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RE: Public Comments for Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow Disposal of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018

Dear Ms. Tarbuck,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow Disposal of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018.

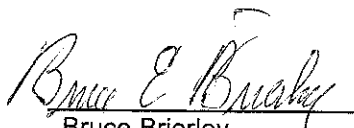
On behalf of the Town of Searsmont, I am urging the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to approve the above referenced amendment application. Doing so would help further the Municipal Review Committee, Inc.'s (MRC) mission of ensuring the affordable and environmental sound disposal of MSW in the long-term.


Searsmont is one of the 115 towns that is excited about delivering our municipal solid waste (MSW) to Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine (CRM) Hampden Processing Facility as it will help increase our recycling rate, which has hovered around 20% in the past few years. When Fiberight is fully online, more of our MSW will be processed and thus diverted from a landfill, in accordance with Maine's Solid Waste Hierarchy. Navigating through the MSW landscape in our region is not easy and we have full trust in the MRC as they oversee the implementation of a next generation processing and recycling facility in Maine.

In order for the CRM/Fiberight facility to be fully successful, and in turn for MRC Joining Members like Searsmont to receive the full financial benefits of the project, Pine Tree Waste has agreed to deliver at least 40,000 tons per year of commercial MSW to new processing facility. However, this agreement is subject and conditioned to the approval of JRL's amendment application.

Given the importance to the success of the CRM project to Searsmont and all of MRC member communities, we are respectfully requesting that the Department approves the amendment application in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

  
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