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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

IN RE INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PROPOSED
EXPANSION OF THE CROSSROADS LANDFILL, PHASE 14,
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISPOSAL SERVICES OF MAINE, INC.

Public Meeting At The Mill Stream Elementary School

MODERATOR: KEVIN MARTIN, DEP

Reported by Robin J. Dostie, a Notary Public and
court reporter in and for the State of Maine, on
August 30, 2018, at the Mill Stream Elementary
School, 26 Mercer Road, Norridgewock, Maine,
commencing at 6:00 p.m.

DEP STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

- DAVID BURNS
- VICTORIA ELEFThERIOU
- KATHY TARBUCK
- TIM MACMILLAN

1 is to inform the public of the proposed project and
2 provide the public an opportunity to offer comments
3 on the public benefit determination application filed
4 with the Department by Waste Management Disposal
5 Services as owner and operator of the Crossroads
6 Landfill.

7 Expanding a landfill requires a two-step
8 process, specifically requiring a public benefit
9 determination application followed by an expansion
10 application as appropriate. Tonight, we are
11 discussing the first step only, the public benefit
12 determination application. In order to reach step
13 two, involving the actual expansion application, the
14 Commissioner must make a positive determination of
15 substantial public benefit. Only if a positive
16 determination of substantial public benefit is made
17 will the Department accept the proposed expansion
18 application for processing. Phase 14 is being
19 planned to provide an additional 7 million cubic
20 yards and approximately 15 years of disposal
21 capacity. A summary of the requirements for a public
22 benefit determination is provided in the handout.

23 So to summarize tonight's agenda following
24 my opening remarks the applicant will present a 10 to
25 15 minute overview of the application. After that,

1 we'll hear comments from the public. Each person
2 will be called up one at a time. We do have a
3 sign-in sheet, so if anybody has not signed in and
4 would like to speak there is still a sign-in sheet.
5 A time limit will be set for each speaker based on
6 the number of speakers and then closing remarks will
7 follow the last speaker.

8 So I'll discuss the ground rules for how
9 this is going to work. We request that those who
10 wish to speak please sign-up, like I said. Comments
11 should be focused on the issues related to the public
12 benefit determination application. We are not here
13 to take comments on a future expansion application
14 and related design or location issues. Those
15 comments relate to the second step in the process,
16 which we are not -- we're not there yet tonight. We
17 would specifically welcome comments on this
18 application as it relates to Maine's solid waste
19 hierarchy and the State Waste Management and
20 Recycling Plan and how the expansion fits into the
21 capacity needs over the next 3, 5 and 10 years. To
22 assist you in commenting on these aspects of the
23 application, we have provided a handout that includes
24 some language relevant to this proceeding. Generally
25 speaking, for the solid waste hierarchy it is helpful

1 for us to hear from you whether or not you think the
2 Phase 14 public benefit determination application has
3 been necessary information and shows that the
4 applicant meets the goal of reducing, reusing,
5 recycling, composting or processing of waste prior to
6 landfilling. For the State Waste Management and
7 Recycling Plan, it is helpful for us to hear from you
8 whether or not you think the submitted application is
9 consistent with the four goals outlined in the plan
10 which include: Encouraging development of the new
11 infrastructure for the separation and the utilization
12 of organics, including composting and technologies
13 such as anaerobic digestion; encouraging increased
14 beneficial use and recycling of materials, including
15 ways to provide incentives and remove unnecessary
16 barriers; providing tools and assistance to
17 municipalities and businesses to support waste
18 reduction and diversion efforts; continuing to refine
19 information sources and systems to assess progress
20 toward statewide reduction and recycling goals and to
21 evaluate the effectiveness of programs and
22 strategies.

23 We will only be receiving comments during
24 this meeting. The meeting is not an opportunity for
25 back and forth discussion or cross-examination of

1 others. A reminder to please be respectful and
2 courteous. The meeting is being recorded and will be
3 transcribed. Once transcribed, the notes will be
4 available on the Department's website. We request
5 that you speak clearly into the microphone. We also
6 request that when you step up to the mic that you
7 please introduce yourself and state any affiliation
8 if you have one. Please limit your comments to three
9 or four minutes or less to ensure that all
10 participants have an opportunity to speak. If you
11 have written comments and you're not able to get
12 through them if you're trying to read through them,
13 we do accept written comments so you can submit those
14 to our Department staff here.

