

GENERAL DYNAMICS
Bath Iron Works

Andrew S. Bond
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Dear Ms. Butler:

General Dynamics, Bath Iron Works (“BIW”) is writing to provide its strong support for Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine’s (“WMDSM”) application to expand its facility in Norridgewock, Maine.

By way of background, our facility employs roughly 5800 individuals working three shifts to produce surface combatants for the U.S. Navy. For more than twenty years, BIW has partnered WMDSM for its waste disposal needs.

During that time, BIW and WMDSM have worked closely together to evaluate the various types of waste generated at our facility. The result of these evaluations has been an overall reduction in volume of wastes produced by BIW and an increase in the volume of materials recycled by the facility. For example, WMDSM recently designed, instituted and now manages a single-sort and cardboard recycling program for our facility which removes materials once comingled with our landfilled Yard Waste. WMDSM also developed a wood waste recycling program that diverts wood materials from our Yard Waste for use as fuel at a biomass facility. WMDSM also actively assists BIW with diversion of grit produced during its sandblasting process from landfilling. Each of these programs has helped BIW reduce the overall volume of waste generated at its facility, lowering disposal costs and conserving natural resources.

Continued operation of WMDSM’s facility in Norridgewock is critical for BIW. Disposal prices have also been reliable and reasonable and WMDSM has always provided outstanding customer support, even when the volumes and types of our waste have fluctuated. Without WMDSM’s facility, competition within the waste market would contract and BIW would be particularly susceptible to inflated transportation and disposal costs. Inflated waste costs would make BIW less affordable when bidding for new work in a very competitive market. At a time when economic growth and quality jobs are increasingly difficult to create in this State, support for an

existing landfill with a proven track record of community betterment and environmental stewardship seems to clearly provide a public benefit for the citizens and businesses of Maine.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Bond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew Bond
VP, Human Resources

cc: Deb Nadeau
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