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RE: Maine Bureau of General Services'
Application for public benefit determination for proposed expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue.
My name is Jane Herbert. I DO NOT live in Penobscot County.
I speak to you as a Mainer.

I do not support this proposed expansion since it does NOT provide a public benefit but rather perpetuates environmental injustice.

Over the years this area has been transformed from a receptacle for paper mill waste to a mega dump including the tons of demolition debris from Massachusettes now buried there. The site has brought many of the problems associated with landfills to the area; odors, fires, leaching polutants, heavy truck traffic, and health concerns.

Currently the Juniper Ridge Landfill directly infringes on the right of area residents to be protected from environmental pollution and to live in and enjoy a clean and healthful environment. The proposal for expansion does not change this.
Penobscot County should not be the "final mile" for the bulk of Maine's municipal sludge, household, industrial, demolition and food wastes.

Maine is seen as an environmental leader but this proposal does not push us find solutions to our common global problem. It does serve as an extremely short sighted fix for the ongoing expansion of a "toss and go" culture. Without meaningful measures to promote reduction of waste before it reaches the trash barrel or dumpster Juniper Ridge will never be big enough.

There is no "public benefit" from environmental injustice.

Thank you, Jane Herbert
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