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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

February 2, 2026

Via Electronic Mail

Lane Gould
Bureau of General Services
77 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Request to Pause Processing of JRL Phase II Expansion Application (HQH-D4D1-RJBBR)

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) received the attached Order of the Penobscot County Superior Court dated January 7, 2026, in the pending appeal (PENSC-APP-2024-00014) of the Juniper Ridge Landfill Phase II Expansion Public Benefit Determination. The Order remands the Public Benefit Determination back to the Department to make further findings of fact within 75 days of the issuance of the order, which falls on March 23, 2026.

The Commissioner may stop the processing time of an application with the consent of the applicant under certain circumstances.

The Department is requesting your consent to place the Juniper Ridge Landfill Phase II Expansion Application on hold until the Public Benefit Determination is reissued.

If you consent to place the application on hold, I will follow up with additional information regarding the status of the Juniper Ridge Landfill Phase II Expansion Application no later than March 23, 2026.

Please sign and return the next page to indicate your consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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SIGNATURE PAGE

- I, the undersigned, consent to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's request to place the Juniper Ridge Landfill Phase II Expansion Application on hold for an amount of time not to exceed March 23, 2026.
- I, the undersigned, do not consent to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's request to place the Juniper Ridge Landfill Phase II Expansion Application on hold for an amount of time not to exceed March 23, 2026.

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Applicant Signature

2/13/2026

Date