Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation

110 Goldthwaite Road Auburn, Maine 04210 (207) 783-8805 Fax (207) 783-9831 www.midmainewaste.com

September 17, 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

Dear Ms. Butler,

I am writing in support of Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine's (Waste Management) application for a public benefit determination for their Phase 14 expansion.

Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp (Mid-Maine Waste) is a small 250 ton/day waste-to-energy facility in Auburn, Maine. We serve our 12 member communities, 15 contracted communities, and numerous private haulers from the surrounding area. Mid-Maine Waste is at or over capacity during the summer months and depends on Norridgewock landfill to handle our excess tonnage as well as OBW/construction debris throughout the year in a cost effective way.

In the winter months the facility relies on Waste Management and other haulers to divert debris, when available, to ensure enough waste to operate at full capacity.

Waste Management has played an important role in Mid-Maine Waste's success over the years by operating our transfer station on site. This service enables the local communities to consolidate their waste in a single location to be transported to the landfill rather than each individual town running their smaller vehicles many miles to the disposal site.

Not only does Waste Management play an important role here at Mid-Maine Waste but also for the entire State of Maine. The question I keep asking is.... where will the waste be disposed if not in Norridgewock? The State has lost one waste-to-energy facility in Biddeford several years ago and that waste has not found a suitable home. Where would all this additional waste end up if not at the environmentally safe and well operated Norridgewock Landfill? I think it is necessary that the Crossroads landfill continue to serve the communities in the State of Maine beyond 2024.

Sincerely

John King

Executive Director

Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp

Reference No.: 03943