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Dear Chair Germuth and Directors:

I am pleased to respond to the submission of the updated Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine (RDKS).

Ministry staff reviewed the updated plan and accompanying documentation. The plan reflects your commitment to waste diversion and environmental protection while providing solid waste management services in a challenging economic environment. I would like to thank you for your commitment to public and First Nations engagement.

Pursuant to Section 24(5) of the *Environmental Management Act*, I hereby approve the waste management plan entitled Regional Solid Waste Management Plan submitted to my ministry on September 17, 2021, with the following requirements:

1. Complete and implement a Conformance Review as described in the Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste, BC 2016 in conjunction with the update of the Design Operations and Closure Plan (DOCP) for each active landfill operated by the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine (RDKS). Copies of the Conformance Reviews must be submitted to the Director with the updated DOCPs for each active landfill.

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2. The RDKS is required to continue engaging with First Nations within the service area during implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

3. The RDKS is required to engage with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, First Nations, and Indigenous Services Canada with regards to municipal solid waste within the Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek and Iskut areas.

I commend the Board and staff of the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine on their success in developing a plan that capitalizes on opportunities to improve how solid waste is managed in the regional district and places a strong emphasis on environmental protection.

Sincerely,



George Heyman  
Minister