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Ms. Victoria Eleftheriou
Deputy Director
Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management

Dear Ms. Eleftheriou:

On Friday, April 23, 2021 the Department of Environmental Protection Licensing Division published a draft license approval with conditions of the application from Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. to construct a 7.75 million cubic yard landfill at the Crossroads facility in Norridgewock, with a 5-day public comment period.

It is unreasonable to expect that the public who are impacted by an approval for this 48 acre landfill, can do a complete review of this application and be prepared to offer argument in their interest given the barriers to participation in the October public hearing process. It is my understanding that the public hearing had little and obscure publicity, and that, as environmental justice becomes a legitimate and necessary tool with which to make such a decision, the impacted population of a landfill should also have the necessary tools and resources to respond.

The population most impacted by this "special waste" landfill are mostly elderly with limited access to the technology that would have given them a public voice. The DEP has historically extended a 5-day response period, and should do so in this circumstance. This landfill is surrounded by water; the license application does not address how the surrounding waters will be protected from contamination in cases of major storms and floods - or how this landfill serves the best interest of the people in Maine given it's safety plans are inadequate, as acknowledged by the DEP.

I am writing today to ask to please extend the public comment period to accommodate the public's right and need to be meaningfully engaged in the process. Such a proposed undertaking by Waste Management Disposal Services, Inc. demands that the public be fully involved to ensure requirements pertaining to the public's rights are considered and met; and that public health impacts are fully considered and honored by the Department's decision.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely.
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