

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVENE IN LICENSING PROCEEDING

JUNIPER RIDGE LANDFILL / APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION Old Town, Penobscot County, Maine

The Board of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of the opportunity to intervene in the licensing proceeding and public hearing on the applications by State of Maine Bureau of General Services for a 9.35 million cubic yard expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. The expansion proposal would ultimately extend the solid waste footprint of the landfill by about 54 acres, to 122 acres in total. The proposed expansion also involves an additional 20 acres of infrastructure (including roads, sedimentation ponds, scales, and buildings), and the relocation of the perimeter fence and electrical line. The expansion proposal would result in the filling of 2.04 acres of freshwater wetlands and clearing in 0.10 acres of freshwater wetland.

Applications DEP #S-020700-WD-BI-N and #L-024251-TG-C-N were filed pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act (38 M.R.S. § 1301 through § 1310-AA) and the Natural Resources Protection Act (38 M.R.S. § 480-A through § 480-FF); the Department's Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters 06-096 CMR 2; the Wetlands and Waterbodies Protection Rules 06-096 CMR 310; the Solid Waste Management Rules 06-096 CMR 400, 401 and 405; and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344). The combined application, which consists of five volumes, is available for review on line at www.maine.gov/dep under *Major Projects before DEP*. The Board of Environmental Protection assumed licensing jurisdiction over the applications on September 17, 2015 pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 341-D(2).

Notice of the hearing date, time and location will be published at a later time in accordance with requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and Department regulations.

At this time any individual, partnership, corporation, government entity, association, or public or private organization that wants to participate as a party to the proceeding, as opposed to simply offering testimony at the hearing as a member of the general public, may file a petition for leave to intervene pursuant to the Department's Rules Governing the Conduct of Licensing Hearings 06-096 CMR 3 section 11. A petition must include: identification of the petitioner; a description of the effect of the proposed activity on the petitioner; specific contentions regarding the subject matter of the hearing and the relevant statutory criteria; the name of the spokesperson for the petitioner; and a statement regarding the ability of the petitioner to participate in the proceeding. If the petitioner is a group or organization, the petition shall include a general description of the purpose and membership of the group or organization. The Board may, at its discretion, allow other petitioners to intervene as a full or limited party to the proceeding.

The Board will review and rule on all petitions for intervention. The Board may require petitioners to consolidate or join their appearances in whole or in part if their interests or contentions are substantially similar and such consolidation would not prejudice the rights of any party. A person who does not intervene may still participate in the hearing by offering oral testimony and/or written comments at the hearing.

Petitions for leave to intervene in this proceeding must be RECEIVED by the Board of Environmental Protection no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Petitions should be addressed to: James W. Parker, Chair, Board of Environmental Protection, c/o Ruth Ann Burke, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333. Petitions may also be submitted electronically at Ruth.a.burke@maine.gov or by fax at (207) 287-2814; however, such submittals must be followed by filing of a signed paper copy within five (5) working days.

Questions regarding petitions to intervene may be directed to Cynthia Bertocci, the Board's Executive Analyst, at Cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-2452.

James W. Parker, Chair
Board of Environmental Protection