15 At this time, I'd like to call up the Waste
16 Management's representative, they would like to begin
17 their presentation.

18 SCOTT LUETTICH: Thank you, Kevin. Can
19 everyone hear me?

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

21 SCOTT LUETTICH: I will try to speak as
22 directly into the microphone as possible. I was
23 asked to provide an overview presentation. When we
24 say the word Phase 14, it's important for everyone to
25 understand the basis of what that means. Before I

1 start, I'd like to just point out the people in
2 attendance here representing Waste Management are
3 Jeff McGown and Sherwood McKenney. Both have worked
4 at the site for more than 25 years and are local
5 residents. Juliet Browne is an attorney from Verrill
6 Dana who really has spearheaded and will continually
7 spearhead a lot of the regulatory and permitting
8 aspects of the work. And my name is Scott Luetlich,
9 I'm a landfill designer and have worked at the site.
10 I work for Geosyntec in Augusta. And I've worked
11 with the site being essentially the lead engineer on
12 the landfill disposal unit there since 1992. So the
13 collective history of the project teams is -- has a
14 lot of longevity to it and we're residents in the
15 area, so we have a vested interest in making sure
16 this project goes forward in a way that's protective
17 of the environment.

18 This is a map of the Crossroads Facility.
19 And just for bearings -- I wonder if I could have a
20 laser pointer. Excuse me just one moment. For
21 everyone's bearings, this is Route 2 right here.
22 From Route 2 is the site entrance right off of Route
23 2. Probably many of you in the room are more
24 familiar with the transfer station that's off of
25 Airport Road, but either way waste comes in through

1 that site entrance and then is weighed on a scale
2 house, which is fairly soon after you enter the site,
3 and currently goes to what's known as Phase 8, which
4 is the active disposal cell at the site.

5 Phase 8 was permitted in 2002 by this same
6 group of professionals and so -- but since 2002, it
7 is filling up and so it's time to start the process
8 of finding and permitting and designing another
9 disposal unit, which is known as Phase 14 on this
10 part of the property.

11 One of the important things to know about
12 how this benefits the public is to know how it's
13 protective of the environment and of human health.
14 Modern day landfills are no longer what maybe some of
15 us remember as kids as the town dump. And, in fact,
16 modern day landfills if before -- this is a
17 conceptual cross-section, so it's like you're looking
18 at the side of the landfill. Before any waste goes
19 into this area the first thing we do is design and
20 construct a very robust liner system that goes in and
21 it's constructed below where the waste will go. So
22 if we take kind of a close-up view of where that
23 green circle is what we have is a multi-layered
24 system consisting first of a thick compacted clay
25 layer. Over that is what's called a geosynthetic

1 clay liner, which is a type of clay called bentonite.
2 It swells up and forms a very important sealing
3 property for liner systems. Above that is a
4 membrane, a high-density polyethylene geomembrane.
5 Those three components form essentially a triple
6 redundancy layer against leakage from a landfill to
7 contain any liquid that's in the landfill. And
8 liquid does have something called leachate and it
9 does happen in landfills because during the time of
10 disposal it rains and snow melts, so it's impossible
11 to keep liquid from entering into the waste. So as a
12 result one of the most important parts of the design
13 is to put drainage layers over that liner system so
14 that liquid can be readily removed so it doesn't
15 buildup on the liner. So this five layered system is
16 what we call the liner leachate collection system and
17 this layered system has been used in Maine and
18 throughout the United States now for three decades or
19 more as the way to contain waste and has proven to be
20 a highly reliable system.

