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RE: Juniper Ridge Landfill - Proposed Expansion
Application for Solid Waste Management Act and Natural Resources Protection Act Permits DEP
#S-020700-WD-BI-N and #L-024251-TG-C-N
Notice of Opportunity to Intervene in the Proceeding

Dear Abutting Property Owner:

As set forth in my letter of October 22, 2015, the Board of Environmental Protection (Board) voted on September 17, 2015 to assume jurisdiction over, and hold a public hearing on, the applications by State of Maine Bureau of General Services for expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town.

I have enclosed for your information a copy of the *Notice of Opportunity to Intervene in Licensing Proceeding* that will be published in the Bangor Daily News and Kennebec Journal the week of November 16, 2015.

Please note that the deadline in the notice and other requirements for requesting intervenor status do not apply to abutting property owners. State law at 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(3-A) applies to abutting property owners and states:

Automatic abutter intervenor status. An abutting property owner has intervenor status in any public hearing held pursuant to subsection 2 [a new or expanded commercial or state-owned solid waste disposal facility] if the property owner requests it no later than 10 days following public notice of the hearing. Immediately upon the commissioner's receipt of such a request, the intervenor has all rights and responsibilities commensurate with this status. A party granted intervenor status under this subsection is not eligible for intervenor assistance grants or reimbursements pursuant to subsection 4.

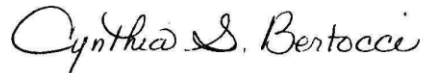
For the purposes of this subsection, "abutting property owner" means an owner of property that is both contiguous to the property on which a facility is proposed and within 1 mile of the location of the proposed facility site, including property directly across a public or private right-of-way.

Although the deadline in the enclosed notice does not apply to abutting property owners, if you know that you want to participate as an intervenor, it would be to your advantage to notify the Board as soon as you make that determination so that you may have notice of, and participate in, pre-hearing conferences; comment on issues to be addressed at the hearing; and have sufficient time to prepare for the hearing. If you want to submit a request to intervene in accordance with 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(3-A), please contact me at the following address and provide me with a daytime telephone number and email address if available: Board of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017 or electronically at: Cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov.

Please note that abutting property owners and other interested persons who only want to submit written comments on the application or testify at the public hearing are not required to file a request or petition to intervene. Written comments may be submitted to the Department at any time prior to the hearing, and the Board will reserve a portion of the public hearing for comment from members of the public.

If you have questions regarding intervention in a licensing proceeding, you may contact me at cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-2452 or Emily Green, Assistant Attorney General, at (207) 626-8868.

Sincerely,



Cynthia S. Bertocci, Executive Analyst
Board of Environmental Protection

cc: Service List
enclosure