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To: Commissioner Mercer, Eastern Maine Regional Office Director Miller, and additional representatives from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

From: Ralph T. Soucier, Millinocket Public Works Director, and MRC Board Member

Subject: Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow Disposal of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018

Date: February 28, 2018

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.

My Town has been a member of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) since the 1990's. As one of the 115 Maine municipalities that have plans to deliver our municipal solid waste to the Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine (CRM) Hampden Processing Facility, I strongly encourage the DEP to approve this license application.

The CRM processing Facility provides for all Eastern and Central Maine communities to achieve a higher level of diversion of MSW from landfill disposal. The Town of Millinocket is excited about the recovery of materials that will be recycled and used for other purposes.

The Town of Millinocket and other MRC Members have benefited from the guidance of the MRC Board and staff in navigating the solid waste landscape in our region over the last few decades.

The Town of Millinocket is willing to work together to find better solutions for long term and environmentally sound disposal of MSW by supporting the development of a new solid waste processing facility in Hampden, Maine. Back in 2009 the Town and Penobscot County Unorganized Territory had reached an agreement with the Town to use our Transfer Site Facility, and eliminate the dumpsters that were placed on the woods roads to collect MSW from the Unorganized Territory Residents. This resulted in a cleaner environment, and we since then included Piscataquis Counties MSW as well.

Giving the importance to the success of the CRM project to the 115 MRC member communities, I am respectfully requesting that the Department approves the amendment application in a timely manner. Doing so will undoubtedly support the opportunity for CRM to succeed in the long-term.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph T. Soucier

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