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Mark Lyons, Senior Director  
Aries Pine Tree LLC  
4037 Rural Plains Circle, Suite 290  
Franklin, TN 37064  
*Sent via email: email*

RE: Application for a processing facility  
Aries Pine Tree LLC sludge gasification facility  
Cyro Road Lot 4, Sanford, ME 04073

Dear Mr. Lyons,

The above application was received by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) on January 7, 2026, and determined to be complete and accepted for processing on January 27, 2026.

A determination that an application is complete for processing is based on the Department's determination that the application is properly filled out and signed, and information is provided for each of the items included on the form, including evidence that (1) the correct application fee has been paid; (2) sufficient title, right or interest has been demonstrated; and (3) notice, when required, has been provided. The guaranteed processing time for this type of application is 365 days.

The application number assigned is #S-100033. I will be the project manager for the application; any questions, comments, and responses to requests for information concerning the application should be directed to me via the contact information provided below. As stated in my letter dated January 28, 2026, this updated acceptance letter includes the application number assigned to the project. Acceptance of the application as complete for processing is not a review of the sufficiency of the information provided and does not preclude the Department from requesting additional information during the application processing period. Failure to provide in a timely manner information that is necessary for the processing of the application may result in denial of the application.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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