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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Olympia, WA 98504-5000

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Ms. Kathleen Drew
Office of Financial Management
Governor's Executive Policy Office
P.O. Box 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113

Dear Ms. Drew:

We are pleased to submit the Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) 2008 Annual Progress Report in response to Executive Order 02-03, Sustainable Practices by State Agencies.

Since 2003, we have collected better, more accurate data and set new baselines, engaged in a Resource Conservations Management (RCM) program and more composting programs at our institutions, integrated sustainable design in construction projects, significantly reduced the number of pre-1996 vehicles in our fleet, increased the use of environmentally preferred products, and made strides toward space use efficiency and reducing the use of paper and toxic products.

We are dedicated to improving the quality of life and promoting healthy environments for the communities in which we work and live. We strive to reduce the environmental impact of the Department.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Nancy Deakins at deakink@dshs.wa.gov, or (360) 902-8161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Arnold-Williams".

Robin Arnold-Williams
Secretary

Enclosure

