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Attn: Karen Knuuti,

It is my understanding that the deadline for comments on the Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion has been extended to September 27, 2024. As such, I wish to submit my comments opposing the expansion for the following reasons, reasons which have previously been designated from other sources and other individuals which I have incorporated into my comments below and with which I fully agree:

The proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Maine could have a number of negative environmental impacts, including:

Contamination of the Penobscot River: The landfill has already released dangerous chemicals into the Penobscot River, which is sacred to the Penobscot people. The expansion could contaminate the river further.

Air pollution: Residents near the landfill have reported severe air pollution.

Foul odors: Residents have reported persistent foul odors.

Accidental fires: Residents have reported accidental fires that have caused ash to rain down into their yards, causing burning eyes and sore throats.

Toxic leachate: The landfill produces leachate, a liquid that can become toxic and contaminate nearby streams, ponds, and lakes.

Contamination of soil and groundwater: The landfill could contaminate soil and groundwater with heavy materials like lead and mercury.

Replacement of local species: As the landfill fills, some local species could be replaced by other animals that feed on refuse, like rats and crows.

The Penobscot Nation and nearby communities have already been harmed by the landfill, and the expansion could further harm them

The leachate from the landfill is being released into the waters of the Penobscot River and surrounding waters as indicated above and that leachate has been determined to contain PFAS.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
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