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Dear Deputy Director Eleftheriou:

I am writing to you to request that your department extend the comment period being offered to members of the public relative to your April 23, 2021 conditional approval of the application by Waste Management to construct a 48+ acre landfill at the company's Crossroads facility in Norridgewock. It is my understanding that this new landfill would be approximately 1/2 mile east of Waste Management's current Crossroads landfill, and located significantly closer to the Town Water supply and within 3000 feet of the Kennebec River. This should not be something that is rushed, as it is obviously a sensitive issue for many in the community.

Maine law is clear that in order to license a landfill expansion, the DEP must find that the facility will provide a **substantial** Public benefit, and determine that the landfill operations **will not** pollute any water of the state, contaminate the ambient air, create a nuisance, or constitute a hazard to health or welfare. I believe the public comment period on the draft decision needs to be extended to allow adequate participation by people in impacted communities.

The public needs more time to evaluate the WM landfill expansion application to determine if it provides adequate information to demonstrate that the proposed waste facility will not pollute groundwater, contaminate ambient air, create a nuisance, or constitute a hazard to health or welfare.

While I do not reside in Maine, I have many associates and friends who do and I know that they are just as concerned about solid waste matters there as we are here in New Hampshire. We do only have one Earth to sustain us, you know? We need to be more mindful of how we will leave it for the future generations to follow. They, too, deserve to have clean air and water. Please do the right thing and extend the comment period.

Thank You!

Jon Swan

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*Do not allow this proposed development to scar the beautiful landscape of the North Country for generations to come*