

I am writing to voice my grave concern regarding the massively rapid growth of the State of Maine owned Juniper Ridge Landfill, located in Old Town, Maine.

It is bad enough that this sacrificial space set aside to house the waste generated by the state of Maine is currently being filled far before its designated time by the addition of as much as 40% of the total landfilled amount each year from OUT OF STATE WASTE! & now I learn that 115 towns in the central Maine area are sending ALL of their MSW & recycling DIRECTLY to the landfill in DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE MAINE STATE WASTE HEIRARCHY. This recent change is due to incompetent management & poor planning on the part of our magnificent new , STATE OF THE ART recycling facility, which, after more than 2 years has yet to operate anywhere near the capacity it was proposed to operate at, & is now shut down due to the previously sited failures to operate properly.

The majority of the New England states have had the foresight to ban these destructive elements from being landfilled in their own landfills, while Maine still allows this egregious violation of common sense, & our natural world to continue, year after year, after year.

**I AM DISGUSTED AND APPALLED BY THE FACT THAT MY GRANDCHILDRENS CHILDREN WILL HAVE TO BE USING THEIR TAX DOLLARS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES & THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE TOXINS GENERATED BY WASTE FROM AS FAR AWAY AS WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA!**

I am disgusted & appalled by the fact that EVERY TIME a situation arises which would help to slow this horrendous violation of home & environment, the very group who sets to create the regulations which control these actions chooses not to act in benefit to the natural world, or the people of Maine, but , instead chooses to act to protect the ability of out of state industry to rape & pillage our world in order to assure fat profits for their industrial overlords.

The proposed changes to the chapter 400 regulations do a good job of slowing this disgusting practice, & should be adopted with NO modification what so ever.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue which will hold sway over the environmental health of our world for centuries to come.

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