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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Juniper Ridge Megadump Expansion. I understand that the licensing criteria for this solid waste facility requires BOTH a Public Benefit Determination and a finding that “ the facility will not pollute any water of the State, contaminate the ambient air, constitute a hazard to health and welfare, or create a nuisance” as specified in Title 38, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1-A, Article 3, Section 1310-N It is up to the DEP Maine to prove that contamination cannot occur before it issues a license ( Chapter 400? DEP Maine Solid Waste Management Rules Licensing Criteria)

The waste treatment facility there has a limited life; leaks in such places are possible, even probable. The nearby Penobscot Indian reservation has been guaranteed sustenance fishing rights in the Penobscot River for perpetuity. At this time people who eat more than 2 river fish per month could be exposed to harmful mercury levels ( 2010 Health assessment for Penobscot Indian Nation) This assessment also found levels of dioxins, furans, and PCB’s in the river at levels that pose increased cancer risk. . It is hard to see how the river can improve its water quality or even maintain it at the present (not so healthy ) level given the proximity of this proposed expansion.

Maine at this time depends on tourism, and tourists are drawn by what they see as a pristine environment. We have made some progress with fish population and water quality in our rivers, but clearly there is more to do (see above) The Juniper Ridge Expansion threatens to take us backward rather than forward. The health of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren depends on continuing improvement of water quality and availability. I have heard that we have only about 100 years left of clean water on this planet .

It is my hope that those in charge take a long range view and vote to deny an

expansion that cannot possibly contribute to the health of our waters or air.

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