



JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF

STATE OF MAINE, DEPARTMENT OF	) APPLICATION FOR JUNIPER RIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL	) LANDFILL EXPANSION LICENSE
SERVICES,	) MAINE HAZARDOUS WASTE, SEPTAGE
ALTON, OLD TOWN,	) AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT
PENOBSCOT COUNTY	) PUBLIC HEARING
# HQH-D4D1-RJBBR	) FOURTH PROCEDURAL ORDER

On August 20, 2026, the Presiding Officer issued the Third Procedural Order for the Application for Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) Expansion License Public Hearing, which set various deadlines for filing documents and tentatively scheduled a date of the public hearing. On August 20, 2026, the Penobscot Nation, through its representatives, as well as other intervenors requested that the deadlines set forth in Third Procedural Order be amended and that the State of Maine, Bureau of General Services (BGS) and NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC (NEWSME) be required to submit additional information to supplement their application.

On August 28, 2026, NEWSME, through its representative, provided its response in opposition to the Intervenor's request in which NEWSME stated that BGS and NEWSME will not be seeking to license a PFAS treatment plant at JRL. They also stated that "[a]lthough the project is still under consideration and subject to change, NEWSME currently plans to install the PFAS treatment system at the nearby Pine Tree Landfill in Hampden, subject to obtaining all required approvals and agreements."

On August 31, 2026, the Penobscot Nation requested an opportunity to respond to NEWSME's August 28, 2026, response. The Presiding Officer granted the Penobscot Nation's request and provided until September 4, 2026, for intervenors to respond to the limited issue of NEWSME's proposal, specifically to BGS and NEWSME's plan to treat leachate for PFAS at a treatment plant located offsite.

On September 3, 2026, the Penobscot Nation submitted its response in which it requested modification of the Third Procedural Order, arguing that the application must be supplemented and amended, with additional notice requirements, based on BGS and NEWSME's response that it intended to treat leachate at an offsite location as part of a separate licensing application.

On August 31, 2026, Department of Environmental Protection (Department) staff, Vera Maheu, requested clarification and additional information from BGS and NEWSME, specifically requesting the following:

1. The selected location of the PFAS treatment system.
2. A brief description of the process by which leachate will be conveyed to the PFAS treatment system.
3. A brief description of the process by which PFAS treated leachate will be transported to a licensed wastewater treatment plant for further treatment and disposal.

4. If the PFAS treatment system will not be located at the Juniper Ridge Landfill, then updated drawings (without the proposed location of the PFAS treatment system) must be provided for clarity.
5. An updated PFAS treatment system implementation schedule.

Given the Department's August 31, 2026, request for more information from NEWSME, the Presiding Officer hereby suspends the deadlines and schedules set forth in the Third Procedural Order relating to filings and the holding of the Public Hearing until such time as the Department determines that BGS and NEWSME have submitted information sufficient to process the application.

DONE AND DATED AT BANGOR, MAINE THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

By:
/s/ Ronald Mongeon
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Appendix A

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Filings with Presiding Officer must be submitted to Ronald Mongeon by 5:00 p.m. on the due date.

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