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Hello,

I am emailing you today to submit my written comments on the "Petition to Modify Maine's Solid Waste Management Rules" re: the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

The Juniper Ridge Landfill is a shortsighted solution for processing waste from Maine residents with racist implications. The Landfill has piles and piles of trash sitting atop a watershed, which by itself poses great problems to the health of the environment and the people who are in that territory.

The resulting leachate, which contains organic or inorganic chemicals, heavy metals as well as pathogens, is "processed" in an Old Town mill then dumped into the Penobscot River. The same Penobscot River where the Penobscot people live and thrive. The same Penobscot River that the Penobscot people told that they had no right to control.

We are committing century old acts of oppression and putting Indigenous people in harms way.

We do not want the Penobscot River to be a dumping ground. We do not want Penobscot people to be subject to the the waste from Juniper Ridge Landfill. We want to change the rules to prevent out-of-state generated waste from being dumped in the Penobscot River, further exposing the River and her people to harm.

No more putting profits over the care of earth, water, and people.

No more.
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