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Ms. Linda J. Butler
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Dear Ms. Butler:

The Sappi Somerset Mill is writing in support of Waste Management Disposal Service of Maine, Inc.'s (WMDSM) application for a public benefit determination for their Phase 14 expansion.

The Somerset Mill utilizes WMDSM's Crossroad facility in Norridgewock for the disposal of our general mill trash. It is important to have a secure solid waste disposal facility close to our operation to keep our solid waste transportation costs down. It is also important to have multiple solid waste landfills in the State to provide competition to keep tipping fees down.

Additionally, the Norridgewock facility recently provided assistance to the Mill during the rebuild of one of our paper machines. During the initial phases of the project, there was a significant amount of demolition work which involved the removal of significant quantities of concrete piers and concrete demolition debris. The demolition work was a 24 hour per day operation. These waste materials had to be removed from the site as soon as they were generated to keep the construction project on schedule. WMDSM worked with the Mill to provide timely transport and disposal services and kept this critical part of the project on schedule.

For the reasons noted above, Sappi believes it is important for our Mill and the State to keep the Crossroad's WMDSM facility in operation beyond 2024 when its existing capacity will be fully utilized.

Please call me at (207) 238-3128 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Griffin
Environmental Manager