21 So this is the liner system I was speaking
22 of. This is where we remove that liquid from in a
23 pump -- using a pump. And another very important
24 part of waste containment is associated with gas, so
25 there is liquid containment and there is also gas

1 containment, and that's kind of a two-tiered process.
2 The first one is to every day to install cover
3 material over the waste to seal in the gas and then
4 the other one is to put in what are called gas
5 collection wells. And these are perforated pipes
6 about 6 or 8 inches in diameter that are sunk into
7 the waste, many of them in each landfill cell, and
8 there is a vacuum that is applied to those pipes, so
9 essentially what we're doing is sucking the gas out
10 of the waste. And for Phase 14 that gas will be run
11 in a pipeline to an existing gas energy power plant
12 that's at the site. That power plant takes the gas,
13 sends it through a series of instruments and controls
14 and into engines that then generate electricity. The
15 amount of generation -- the electricity generated at
16 the landfill each year is about 21 million kilowatts.
17 Now, that's -- that's a number that not many of us,
18 including myself, really can get ahold of, however,
19 just in equivalent terms an important aspect of Waste
20 Management, the company, is they're committed not
21 only to protecting the environment and those of us
22 that are here right now, but also future generations.
23 And by burning -- by taking the gas out of the
24 landfill and generating waste -- I'm sorry, energy
25 from it, we generate the equivalent of about

1 three-quarters of a million gallons of oil that would
2 have to be burned otherwise to generate that much
3 electricity every year. So what we're essentially
4 doing is allowing our future generations to have that
5 fossil fuel for their use in energy consumption by
6 this gassed energy power plant at the facility.

7 Well, as you can imagine, this whole process
8 is -- takes a long time to go through and design and
9 permit and in our actions with the MaineDEP and the
10 public it's a -- it's a multi-year process. And the
11 general time line for Phase 14 will involve, first of
12 all, last year and this year environmental studies on
13 the portion of the property that the Phase 14 will be
14 located. The second part, and that's occurring this
15 year, is, well, the MaineDEP accepted what is called
16 the Preliminary Information Report, which
17 demonstrated that the site met certain criteria
18 associated with the landfill. We're in the middle
19 right now in 2018 of the public benefit
20 determination, that's the purpose of this meeting,
21 and later this year Waste Management will be in
22 discussions with the town about the Host Community
23 Agreement. Next year, 2019-2020, the next two years
24 will be in a much -- essentially what Kevin described
25 as the second stage and that is the application

1 licensing part of the project. 2021 will be a
2 detailed design for the very first cell of Phase 14,
3 termed Phase 14A. 2022 and 2023, that will be the
4 years that Phase 14A is constructed such that it can
5 be open in 2024, which will allow Phase 8 to be
6 closed and a final cover system to be put on
7 immediately thereafter.

8 So with this, what I'd like to do is turn
9 the microphone over to Jeff McGown to speak a little
10 bit more about some of the community aspects.

11 JEFF MCGOWN: Thank you, Scott. We have
12 before you now a map of the solid waste disposal
13 facilities in the State of Maine. In Northern Maine
14 we have a couple of landfills. As we move further
15 south we have waste facilities in the Bangor region,
16 we have an incinerator and a new proposed facility
17 called Fiberight that will process trash and produce
18 a biogas. Waste Management is in the dark green. We
19 service presently the town of Norridgewock and eight
20 other communities that are back gate transfer
21 stations. In addition to that service approximately
22 52 other communities ranging from north to Jackman to
23 west to Rumford/Mexico down to Belgrade and then to
24 the mid-coast and up to Newport and that's primarily
25 the service area that we have. We manage commercial

1 and industrial waste statewide. We have large
2 agreements with people like Bath Iron Works. We
3 service the Sugarloaf Mountain Corp, the entire
4 mountain. Another major client, Sappi Fine Paper
5 here locally and many others in between. In the
6 State of Maine we employ approximately 60 employees.
7 Here in Norridgewock we have 17 for the landfill and
8 13 on the hauling side.

9 The types of waste that we accept at our
10 facility are MSW, which is municipal solid waste,
11 that's the day-to-day household trash that we all
12 produce. We take about a little over 24 percent of
13 that at our facility. Next to that we take CDD or
14 construction and demolition debris and that is from
15 demolition projects at homes, businesses, what have
16 you. Next, we take special waste material, which is
17 material which requires special approval with the
18 State of Maine, that could be incinerator ash,
19 publicly-owned treatment sludges and contaminated
20 soils. And lastly, you'll see an item there called
21 ADC, which is alternate daily cover. As Scott said,
22 in his presentation each day we put on a daily cover
23 product. We're able to permit different waste
24 streams with the help of the State of Maine to seek
25 their approval and use a waste stream like auto tread

1 or residue or some certain type of pellets products
2 that we have and use that rather than continue to
3 mine soils in the community and use that.

