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Board of Environmental Protection

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Re: Comment on Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules

Dear BEP Members:

I call on you to close the current loophole that plagues Maine's landfills. This loophole allows out-of-state waste to be processed in Maine. That processing step creates the impression that same has been generated in our state. Please put an end to the acceptance of out-of-state waste at our landfills. Waste from other states harms the health of our land, surrounding waterways, and the health of area inhabitants.

I suggest to you that accurate documentation of which entities have created this waste stream needs to occur so that such offenders can be held liable for testing and subsequent cleaning of the landfills and abutting areas, public water supplies, and private wells that may have been impacted. Medical testing/screening, including blood work and medical histories of area inhabitants may be warranted based on the results of tests performed at landfills to determine hazardous substances found therein. Testing and research to be ongoing and accomplished at the expense of the guilty entity.

Please do not ignore the health and well-being of our Maine citizens living and working in communities where landfills are located and downstream of affected waterways. Please vote to close the offending loophole. And, put in place the necessary steps to begin testing and follow-up of anyone who may have been affected by this egregious act.

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