

September 7, 2018

Dear Dept. of Environmental Connection,

I am writing to express my view that the public benefit of the proposed Crossroads Landfill expansion is less than the public cost of such an expansion. The public cost is significantly greater than the proposed public benefit. I will list some of the reasons I believe this below.

My primary objection to the expansion of the Crossroads landfill involves the waste from out of Maine. I have been informed that 'Special waste' from out of state (non-Maine) comes into the Crossroads Landfill in Maine. There is no information easily accessible that I know of about what this special waste contains or where it originates. Without such information a finding of public benefit cannot be made.

Particles of this waste are and will be contained in the leachate collected from rain runoff and snow melt into the landfill and is and will be discharged into the Kennebec River. I have been informed that the Norridgewock waste treatment facility will not accept this leachate and that this leachate is transported to the treatment plant at SAPPI where it is then discharge into the Kennebec River. If this is correct, it is important for the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection to inform the people near the discharge and downstream of the discharge of this and to get their sense of public benefit of the impact of the water quality of the river from a landfill expansion.

I am of the view that states and other jurisdictions, need to be responsible for their own waste disposal within their geographical boundaries. Maine people should be fully informed of the implications of this so that they can be fully informed when expressing their views on a potential landfill expansion. Otherwise a finding of public benefit is without merit.

Furthermore, taking in out of state waste limits the incentive to innovate and find other ways of mitigating or reducing the generation of such waste. Maine people, and the Maine ecosystem should not be required to bear the burden of the disposal of out of state waste, special or otherwise.

Thank you for considering my views,

Edward Ferreira