

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**  
**Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main Street**  
**6:00 PM**

Public Comments for Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow  
Disposal of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018

- Commissioner Mercer, Eastern Maine Regional Office Director Miller, and additional representatives from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow Disposal of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018.
- My name is Dana Wardwell, and I am the Public Works Director for the City of Bangor. I speak in support of the proposed JRL License Amendment Application under your consideration.
- The City is a member of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC). We are one of the 115 Maine municipalities that will deliver our municipal solid waste to the Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine (Coastal) Hampden Processing Facility once it is fully up and running later this year. When it does, we expect that this new level of recycling and processing of MSW in our region will benefit the State in regards to its the solid waste hierarchy goals.
- During this transition period while the Coastal facility is still under development, an extension of the use of JRL will help the 115 Maine cities and towns including the 30,000 Bangor residents, who committed to send their MSW to the new recycling and processing facility.
- To help maximize the long-term success of the new processing facility, Coastal reached an agreement with Pine Tree Waste (PTW), a subsidiary of Casella, that it will deliver up to 40,000 tons per year of additional MSW to the Hampden Processing Facility that has been delivered to PERC for many years under commercial waste hauler agreements. That agreement is subject

to and conditioned upon the approval of the amendment application before you today.

- I am respectfully requesting that the Department approve the amendment application in a timely manner. Thank you for your time this evening.