4 Lastly -- well, not quite lastly, Scott
5 spoke to the -- or Kevin spoke to the waste
6 hierarchy. Back in the late '80s the State of Maine
7 established a waste hierarchy that said that we will
8 do our best to get to 50 percent by reducing,
9 reusing, recycling, composting waste to energy and
10 then lastly landfill. Some of the things that we're
11 propose to do with the upcoming expansion are to
12 providing a need for textile diversion from
13 landfills. There seems to be an abundance right now
14 or a concern with people managing textiles, clothing
15 and what have you and we feel we have the means
16 assist with that. We're proposing with this program
17 to provide a hazardous waste material collection
18 program for this region on an annual basis. There is
19 a need and presently there is no opportunity for
20 people that have chemicals that they don't know what
21 to do with and we would hire a third party to come in
22 and manage that for a day we think once a year.
23 We're looking to expand our battery diversion program
24 whether it be batteries from some of the cordless
25 tools we have, phones and what have you. We

1 presently have the only licensed tire processing
2 facility in the State of Maine located at our site
3 with a company named DBS, so in working with them we
4 continue to provide beneficial tire reuse. They take
5 tires and grind them and produce a what's called TDF,
6 tire derived fuel, and it's presently burned in two
7 pulp and paper facilities in Maine as a high BTU
8 fuel. And then we will continue to expand on our
9 single sort recycling programs with our communities.
10 Another one we're excited about is we'd like to have
11 a community composting program for the folks here in
12 Norridgewock. We're working with a gentleman from
13 the MaineDEP to assist us in a small design facility
14 where you can bring food waste into a new back gate
15 transfer station and then be able to some day take
16 home composting material. The back gate transfer
17 station as we have it today for those that have been
18 using it, I've been here 26 years now, we probably
19 outgrew it the day I started here but we're proposing
20 to put in a new facility that will make it much
21 easier to recycle and incorporate some programs that
22 we now only offer once a month on a regular basis.

23 Some of the benefits to Phase 14, it does
24 provide a -- fill a critical role in managing waste
25 in Maine. Landfills are still very necessary even

1 though we have processing facilities at the end, they
2 generate residuals that we will need to landfill.
3 Scott talked about the fossil fuels and our gas, this
4 allows us to continue taking waste. We have
5 partnerships with some waste energy plants and we're
6 hoping to partner with the new Fiberight facility
7 whereby we send them waste products at times during
8 the off-season typically from just before Christmas
9 to spring when they need trash and when tourism is
10 down in Maine trash actually falls off. A lot of
11 people don't believe that, but we find that there is
12 significantly less trash during that period and we
13 assist them presently and it allows us to continue
14 servicing the people of Norridgewock.

15 And I wanted to go a little past that for
16 everyone. Just so you're aware, the last time we did
17 this we negotiated a host community agreement and we
18 participated in the Solid Waste Management fund for
19 the material that goes in the landfill. This year it
20 -- or last year, it amounted to a little over
21 \$600,000 and we expect it to be similar or higher
22 this year. The last time we provided the town
23 \$125,000 for assistance with the sand and salt shed;
24 \$30,000 for the fire department for thermal imaging.
25 We pay the town \$6,500 a year for maintenance on the

1 any side one way or the other, but I'm here to say
2 that Waste Management has donated money to the Maine
3 Antique Tractor Club and I never -- I don't hear much
4 about their donations and I saw the notice in the
5 paper the other day of this hearing, so. About three
6 years ago we were building a coliseum on our land in
7 Norridgewock, which is down 139 by Wentworth Country
8 Diner or Holly & Doug's. And I spoke with Jeff, I
9 didn't know, the gentleman before, I asked if he
10 could do a donation and he said, well, it will take a
11 while, I have to go to the corporate office and I
12 think we can -- we can do something, I like what you
13 guys are doing down there, so they gave us a very
14 generous donation on that, which is very nice.

