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**Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste**  
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**Letters of Support**

**Documentation of Support for  
Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal**

**Community donations for the Bitterroot Valley Household Hazardous Waste Event**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
City of Hamilton	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00 (received)
Rapp Family Foundation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00 (received)
GlaxoSmithKline	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00 (pledged)
Bitterroot Chapter Trout Unlimited	\$1,000.00	
Allied Waste Management	\$1,000.00	
The Stock Farm Club	\$500.00	
Donations at HHW Event	\$450.00	
Greenpath Properties	\$250.00	
Private Citizen	\$250.00	
Human Interactive Products	\$250.00	
Bitterroot Board of Realtors	\$250.00	
Top Down Computer Consultants	\$200.00	
Kinetico Water Systems	\$200.00	
The Canyons Athletic Club	\$100.00	
Private Citizen	\$100.00	
Private Citizen	\$25.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,575.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>

**Letters of Support for the Bitterroot Valley Household Hazardous Waste Event**

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December 29, 2008

Mr. Rob Rung, Grants Officer  
Water Quality Planning Bureau  
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RE: 319 Grant Application – Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal Project

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal Project.

This proposed 319 NPS grant project addresses a critical need for hazardous waste disposal in Ravalli County, and informs the public about the need for safe, proper disposal of hazardous waste. Last year's hazardous waste events succeeded in collecting over 48 tons of hazardous material in Ravalli County. It also brought together and relied on a diverse array of citizens for both financial and volunteer support.

Removing and safely disposing of the waste helped protect ground water and surface water; however, more potentially dangerous waste still remains throughout the county. Since few options currently exist to safely dispose of this waste, holding another centralized collection event serves a critical need in Ravalli County.

As local media coverage of past events alerted the public to the topic of hazardous waste disposal, holding another event will build momentum for more permanent and sustainable disposal options within the County.

We strongly urge you to help the Ravalli County Environmental Health Department and the citizens of Ravalli County to protect water quality in the Bitterroot Valley by funding this very worthy project.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Williams  
Executive Director



## *City of Hamilton Annex*

*202 South Third Street  
Hamilton, MT 59840*

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December 10, 2008

Ravalli County Environmental Health Department  
Attn: Lea Jordan  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D  
Hamilton, MT 59840

File #: 2008-189  
Subject: Support Letter for 319 Grant

Dear Lea,

I would like to express our very strong support on behalf of the City of Hamilton for the Section 319 grant to continue the Hazardous and Electronic Waste collection in Ravalli County. Last year's programs were a huge success, and the events should be bigger this year as word gets out to all of the residents. These programs are a tremendous benefit to our drinking water aquifer, especially diverting hazardous wastes from being dumped into storm drains that percolate directly to the groundwater aquifer. These programs are a significant part of our Source Water Protection Program and we will support every effort to keep the collection events going on an annual basis. Thank you for taking the lead on this.

Respectfully yours,

Keith E. Smith  
Director of Public Works  
City of Hamilton





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Rob Rung, Grants Officer  
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December 10, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal Project. As the Board of Health for Ravalli County, we constantly address the issue of potential water quality degradation.

Holding a second, much-needed countywide hazardous waste collection event would address a critical need in our county by eliminating many potentially dangerous chemicals, thereby keeping them out of our ground water. Currently, such an important event is beyond what our cash-strapped county can afford, but it is something we desperately need. This need was demonstrated in May of 2008 when we collected 24 tons of hazardous waste and again in September 2008 when we took in another 24 tons of electronic waste!

With approximately 75 percent of county residents on individual, on-site septic systems, it is crucial that an alternate means of disposal be offered to citizens. Unfortunately, Ravalli County does not have a secure source of funding for an annual event. We believe, by offering the community a few grant-funded events, we can educate the citizens on the importance of generating local funding for water quality protection. Response during our collection events in 2008 was overwhelmingly positive, and we already made great strides in our public outreach efforts.

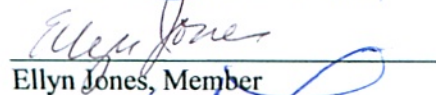
Last year's collection events were a collaborative effort among citizen volunteers, local municipalities, and many community organizations.

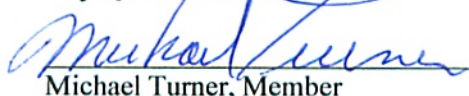
Growth in Ravalli County will continue, and we are under increasing pressure to protect our high-quality natural resources. This project is vital in helping reach that goal.


Sincerely,

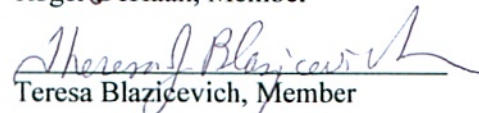
The Ravalli County Board of Health

  
Carlotta Grandstaff, Chairman

  
Ellyn Jones, Member

  
Michael Turner, Member

  
Roger DeHaan, Member

  
Teresa Blazicevich, Member



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Rob Rung, Grants Officer  
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December 23, 2008

Dear Mr. Rung and Committee:

The Board of Commissioners for Ravalli County wholeheartedly supports the proposed Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal Project.

