

September 12, 2018

Linda J. Butler Licensing and Compliance Specialist, Div. of Technical Services Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: WMDSM Phase 14 Proposed Expansion

Crossroads Landfill, Norridgewock, Maine

Dear Mrs. Butler

I am writing in hopes that Waste Management's Cross Road Facility's expansion passes the Public Benefit Determination process of the expansion application.

Troiano Waste Services is a family owned and operated waste hauling company based in Maine. We offer waste and recycling transportation for many Maine businesses. Our company has been using the Cross Roads facility since the early 1990's. This facility has always been a fair and safe option for our disposal needs. We depend on facilities like Cross Roads to be a safe disposal option for our Maine MSW and CDD customers.

Over the last few years it has been getting increasingly difficult to find capacity for our customer's disposal needs. Not only is capacity being reduced, the need for capacity is getting greater. In the past few years the economy has gotten stronger, causing more disposal needs. While the economy has strengthened we have also suffered from the recycling markets changing due to heavier quality control. This has caused a larger need for capacity in the State of Maine.

Our company believes in the hierarchy of waste and will follow to the best of our ability, but all waste will not be able to be diverted from landfills until we find a better technology. Currently we believe that Cross Roads expansion is in the best interest of the citizens in Maine. Our company believes that facilities like Cross Roads give our state environmentally safe disposal options for both our businesses and residents.

In the past year we hoped there would be new capacity available by alternative solutions, but that has not happened yet. Due to this not happening, our company fears a long term issue if landfills are not expanded or permitted.

Our company believes there will be a better solution someday, but in the meantime, we need still need environmentally sound facilities to accept our customer's CDD and MSW. When Cross Roads runs out of capacity, it will cause major disposal concerns for both the residents and business of Maine.



In closing I ask that you consider Cross Roads as a benefit to the State of Maine, its residents and businesses. If you have any question or would like more information please feel free to contact me by e-mail <u>TJ@TroianoWaste.com</u> or phone 207-767-2070.

Sincerely,

TJ Troiano

Chief Operating Officer

Troiano Waste Services, Inc