STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



James W. Parker, Chair

Cynthia S. Bertocci Executive Analyst

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September 12, 2016

RE: Juniper Ridge Landfill - Proposed Expansion

Application for Solid Waste Management Act and Natural Resources Protection Act

Permits DEP #S-020700-WD-BI-N and #L-024251-TG-C-N

Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Intervene in the Proceeding

Dear Abutting Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that the Board of Environmental Protection (Board) is holding a public hearing on the applications by State of Maine Bureau of General Services for a proposed 9.35 million cubic yard expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill located in Old Town and Alton. The hearing will be held at the Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main Street, Bangor on October 18 and 19, 2016. I have enclosed a copy of the hearing notice for your information. The notice will be published in the weekend edition of the Bangor Daily News for September 17 and 18, 2016.

As an abutting property owner, you may request intervenor status in the proceeding if you do so within 10 days of the publication of the hearing notice, in this case by September 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Intervenors have the right to present evidence and to cross-examine the witnesses of the applicant and the other intervenors. Maine law at 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(3-A) states:

Automatic abutter intervenor status. An abutting property owner has intervenor status in any public hearing held pursuant to subsection 2 [a new or expanded commercial or state-owned solid waste disposal facility] if the property owner requests it no later than 10 days following public notice of the hearing. Immediately upon the commissioner's receipt of such a request, the intervenor has all rights and responsibilities commensurate with this status. A party granted intervenor status under this subsection is not eligible for intervenor assistance grants or reimbursements pursuant to subsection 4.

For the purposes of this subsection, "abutting property owner" means an owner of property that is both contiguous to the property on which a facility is proposed and within 1 mile of the location of the proposed facility site, including property directly across a public or private right-of-way.

<u>If you want to become an intervenor</u>, please contact me by September 27, 2016 at (207) 287-2452 or at the following address and provide me with a daytime telephone number and email address if available: Board of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017 or electronically at: <u>Cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov</u>.

Please note that you do not need to become an intervenor in order to comment on the application.

- You may comment at the hearing during the evening session on Tuesday, October 18th beginning at 6:00 pm.
- You may also submit written comments at any time prior to the hearing to:
 Department of Environmental Protection, Attn: Kathy Tarbuck, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017 or by electronic mail to:
 <u>Kathy.tarbuck@maine.gov</u>.

If you have questions about intervention or the hearing, please contact me at cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-2452. You may also contact Mary Sauer, Assistant Attorney General, at (207) 626-8879.

Sincerely,

Cynthia S. Bertocci, Executive Analyst Board of Environmental Protection

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cc: Service List

enclosure: Hearing Notice