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The rules need to change!!

Mainers have been yelling at the top of their lungs that the current rules need to change, please listen.

The rules do not protect the environment or people's health, they don't allow for enough engagement from the public, do not take into consideration how people (and animals and plants) near these landfills are impacted and, maybe the most egregious, they have enabled trash to come from outside of Maine into our backyards!

It would be easier to accept a landfill if it is for trash that Mainers produce, it is absolutely unacceptable to have a landfill for trash that people from other states produce. Landfills pollute the groundwater and river system, any trash we leave in a landfill for our grandchildren is disgusting and heartbreaking enough so why make it worse with trash from other states?!

I support the Maine Board Of Environmental Protection (BEP) changing the definition of Maine- generated waste in order to control the disposal of out-of-state waste in Maine's publicly-owned landfills. I encourage the BEP to require the consideration of environmental justice and equal protection when expanding or siting waste facilities in Maine.

Please vote YES to change the rules.

Thank you

Esther Anne, Indian Island