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To the DEP:

I am board president of a non-profit -The Penobscot River Paddling Trail- which is establishing a string of campsites for paddlers, +/- every 10 miles from Medway to Bucksport. For our purposes, and for the humans and non-humans that inhabit the Penobscot valley, the cleaner the river the better.

As I understand it, the Juniper Ridge Landfill is a major point source of pollution in the form of leachate into the river. As I understand it, most of the waste that ends up in the Juniper Ridge Landfill did not originate within the state. And as I understand it, the original intent of chapter 400, now changed, was to confine Maine landfills to waste that had originally been discarded in Maine. I urge you to return to that definition. Let us keep Maine's waters clean. Let us not have Maine be the garbage dump of Massachusetts.

Thank you,
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