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Final Volume of Yukon Solid Waste Study Released

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Archie Lang today announced the release of Volume III of the comprehensive Yukon Solid Waste Study.

“I am pleased to release the third and final volume of the comprehensive solid waste study,” Lang said. “The study will inform our decisions on the future of solid waste management in Yukon. We are in the process of reviewing the study, which comes with several recommendations, and we will meet with stakeholders to discuss options.”

Volume III includes a review of current waste management practices, considerations for protecting the environment and health, including an air dispersion modeling study, a cost analysis of existing and proposed practices, a summary of public and stakeholder meetings and a set of 54 recommendations.

In response to the study, the Yukon government is developing an action plan for release in the fall of 2009. The action plan will outline short and long-term solutions for solid waste management in Yukon.

In addition to the establishment of transfer station routes, the study recommends establishing a solid waste working group to serve as a forum to ensure best practices. The study further recommends that Yukon explore the possibility of gasification or waste energy production, and it points to the shared responsibility between households and government for waste reduction, diversion and recycling.

To read the entire report, go to www.community.gov.yk.ca and click on Yukon Solid Waste Review.

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