

September 24, 2020

Josh Purkiss  
Idaho Department of Lands  
300 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 103  
Boise, ID 83702

**RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Dear Mr. Purkiss:

I am pleased to have been requested to write a Letter of Recommendation for the Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste Landfill. Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) believes the regional landfill will be an asset to the counties that use the facility.

EIPH is responsible for daily operational inspections of landfills in the eight (8) counties in eastern Idaho. The cost of operating and maintaining a landfill is quite expensive and labor costs are high. With the collaborative effort of all the counties that take part in the Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District (EIRSWD), sharing the costs will lessen the burden. This, in turn, will help the EIRSWD to have the funding required to meet all its regulatory requirements.

We believe the EIRSWD is committed to operating a state of the art landfill that will be protective to the environment and safely dispose of the waste generated by the public it serves. In addition, the proposed location (currently state lands) is a desirable location since it is centrally located to the four (4) main counties it will serve.

I am again pleased to write this letter for the EIRSWD. If you should have any questions, please contact me. My direct line is (208) 533-3127.

Sincerely,



Kellye Johnson, REHS  
Environmental Health Administrator

CC: Geri Rackow, EIPH- District Director  
Nathan Taylor, EIPH- EH Supervisor  
Jon Weber, EIRSWD- President  
Pat Brown, Idaho Department of Lands