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Maine DEP, Belfast Planning Board, Governor Mills and Dorian Cole :

I am a homeowner in Northport and respect and value the beauty and natural environment of Penobscot Bay, the Little River, the reservoir, forest and trails. And I especially believe that we should make every effort to keep our water clean.

With this too-large proposed project the forest will be cut and taken away, along with the habitat that many lives depend on. The soil will be taken away, thousands of truckloads. The carbon storing forest, wildlife habitat and trails and recovering bay will be replaced with enormous fish tanks, eight 67' smokestacks, effluent pipes that discharge waste water (that is warmer than the water) 24 hours/day everyday of the year.

This project in its destruction, years of construction and associated noise, traffic, pollution and potential for malfunction is a terrible idea. It is a project that will affect every town on the bay and those towns are not being included in this decision making process. It will affect all of the lives who make this area their home.

Instead of this facility that will benefit a large corporation from another country we should be allowed to keep our small town landscape, and local small fisheries that provide healthy seafood from clean healthy waters. I would propose removing the 2 Little River dams so that the water runs free and the native salmon and many other fish that are part of the natural system will be able to make a full recovery and provide food for the inhabitants, summer residents and visitors; food that doesn't need to use huge quantities of fossil fuels to be 'grown' and then distributed; food that will not have such a negative impact on the environment. Already this project has deeply divided the people of Waldo County and beyond.

There are so many more reasons for which I oppose this project, but I sincerely hope that you will look at this in a way that allows for our way of life and for the continuing lives of all the species around and in Little River and Penobscot Bay. Please do not allow this outsized and already outmoded project to happen.

Respectfully,  
Katenia Keller