Safe and legal hazardous waste disposal has always been difficult in Ravalli County. For years conscientious citizens had to take their used oil, paints and the like to Missoula for disposal, because our county did not have an organized collection event.

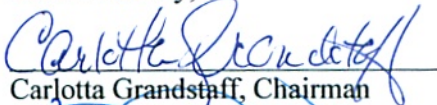
Recent efforts by our county's Environmental Health Department have made the situation much better. People can now take their fluorescent bulbs to Ace Hardware in Hamilton, and Lube Quik accepts used motor oil year-round. But this year's two organized collection events proved that there's a tremendous amount of hazardous material out there that needs to be disposed of properly.

As commissioners, we are looking at ways to fund an annual collection event, but with our current budget, there's no way we can do it this year.

Funding another collection event in 2009 will help protect Ravalli County's air and water and will give us time to develop a long-term strategy for hazardous waste collection.


We urge you to help Lea Jordan, Ravalli County Environmental Health Department and the citizens of Ravalli County in protecting the water quality in the Bitterroot Valley by funding this worthy project.

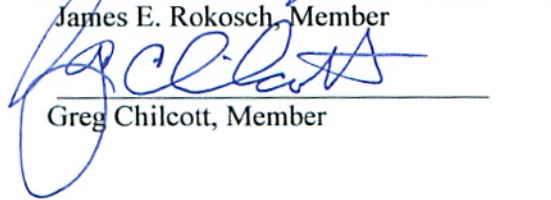
Most Sincerely,

  
Carlotta Grandstaff, Chairman

  
Kathleen Driscoll, Member

- Absent -  
Alan Thompson, Member

  
James E. Rokosch, Member

  
Greg Chilcott, Member





Brian Schweitzer, Governor

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December 22, 2008

Lea Jordan, Director  
Ravalli County Environmental Health  
215 S. 4th Street - Suite D  
Hamilton, MT 59840

RE: Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal Project

Dear Ms Jordan:

I wish to express my support for the above-referenced project. I consider this much needed project to be a good opportunity for the county to work toward developing a long term collection mechanism to help protect water resources in the Bitterroot Valley.

I believe that last year's event and this proposed event will transition community awareness into a better understanding of the source water protection issue. Improved awareness reinforced by the actual opportunity for citizens to participate should result in enhanced public support of future water quality protection in the Bitterroot Valley. This type of on-the-ground education where citizens can actually take an action they believe is helping the environment is what will ultimately provide long term protection of water resources in Montana.

I personally participated in the initial collection event in 2008 in Hamilton. I was impressed by the significant public participation as well as the enthusiasm displayed by staff and volunteers working the event. I believe this broad level of participation is required for continuing water resource protection projects to succeed.

With a successful hazardous waste collection event and a separate e-waste collection event behind you, I am confident that you have compiled the expertise to result in a successful project in 2009. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Meek".

Joe Meek  
Source Water Program



GlaxoSmithKline  
Biologicals

November 19, 2008

Ravalli County Environmental Health Department  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite D  
Hamilton, MT 59840

Lea Jordan, Director

Dear Ms. Jordan,

The Environmental Sub-Committee of the GSK-Bio Community Outreach Program is pleased to grant the Ravalli County Environmental Health Department a \$3,000 contribution for the 2009 Ravalli County Hazardous Waste Collection program. The check request was submitted today and the funds should be distributed to RCEHD in the next few weeks.

We feel the Hazardous Waste Collection program is of critical importance in protecting the environmental safety of our community. We appreciate your department's commitment to organize and administer this program.

Please keep us informed as to the scheduled date of the 2009 hazardous waste collection event. I will do my best to encourage a volunteer presence from GSK-Bio scientific personnel to assist with the event.

Best Regards,

Doug Nation  
Chair of the Environmental Community Outreach Sub-Committee

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# Top-Down Computer Consultants, Inc.

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December 24, 2008

Rob Rung, Grants Officer  
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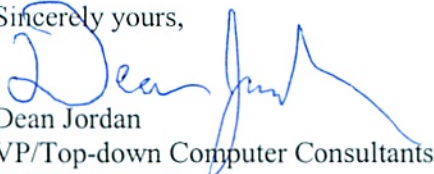
Dear Grant Review Committee:

Top-down Computer Consultants would like express our support of the Bitterroot Valley Hazardous Waste Disposal Project.

Our company actively participated in the electronic waste recycling last year, it was clearly a huge success, and we have heard that the household waste recycling was also very effective in removing tons of contaminants from the county, and therefore potentially from our water supply as well as from waterways downstream. Our company contributed both money and volunteer hours to the electronic recycling effort and are prepared to do so again if another such collection can be organized.

It is clear from the business practices which we observe around the county that there is a strong demand for electronic recycling on an ongoing basis. We would ask you to help the Ravalli County Environmental Health Department by providing funding for additional electronic and liquid recycling events.

Sincerely yours,



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