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Victoria,

I am reaching out to you with concerns I have as a resident of Norridgewock. I live less than a ¼ mile from Waste Management's main entrance and have for the last 11 years. In these 11 years, there have been many times that I have been frustrated by the amount of waste that is left roadside as the large trucks come and go. Last year on earth day alone, I collected five full-sized bags of garbage from my driveway to the main entrance, less than 1.4 a mile away. I am aware that Waste Management does send out employees to clear roadside (and I am grateful) but this only covers roadside and does not mean that trash 10 feet into a field or marshland has been cleaned.

I still have bags hanging in the trees along the road now.

With an increase in the size of the landfill and the number of trucks entering, what will this mean for our local land and the rate of pollution left scattered in our trees, fields, and ponds? What is this doing to the marsh wetlands and water tables that surround the entrance to WM?

Another concern, In just the last 3 years there have been fires that I have personally witnessed blowing thick black smoke into the field on just the other side of the road. This black smoke blows and if there is a fire we can smell it clearly. Of course, I don't need to mention the concern for the possible fumes that we are inhaling when this does occur. With a larger site will these fires happen more often? Will there be a plan in place to notify residents when toxic fumes are being released into the air?

I would also like to discuss the increasing foul odor that currently comes from the Landfill. Early mornings and days with low cloud cover or heavy humidity seem to be when it is strongest, although you can notice it most any day the wind blows if you are outside long enough. With the size increase will we also be unable to enjoy time outside without a foul smell surrounding our neighborhood?

I shouldn't have to mention that I am concerned that a larger landfill would also drop the current land values for those near Waste Management.

I would hope that these and my neighbors' concerns are being taken into strong consideration when looking into expanding Waste Management's already large footprint.

Please reach out to me if you should have any questions, I appreciate your time.

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