15 Last May or so as our club is getting bigger
16 there is 350 members in the State of Maine
17 approximately. As our club was getting bigger we had
18 to make an expansion of the clubhouse and one of our
19 goals was we needed to have a bathroom. So I saw --
20 and we were doing a \$4,000 fundraising project on
21 that and I mentioned it to Jeff to see if he could
22 donate some money and Waste Management donated some
23 money and he wanted to know how much we needed, I
24 said, probably around 3 or \$4,000 and I told him we
25 got some prices from Gagnon and if you were a

1 contractor we would get 30 percent off and, he said,
2 I think we can do something. And I said, well, good,
3 what do you mean by do something? And he said, I
4 think we can put it in for you. We have two area
5 contractors we do business with and we'd be more than
6 happy to do that for you, so.

7 I only say this because I never hear
8 anything about the donations that they do and I'm
9 quite sure they keep track of it and we're not the
10 only ones that they donate to, so I appreciate that.

11 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, John. Heather
12 Johnson.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Heather Johnson.) So I
14 guess I have a similar story to Mr. Hilton. I know
15 this is a really difficult discussion when you think
16 about trying to expand landfills, but I'm the former
17 executive director of Somerset Economic Development,
18 so I had the opportunity to work with Jeff and with
19 the Waste Management team a considerable amount over
20 that couple of years. And kind of to the sorry you
21 just heard, any time we needed a project done, a
22 building taken down, waste removed from a building
23 that needed to be taken down, we could always call
24 Waste Management and count on their support, so I
25 just wanted to make sure that that message got out

1 there because I think, as Mr. Hilton said, it's a
2 fairly quiet group. They don't necessarily do a lot
3 of PR work around some of that support and certainly
4 from an economic development perspective I think they
5 contribute a lot to this area.

6 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Jeff Lloyd.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. My name is Jeff
8 Lloyd. I own and operate Merle Lloyd and Sons in
9 Anson, Maine. I'm not here because of my public
10 speaking skills either. I had the privilege of
11 working as a subcontractor and material provider for
12 Waste Management and we saw a pretty detailed
13 explanation of the technology that goes into
14 landfills and without implementing those technologies
15 they don't amount to much and I just want to go on
16 record as saying based on everything I've done,
17 everything I've observed, everybody has to tow the
18 mark. There is no compromise with safety, the
19 environment or in resource protection. We do have
20 some challenges as Jeff indicated, but we work though
21 them all of the time bearing in mind those three
22 things don't get compromised on. No shortcuts.

23 Waste Management is a good corporate
24 citizen. I won't go into all of the details. I
25 think the people that spoke before me did a really

1 good job of that. I would encourage everybody,
2 however, to take a look at the determination of
3 public benefit application on the DEP website,
4 specifically go to Section 1.6, which is titled
5 Project Benefit to Host Community and Region. I
6 found it very enlightening and I think you will too.
7 Thank you.

8 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Jeff. Jamie Ledger.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. I'm Jamie Ledger from
10 Ledger & Daughters Construction. My husband Dana and
11 I have worked with Waste Management for over a decade
12 and the facility here in town is one of the safest
13 and well-managed we have ever seen. Each day you can
14 see everyone at this facility, including ourselves,
15 working hard to keep it that way. Not only have I
16 seen this company take pride in their facility, they
17 also support and sponsor numerous programs in our
18 community including sponsoring our local youth each
19 year for the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine Youth
20 Lifetime License Program in which my nephew Dillon
21 was a recent recipient. My family and I have great
22 respect for this company and look forward to working
23 with them for years to come. Thank you.

24 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Lucas Crovert.
25 Crovet.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. My name is Lucas
2 Govert. I work with the 7 Lakes Alliance. We're
3 actually a partner of the Waste Management Company.
4 We've been working on regional conservation issues
5 and things such as that. In fact, we just did a huge
6 alum treatment to help East Pond to stop algae
7 blooms. But we actually, myself and a few others
8 live over at the Baker Farmhouse, which is managed by
9 Waste Management and we wouldn't be able to stay
10 there and work with the company and keep assisting
11 environmental aid projects such as conservation
12 mapping and remediation and surveying of the lakes if
13 it weren't for the free living situation that's
14 provided to us. As a just graduated college student
15 there is no way we could stay in the Belgrade region,
16 so I just thank you for that.

