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Determination of NonSignificance

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Description of Proposal: Washington state is required by statute to have and revise as necessary a State Solid Waste Management Plan (RCW 70A.205.210). In previous years, Ecology issued a combined State Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan in one document. In this new 2026-2027 update, Ecology will separate solid waste and hazardous waste into two separate plans. This proposal includes the update of the State Solid Waste Management Plan. The State Solid Waste Management Plan supports the state waste hierarchy (RCW 70A.205.005) and prioritizes waste reduction followed by recycling and then safe disposal. This plan outlines goals, objectives, and strategies that will help Washington reduce waste and support the state waste hierarchy.

Location of Proposal: Statewide

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement 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.

The State Solid Waste Management Plan is not a legally binding document. It provides guidance and strategic direction for reducing waste, decreasing waste generation, and properly managing any waste that remains. Successful implementation of the State Solid Waste Management Plan is intended to decrease harmful impacts to human health and the environment. The State Solid Waste Management Plan will not increase discharges to water; emissions to air; production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. The State Solid Waste Management Plan encourages waste reduction, recycling, and safe waste disposal.

This information is available at: https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/plans-policies/washington-state-waste-plans/about-the-plan.

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.

☐ This DNS is issued after using the optional process in WAC **197-11-355**. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

☒ This DNS is issued under WAC **197-11-340**(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Comment period for this DNS corresponds with the comment period for the draft of the State Solid Waste Management Plan. **Comments must be submitted by: November 30, 2026.**

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