VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT DETERMINATION APPLICATION FOR JUNIPER RIDGE LANDFILL

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will hold a virtual public meeting for remote participation only on July 26, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 1310-AA(2). The purpose of the meeting is to provide members of the public who were unable to attend the in-person meeting on July 16, 2024 in Orono, Maine with a remote opportunity to offer comments on the public benefit determination application filed with the Department by the State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services (BGS), as owner of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

In accordance with Maine laws and rules, the Department may not act upon any application to expand a solid waste disposal facility owned by the State prior to January 1, 2007 until the facility has applied for and received a public benefit determination. BGS requests a determination of public benefit for a proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. If approved, the proposed expansion will provide an additional 11.9 million cubic yards and approximately 11.3 years of additional disposal capacity.

The application is available for review at the Department's website:

https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/juniperridge/index.html or through the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management during normal business hours by calling 207-941-4570. A copy of the application may also be viewed at the municipal office in Old Town, Maine. Individuals who would like to provide virtual testimony must register with Ruth Ann Burke, Office of the Commissioner, Maine DEP, at ruth.a.burke@maine.gov prior to July 26, 2024. Written comments may be submitted by US mail to: Karen Knuuti, Department of Environmental Protection, 106 Hogan Road STE 6, Bangor, ME 04401, or by electronic mail to karen.knuuti@maine.gov.