17 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. I think one is
18 Casey, last name begins with an N or M.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Casey Morgan.
20 I moved here in '98 and been in this town for about
21 20 years. I've been involved with the youth of this
22 town for three years as the baseball/softball
23 director, several years, probably six now, with the
24 local Boy Scouts and Waste Management has always been
25 there to help us out with the local baseball/softball

1 program. When we needed extra things to happen and
2 the town couldn't provide for Waste Management
3 stepped up to the plate and made sure it happened.
4 One spring they actually went out and plowed their
5 baseball field off because the spring was going to be
6 late and the kids weren't going to get a chance to
7 play. They plowed that field off so the sun would
8 dry it out so they could play. They've led a lot of
9 conservation projects for my Boy Scouts. If the boys
10 need conservation hours, we know where to go find
11 them. And they've come to us and offered programs
12 and plans for us and we've been more than grateful
13 for that. Thank you.

14 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Gage Morgan.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi, everybody. My name is
16 Gage Morgan. I'm an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop
17 485 located near us in Skowhegan. I'm a sophomore at
18 Skowhegan Area High School and in my experiences with
19 Waste Management, which primarily are those that are
20 Boy Scout related, they've been very gracious.

21 In Boy Scouts, one of the most noteworthy
22 requirements to achieve the Eagle Scout rank is a
23 project that benefits the community. In seventh
24 grade one of my teachers had expressed the desire for
25 a greenhouse to store plants and tools in and to do

1 science experiments that are rather messy. It was a
2 substantial project and one of the most glaring
3 aspects of it was the fundraising I had to do to
4 support it, the cost of the building was primarily
5 paid for by Waste Management. The building now
6 complete sits 100 feet from Route 201 and is used by
7 the entire middle school.

8 In other experiences, my Scout Troop has
9 done merit badge work such as orienteering on Waste
10 Management's property. One of the requirements is
11 for a scout to set a 2,000 meter course for other
12 boys to complete. Waste Management was gracious
13 enough to let our scouts use their land to accomplish
14 this task. The vast majority of our scouts have been
15 able to do merit badge work on Waste Management's
16 land, which is very helpful to us so certain
17 conservation projects like putting out wood duck
18 boxes can be completed locally.

19 Three years ago my Scout Troop participated
20 in a cleanup for Landowner Appreciation Day. We
21 brought 26 pick-up loads of trash from the Martin
22 Stream Road to Waste Management that day. When they
23 saw how well we had done they asked what we needed
24 for equipment to go camping. Our response was tents.
25 They bought our troop three L.L. Bean four man tents

1 for our future excursions. The tents have
2 accompanied our troop on every camp out since.

3 I personally would like to thank Waste
4 Management and on behalf of my Scout Troop for all of
5 their assistance in our journeys. I look forward to
6 their continued support for our scouts, present and
7 future. Thank you.

8 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Casey (sic). Ruth
9 Keister.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. Waste Management is
11 really a good neighbor, does a lot for the town, but
12 my question -- and this is a question, it's not a
13 comment. How long will the 51 acre addition to the
14 dump last? How long will that -- before you need to
15 expand again?

16 JEFF MCGOWN: We estimate that it will go 15
17 years past 2024.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Ruth Keister.) Thank
19 you.

20 JEFF MCGOWN: You're welcome.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Ruth Keister.) And is
22 that all going to be recyclable things that you're
23 putting in there --

24 MR. MARTIN: Ruth.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Ruth Keister.) -- or is

1 it --

2 MR. MARTIN: Ruth, just a reminder that this
3 is not an opportunity for questions or back and
4 forth, it is for comments.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Ruth Keister.) Okay.
6 Well, thank you. Thank you for answering that
7 question.

8 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Ruth. Gloria
9 Frederick.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Gloria Frederick.) I'm
11 still in the thought process, can I speak at a later
12 time?

13 MR. MARTIN: Sorry, I couldn't hear you.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Gloria Frederick.) I'm
15 still in the thought process of what I'm going to
16 say, can I speak at a later time?

