

10/14/08

Commissioner David Littell
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Dear Commissioner Littell and Mr. Parker,

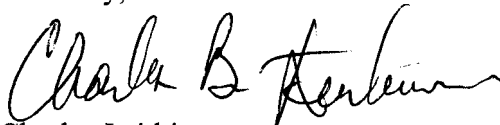
I am writing in regard to the proposed minor amendment to the license for the operation of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in West Old Town, ME, Waste Order [REDACTED]

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During the numerous public meetings concerning the West Old Town Landfill, now Juniper Ridge, residents of Maine were assured that no out-of-state waste could be deposited at Juniper Ridge. It then became clear that residue from the processing of construction and demolition debris for fuel use, regardless of the origin of the debris, could come to Juniper Ridge only if the resulting fuel was used at the mill in Old Town. Now this "minor" revision would allow up to 20,000 tons annually of CDD residue, regardless of origin and regardless of destination. This would be coming from a CDD processing facility located in Westbrook, ME – a facility that is not yet built, much less operating. If this revision is granted, there will be no legal basis for denying other CDD processing facilities the same disposal privileges. The JRL Operating Services Agreement would also be out of compliance with Old Town's Host Community Agreement. These minor amendments must be stopped once and for all, in order that the State-owned resource, Juniper Ridge, is truly used for its publicly-stated purpose: a landfill for disposal of waste generated by and within the state of Maine.

I am requesting a public hearing regarding this license change. If a hearing is not possible, or if you determine that this proposal involves public policy (which is not under the realm of the DEP), I request that jurisdiction of this matter be turned over to the Maine Board of Environmental Protection.

Sincerely,



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