/01/2023. Ecology has expressed support for this agreement. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 (JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 (SSulliva@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