17 MR. MARTIN: Sure. I'll move you towards
18 the end. Matthew Moore.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I am Matthew Moore. I
20 represent the Pine Tree Counsel Boy Scouts of America
21 and a lot of my personal service area covers a good
22 chunk of central Maine and I just want to say a
23 couple words on Waste Management's behalf because of
24 their support of us. I think that that's another --
25 a bunch of other folks do the same, so I will try not

1 to duplicate too much. There were a couple comments
2 on public speaking, the last time I was in this gym I
3 was wearing a scout uniform singing a song to Cub
4 Scouts, I won't do that for you tonight, so. But
5 representing a charitable organization, a community
6 minded organization from -- and I represent areas
7 from Rockland all the way up to Jackman, you know,
8 more and more valuable are those companies that are
9 giving back to the community. You know, it wasn't
10 like what it was 20 or 30 years ago when you have --
11 every community would have a whole slew of businesses
12 that you could count on them not only were they
13 doing, you know, economic development, hiring local
14 people and giving charitably to those communities,
15 but you don't see as many of them today. Every time
16 I see a CEO changeover or a company change hands, we
17 kind of take a little -- we kind of have to catch our
18 breath and hope that that company is able to stay
19 supportive. Well, Waste Management has done those
20 three things.

21 And just to talk on behalf of the scouts, in
22 addition to support for the local troop and for Eagle
23 Scout projects they're a very valuable partner. When
24 we reopened Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade five years ago
25 and Casey was there to help get it running, but we

1 relied heavily -- we weren't able to go out and get
2 tons and tons of major corporate gifts, we had to
3 rely on a lot of local companies to rebuild our camp
4 for us and they gave us materials to rebuild --
5 actually build a new road so we could divert traffic
6 to other camp -- other properties that we didn't own
7 in the same area, local neighbors, so that we could
8 divert cars away from the program that are coming in
9 to camp to keep our kids safe. They were very
10 valuable and making sure that -- helping us reduce
11 our cost on recycling and trash dumpsters and giving
12 us values and giving discounts on that and supporting
13 us financially and with materials and support. So
14 thank you very much and good luck.

15 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Todd Pineo.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. I'm Todd Pineo and I
17 am a member actually of the Norridgewock Fire
18 Department and have been for 23 years. I am not here
19 speaking to you on behalf of that. I'm speaking to
20 you as a resident of town. I'm also a member of the
21 Board of Trustees for the Norridgewock Water District
22 and also interested in this process and I've been
23 that for 19 years, but I'm not talking to you as a
24 representative of that board either, just as a
25 resident.

1 Jeff talked earlier about the benefit that
2 comes to the town every year, but what he won't tell
3 you or what he didn't tell you is if they have ever
4 an incident out there, and we all saw it last year,
5 right, there was a couple of highly publicized
6 incidents, but none of that was in the paper and nor
7 did Jeff up here tonight tell you not only do they
8 pay their taxes, they pay their benefits -- the host
9 benefit fee, et cetera, they also reimburse the fire
10 department, more properly said, the town, for costs
11 incurred, okay. So we went out there a couple of
12 times, we've done it in the past as well in years
13 past, broken some equipment, they've replaced it no
14 questions asked. You won't hear that anywhere, but
15 as a resident you need to know that and it was
16 several thousand dollars this past time. So it's
17 invariable that you go up there and something happens
18 and you break a piece of equipment, damaged a hose,
19 they've replaced it. That's on top of -- they don't
20 have to do that. Nobody else does that. You go to
21 put a fire out at somebody's house and you break
22 something they pay their taxes, they don't owe you
23 anything. Imagine if that homeowner or that business
24 reimbursed the fire department on top of their taxes.
25 He won't tell you that, but that's what they do. We

1 even have one of the fires this summer, we had a
2 mutual aid department, so the town of Madison come up
3 and broke a couple of pieces of equipment and I'll
4 tell you, it's probably more from age than anything
5 else, that got replaced. Nobody knows that. We're
6 not obligated -- the town isn't obligated to
7 reimburse Madison. The fire department isn't
8 obligated to pay Madison. He isn't obligated to pay
9 Madison, but they did that. And so I thought it was
10 important that everybody knows there is more to it
11 than what you read in the paper. Thanks.

