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Kathy Tarbuck, P.E.

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Dear Ms. Tarbuck,

I attended a portion of the public hearing in Bangor on February 28 in regards to the solid waste license amendment to eliminate the deadline for depositing Municipal Solid Waste at the JRL facility.

Although someone may have later, while I was at the hearing no one brought up the issue of climate change and extreme weather events, and how they might impact JRL. Although Maine has thus far been spared the worst of such events, we have not been totally immune. The media has shown us terrible images of completely inundated communities over the last few years.

I can't help but think of the JRL facility, situated between two major tributaries of the Penobscot River, surrounded by bogs, and just a short distance from the Stillwater River. What would happen to the containment plans if and when we experience extreme weather events in this area? What plans has the JRL facility made for such contingencies? What would adding even more untreated MSW to the mix mean for the Penobscot River watershed in such a scenario?

Sincerely,



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