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Dear Victoria Eleftheriou

I am commenting on DEP Draft Decision of Approval with Conditions of WMDSM license application #S-010735-WD-YB-N.

I am deeply concerned about DEP's consideration of expanding the Norridgewock Landfill. To me this screams of corporate overreach for profit, over what is best for the land and people of Maine.

I believe it can be shown, there is not adequate evidence that Waste Management's new landfill would be able to meet these licensing criteria. Due to the lack of evidence of compliance with licensing criteria, Waste Management's license application should be denied.

I know what Waste Management Inc. is arguing with all of their lemmings: that this will bring jobs and money to locals and Maine. Maybe this is true but to expand would be incredibly shortsighted and with little actual gains for locals. Maybe a few jobs will be gained (although this is suspect because in the past corporations have mobilized rural communities hungry for jobs to support them with very few actual jobs or gains for these communities). We people are NOT what corporate actors care about or what's really at stake here. This is about money to be made by trashing Maine's environment and a particularly important place to indigenous people. Please, please protect the environment and the groundwater and the Kennebec river.

Thank you for considering my voice in your review.

Sincerely,
Ashley Bahlkow