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RE: Support for Crossroads Expansion Application

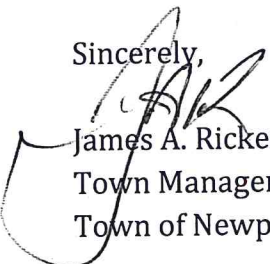
Dear Ms. Butler:

The Town of Newport, ME strongly supports Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine's continued operation of its Crossroads facility in Norridgewock. In particular, we support the recently proposed expansion application of the Crossroads facility.

The Crossroads facility serves a critical role in the management of waste materials for our Town. Specifically, the disposal of municipal solid waste. Over the years the Town of Newport has researched other possible facilities but found none who could meet our needs to the extent Waste Management has. Our Town sees the continued operation of the Crossroads facility as critical to keeping the current costs paid for disposal and recycling services stable. Without the Crossroads facility, we would be forced to ship our waste significant distances because there are no other local disposal options. This would force us to spend more taxpayer dollars for the same service that is currently available locally. The public benefit is clearly exhibited by the ongoing availability the Crossroad facility has provided to our community and many others in Maine. Locally available waste disposal services are an important component to the overall infrastructure of our state and region and the continued operation of the Crossroads facility is fully supported by Town.

The Town of Newport, ME strongly supports WMDSM's expansion of its Crossroads Facility and we urge the DEP to do the same.

Sincerely,



James A. Ricker Sr.
Town Manager
Town of Newport

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