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Greetings,

I oppose Waste Management's application for a new 48.6 acre landfill expansion at Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock, ME. Since I live in a nearby town, I drive by this facility frequently and know that expansion is not sensible. All landfills leak and release dangerous contaminants into the environment. Much of the waste (e.g., incinerator ash, asbestos containing waste, utility poles, construction and demolition debris) is banned from disposal in neighboring states like Massachusetts. I am very concerned about their burying waste containing contaminants like PFAS, especially since the Department approved the expansion with only one liner and minimal leak protection measures. This expansion is a ticking-time-bomb of pollution. If the leachate leaks out of the landfill, it may impact groundwater affecting nearby drinking wells as well as impacting the Kennebec River, which is less than a mile away.

Although my primary concern is about land and water contamination, I fear that allowing Crossroad to build a new landfill will de incentivize environmentally responsible waste management practices like reduction, reuse, recycling, or composting. The more capacity available for landfilling, the more likely it is that waste will be buried. This is not acceptable.

In conclusion, I urge the DEP to take stronger action to protect our communities and environment by supporting the appeal of this dangerous expansion.

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"The price is high. The reward is great." Maya Angelou

VOTE YES to REJECT the CMP CORRIDOR in November.