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Michelle Ferguson, Environmental Protection Specialist  
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208 W. 3rd Street, Suite 101  
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Re: Official Notice of Solid Waste Plan Revision for Columbia, Lycoming, Montour,  
Snyder, and Union Counties

Dear Ms. Ferguson,

On behalf of the above referenced Counties, we are submitting an official written notice of a Plan Revision as required under Section 272.252 (a) of the PA Municipal Waste Code. Lycoming County will be the lead in developing a five county Regional Solid Waste Plan. We are enclosing Resolutions from Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union Counties. We have not to date received a resolution from Northumberland County, but we will seek to coordinate development of the Regional Plan with the Northumberland County Solid Waste Management Plan.

A Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee, comprised of seven stakeholder groups with representatives of all groups required in Section 272.202, will provide input into development of the Regional Plan. Each participating County will also have equal representation on a Steering Committee, which will be responsible for consultant selection and coordination of the input from the Stakeholder groups. A representative of each Stakeholder group will also serve on the Steering Committee. There will also be two rounds of Public Meetings in each County at the beginning and conclusion of the planning process.

The Lycoming County landfill has historically accepted the majority of municipal waste from within their primary service area of Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Union, Northumberland, and Snyder counties. Lycoming County Resource Management Services has submitted a permit application for expansion of the landfill to provide an additional ten years of continuing capacity for the multi-county service area. The Lycoming County landfill is a publicly funded municipal facility designed to accept waste from the multi-county service area, which is necessary to recover the investment of public funds. To this end, the Regional Solid Waste Plan will delineate wastesheds, with full input from all of the counties and stakeholder groups. The Regional Plan will also identify and evaluate the feasibility of more efficient waste collection and recycling alternatives such as regional transfer stations and recycling facilities. The DEP

Guidelines for the Development and Implementation of County Municipal Waste Management Plan Revisions (Document Number 254-2212-504) will be followed, including documentation of the benefits that will accrue to each county. Please see the attached Scope of Work, which has been reviewed and accepted by each of the participating Counties.

We will contact you soon about scheduling a 901 grant pre-application meeting with Central Office and the participating counties. We understand that the Department will be providing a written determination of substantial plan revision back to the County within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Please contact me or Kevin McJunkin, Environmental Planner, if you need any more information or have any questions about this notice.

Sincerely,

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cc: Bob Aungst, Director, Columbia County Planning Commission  
Betsey Hack, Director, Montour County Planning Commission  
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Gwen Jones, Consultant, Snyder County of Lycoming  
Dale Henry, Recycling Coordinator, Northumberland County  
Steve Tucker, Director, Lycoming County Resource Management Services