



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, OLDTOWN, PENOBSCOT)	AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT
COUNTY)	PUBLIC HEARING
# HQH-D4D1-RJBBR)	FIRST PROCEDURAL ORDER

This First Procedural Order (Order) sets forth the Presiding Officer’s acceptance of applications with respect to Intervenor and the Administrative Record, provides notice of new project manager/Department contact and clarifies expectations regarding ex-parte conversations.

1. On December 9, 2025, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) accepted as complete for processing an application by the State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services (“DAFS”) for a solid waste license for a proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. The application shall be referenced as #HQH-D4D1-RJBBR. The project will take place in Alton and Old Town, in Penobscot County, Maine.
2. Pursuant to *Public and Local Participation*, 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(2), *Maine Administrative Procedure Act*, 5 M.R.S. §§ 9051-A to 9052 and Department rules, including *Rules Governing the Conduct of Licensing Hearings*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 3 (“Chapter 3”), the Commissioner will hold a public hearing on the license application. The Commissioner designated Ronald Mongeon, an employee of the Department, as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of carrying out the hearing on the application.

PETITIONS FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

3. On May 5, 2026, the Presiding Officer issued a Notice setting May 22, 2026, as the deadline to submit Petitions for Leave to Intervene in this licensing matter.
4. The Department received 5 Petitions for Leave to Intervene.
 - a. Daisy Goodman
 - i. 14 Howard St, Old Town, ME 04468
 - ii. daisyjgoodman@gmail.com

- b. Edward S. Spencer
 - i. P.O. Box 12, Stillwater, ME 04489
 - ii. cjkspencer@gmail.com
 - c. Penobscot Bay Waterkeeper
 - i. Peter Nichols, Representative
 - ii. P.O. Box 113, Belfast, ME 04915
 - iii. pete@penbaywaterkeeper.org
 - d. The Penobscot Nation
 - i. Chief Kirk E. Francis, Nora Bosworth, Esq., Conservation Law Foundation
 - ii. 53 Exchange Street, Suite 200, Portland, ME 04101
 - iii. nbosworth@clf.org
 - e. Maine Rivers
 - i. Charles Owen Verrill, Jr., President
 - ii. P.O. Box 782, Yarmouth, ME 04096
 - iii. charlesverrill@gmail.com
5. On September 16, 2025, the Department received a request for automatic intervenor status in this matter from the City of Old Town. Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(3), the City of Old Town requested intervenor status as a municipality in which the facility would be located and thus automatically received intervenor status in this matter prior to the Department's determination to hold a public hearing. Intervenor status granted under 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(3) applies to any proceeding related to a license application under 38 M.R.S. § 1310-N or § 1310-AA.

- a. City of Old Town
 - i. Joseph C. Siviski, Esq.
 - ii. P. O. Box 426, Portland, ME 04112
 - iii. jsiviski@perkinsthompson.com

6. As the applicant in this matter, the State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, is automatically a party to this matter. The following is the contact information for the applicant:
 - a. State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services
 - i. Lane Gould, Landfill Manager

Department of Administrative and Financial Services
 - ii. 77 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333
 - iii. Lane.gould@maine.gov

7. Prior to making a final decision on the Petitions for Leave to Intervene, the Department will review any objections made by the applicant related to the 5 persons applying for intervenor status, as well as any responses to those objections. The schedule for objections and responses relating to the Petitions for Leave to Intervene are due as follows:
 - a. The **applicant** has until Tuesday, **June 18th, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.** to submit any objection to the Department and all other parties/petitioners regarding the Petitions for Leave to Intervene.

 - b. Those **persons filing Petitions for Leave to Intervene** shall have until Friday, **June 25th at 5:00 P.M.** to submit any response to the Department and all other parties/petitioners regarding any objections raised by the applicant.

If an objection or a response to an objection, as described in paragraphs 7(a) and 7(b) of this Order, is filed electronically with the Department, a signed identical paper version must subsequently be timely mailed to the Department at its Bangor mailing address and received by the Department by **June 30th, 2026**. Objections or responses must be provided to all other parties and petitioners for

intervention, which may be provided to all other parties via electronic mail or US mail at the addresses listed in this order.

8. The Department must allow any person to intervene upon a showing that they are or may be “substantially and directly affected by the proceeding, or any other agency of federal, state or local government.” 5 M.R.S. § 9054(1). The Department has discretion to allow any other interested person to intervene as a full or limited party. 5 M.R.S. § 9054(2).
9. The Presiding Officer may require consolidation of presentation of evidence and argument by Intervenors on one or more issues and may otherwise limit participation by Intervenors as deemed appropriate for an orderly hearing. 5 M.R.S. § 9054(4).
10. The Intervenors shall attend all conferences and the public hearing. All parties, including Intervenors, are expected to comply with deadlines and filing requirements established by the Presiding Officer. Failure to comply may result in appropriate sanctions, including the rejection of argument, evidence or testimony the party seeks to offer. All participants in the hearings are expected to conduct themselves professionally, both in their dealings with the Department and with each other, throughout the proceedings. If a party is unable to conduct themselves professionally, the Presiding Officer reserves the right to take any appropriate action, including excluding the individual from further participation in these proceedings.

NEW PROJECT MANAGER/DEPARTMENT CONTACT

11. The new Project Manager for the license application and this public hearing and Department contact has changed and from this point forward will be Vera Maheu, (207) 451-2294, Vera.A.Maheu@maine.gov.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD (if applicable)

12. The Administrative Record will be maintained at the Department’s Augusta Office and available for public review. An electronic copy of the application can be found on the Department’s website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/juniperridge/>. Requests to examine the

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licensing file may be directed to Vera Maheu, Project Manager, at Vera.A.Maheu@maine.gov, or at (207) 451-2294.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

13. Parties and their representatives may not communicate directly or indirectly with the Presiding Officer or the Commissioner about any issue of fact, law or procedure in this matter, except with notice to all parties and the opportunity for all parties to participate. Parties and their representatives may direct any questions they may have to Vera Maheu, Project Manager, Vera.A.Maheu@maine.gov or to Assistant Attorney General Valerie A. Wright, Valerie.A.Wright@maine.gov, counsel to the DEP in this matter.

Dated: June 10, 2026

Ronald Mongeon

/s/ Ronald Mongeon