

PUBLIC MEETING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT DETERMINATION APPLICATION FOR JUNIPER RIDGE LANDFILL

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will hold a public meeting on July 16, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Wells Conference Center, located at the University of Maine, 131 Munson Road, Orono, Maine, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 1310-AA(2). There will be an opportunity for the public to attend virtually; however, this option is available for viewing purposes only. The link to view the meeting virtually will be posted on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/juniperridge/index.html> at least five days prior to the meeting date. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to offer comments on the public benefit determination application filed with the Department by the State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services (BGS), as owner of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

In accordance with Maine laws and rules, the Department may not act upon any application to expand a solid waste disposal facility owned by the State prior to January 1, 2007 until the facility has applied for and received a public benefit determination. BGS requests a determination of public benefit for a proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. If approved, the proposed expansion will provide an additional 11.9 million cubic yards and approximately 11.3 years of additional disposal capacity.

The application is available for review at the Department's website: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/juniperridge/index.html> or through the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management during normal business hours by calling 941-4570. A copy of the application may also be viewed at the municipal office in Old Town, Maine. Oral and/or written comments may be submitted to the Department at the meeting for those attending in person. For persons not attending in person, written comments may be submitted by US mail to: Karen Knuuti, Department of Environmental Protection, 106 Hogan Road STE 6, Bangor, ME 04401, or by electronic mail to karen.knuuti@maine.gov.