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My name is Laurence Coe and I am writing in opposition to the DEP's recent Approval with Conditions for Waste Management license application [#S-010735-WD-YB-N](#), and Waste Management Inc.'s application to expand Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock.

I was deeply concerned to hear that the DEP has drafted an approval for WMI's expansion, which would threaten the drinking supply, air quality, and general health of so many living in the Kennebec region, as well as aquatic life downstream from Norridgewock. According to Maine law, to qualify for a license for landfill expansion an entity must demonstrate that the proposed facility and its operations will provide substantial public benefit, and will not pollute any water of the state, contaminate the air, create a nuisance, or constitute a hazard to health or welfare. WM's application does not provide adequate information to demonstrate that the proposed facility meets those criteria. In fact, it is my understanding that in all likelihood the proposed expansion would have devastating effects on water quality and be a hazard to the health and welfare of both the area's citizens and ecology.

Approving WMI's expansion would create new capacity in Maine for out-of-state waste, which is already far too dangerous and toxic for other states to accept. Many of the waste materials that would be allowed at the new landfill are currently banned from deposition in other northeast states and provinces where they originate. Why is Maine volunteering our beautiful rivers and landscapes as dumping grounds?

At a time when restoration of the Kennebec River is critical to saving Wild Atlantic Salmon from extinction in North America, the DEP needs to do EVERYTHING in its power to protect this watershed. Adding major landfill capacity with no enforceable limits on growth will only serve to make it more profitable for more affluent northeast communities to dump in Maine landfills instead of managing their own wastes.

For the foregoing reasons and more, I strongly oppose expansion of the Crossroads Landfill. I do not believe the DEP has done sufficient environmental impact evaluation of this expansion, nor allowed enough time for public input. Please, for the future of Maine citizens, waterways, and Native species, do not approve WMI's expansion.

Sincerely,
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