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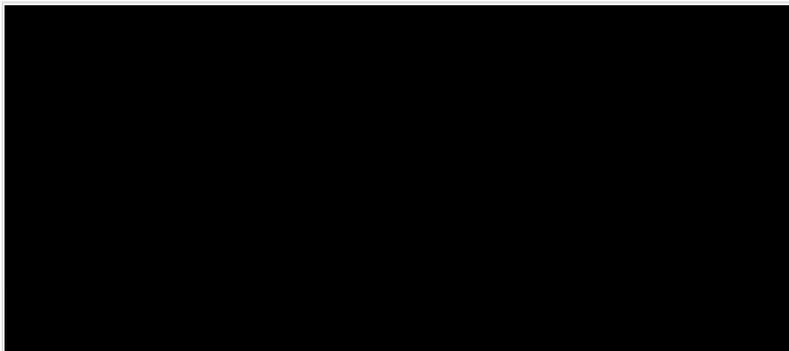
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**From:** penny andrews <pzandrews@yahoo.com>  
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**Please add definitions to the DEP rules around environmental justice** in order to protect communities from pollution and to ensure that they can meaningfully participate in the decision-making process. The Penobscot Nation and working class residents living near the Juniper Ridge Landfill have systematically been excluded from the decision-making process, and experience an undue burden from the impacts of the landfill on their environment and health.

**Please also create an accurate definition of Maine waste, clarifying that it is waste generated within the state of Maine**, not just processed here. Juniper Ridge is a state-owned landfill that is only supposed to receive Maine waste, but because of this loophole, it is estimated that [40% of its waste is from other states](#). As surrounding states have tightened their waste regulations to protect their residents' health, they've started shipping their hazardous, banned waste into Maine. Let's call on Maine to protect our health and stop making us the dumping grounds of the Northeast.



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Don't Waste ME!

Thank you,

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