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James W. Parker, Chair
Board of Environmental Protection
c/o Ruth Ann Burke
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RE: Juniper Ridge Landfill DEP Order S-020700-WD-BL-A

Dear Mr. Parker

I am writing in hopes that you will re-evaluate the decision made earlier this year on the MSW permit for Juniper Ridge Landfill. I believe that the time restriction should be removed, or set to at least 5 years from now as well as an increase to the capacity cap of MSW waste accepted. Juniper Ridge has been a vital part in the disposal for MSW for many years.

Troiano Waste Services is a family owned and operated waste hauling company based in Maine. We offer waste and recycling transportation for many Maine businesses. We depend on facilities like Juniper Ridge to be a safe disposal option for our Maine MSW customers. Over the last few years it has been getting increasingly difficult to find capacity for our customer's disposal needs. In the last year we have had the a few issues that have made our company worried about capacity issues in the State of Maine. We have been told by ECOMaine that they do not need our waste from outside of their owner communities, the Brunswick Landfill has a plan to close in the next 3 years, and with PERC's changes they do not have as much capacity as in the past.

Not only is capacity being reduced, the need for capacity is getting greater. In the past few years the economy has gotten stronger, causing more disposal needs. While the economy has strengthened we have also suffered from the recycling markets changing due to heavier quality control. This has caused a larger need for capacity in the State of Maine.

If Juniper Ridge's MSW capacity is taken off line as, well as the above capacity issues our company is already facing, how can our State be sure that there will be a safe facility to dispose our communities MSW.

Our company believes in the hierarchy of waste and will follow to the best of our ability, but all waste will not be able to be diverted from landfills until we find a better technology. Currently, we are asking for your help to keep our state environmentally safe and allow Juniper Ridge to accept our states MSW. We as a company are fearing stranded MSW. The State-Owned Landfill was supposed to protect our Maine Residents and Business from ever having the fear of no place to get rid of their waste.



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In the past year we hoped there would be new capacity available by alternative solutions, but that has not happened yet. Due to this not happening, it has only hurt our State by having an MSW tonnage cap at Juniper Ridge of 81,800. We all hope that facilities higher up on the hierarchy open and can help us reduce the need of MSW capacity at Juniper Ridge. Until these facilities open we as a State still need the capacity that Juniper Ridge could offer it permitted.

Our company believes there will be a better solution someday, but in the meantime, we need an environmentally sound facility to bring our customers MSW. When we take Juniper Ridge's MSW capacity offline it only hurts the people who live in the state of Maine. Most of us hope a better technology is found soon, but until then we still need enough disposal capacity to take care of our States residents and business.

In closing I ask that you consider changing the permit for Juniper Ridge to accept MSW without a per year volume and without a time expiration. Juniper Ridge already has a total capacity limit and we as a State should let that capacity be used with either MSW or CDD as needed by the state residents and business.

Thank you for reviewing this decision. If you have any question or would like more information please feel free to contact me by e-mail TJ@TroianoWaste.com or phone 207-767-2070.

Sincerely,

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