12 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Bob Gilcott.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Bob Gilcott.) Good
14 evening. I'm here basically as a Norridgewock
15 resident, but I am president of the Norridgewock area
16 Chamber of Commerce as well. And over the years
17 we've had many different things that we've come up
18 with ideas, things that we've tried and usually lack
19 of people, lack of funding to get those things done.
20 Numerous times we have worked with Waste Management
21 and they have come to our aid whether it be a
22 fundraiser for us or something that you benefited
23 from as residents of the town. I normally see tree
24 lights and a lot of other things that I like to think
25 they probably had a hand in it. If they didn't, it

1 was unusual because with the lack of people and
2 funding they never said no and I think that's very
3 important to us as town people because a lot of that
4 may not have happened without their support.

5 The other part of this I do have concerns
6 about the landfill, but any time I had a concern, I
7 asked Jeff and he invited me out. He is pretty much
8 an open person to let you know what we're doing is
9 right and he wants people to understand that he does
10 it the right way, so I -- I take a lot of pride in
11 calling him my friend and I trust him and I trust
12 what they do at the landfill. And I'm also in and
13 out of there as a contractor several times a year and
14 I never -- I don't know the landfill process as it's
15 been described here tonight, but I can also tell that
16 it's a quality operation and somebody has got to be
17 trusted to run it and I trust Jeff. Thank you.

18 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Denis Culley.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. My name is Denis
20 Culley. I live in Mercer. I spent the better part
21 of a decade of my life working with those in the
22 early days of the CWS operation resisting the
23 expansion, leaving the operation of that facility in
24 those days with very good reason. That facility had
25 a lot of troubles. The history of that may or may

1 not be known to a lot of people in this room. There
2 was -- there were incidents of sewage fungus in Mill
3 Stream, there were pollutants found in Mill Stream,
4 there was a total collapse of the landfill in 1987
5 wherein 12 1/2 acres became 25 acres of trash over
6 night. Not long after that Waste Management came in,
7 apparently a much better corporate operator and from
8 what I hear tonight a wonderful corporate citizen,
9 does a lot for the community, Boy Scouts, that sort
10 of thing and it's good to hear of a good corporate
11 citizen.

12 I have questions. My questions are not
13 really for Waste Management, the operator. My
14 question is for the Department of Environmental
15 Protection and they have to do with the creation of
16 capacity because capacity -- the creation of capacity
17 is what will drive the amount of trash and special
18 waste and others that come into the State of Maine.
19 So I focus these questions. Here is a question:
20 Does Crossroads receive special waste from out of
21 state that is characterized as hazardous waste in the
22 state from which it comes? A category that comes to
23 mind is oily debris. At one time 90 percent of
24 Massachusetts oil and debris was being exported out
25 of state because it was characterized as a hazardous

1 waste in Massachusetts and not in places where it was
2 bound, so I'm wondering if that regimen has changed,
3 if Maine's solid waste characterization law per
4 Department regulations are in harmony with much
5 bigger generators nearby like Massachusetts or New
6 Hampshire.

7 The second question: If out of state waste
8 or tires or demolition debris are incinerated in the
9 State of Maine, is the resulting ash then counted as
10 Maine generated waste? And I wonder that because we
11 often hear about the percentage of in state waste
12 called Maine generated waste and out of state waste
13 and so is this waste somehow transformed,
14 transfigured from imported waste into Maine generated
15 waste through being incinerated, is the resulting ash
16 then considered a Maine generated waste?

17 And once again, these are questions for the
18 Department and I don't expect Waste Management to
19 answer these questions. Is demolition debris, that
20 would be the destruction of buildings, which in Maine
21 there is a number of old or built to be wood -- wood
22 fired generators that are now burning demolition
23 debris. I know about this only because I spent a
24 couple of years on Maine's Board of Environmental
25 Protection and during that time those facilities were

1 relicensed and we got to see some of the specs and
2 how they were relicensed and what they were finding
3 is that it was profitable to bring in demolition
4 debris from other states and burn it in those wood
5 fired power generators. So is the demolition debris
6 generated in Maine counted as municipal solid waste
7 in Maine. Most states don't count demolition debris
8 as municipal solid waste. My understanding, and it
9 may be outdated, my understanding is Maine doesn't
10 include demolition debris in the definition of
11 municipal solid waste thereby bulking up the size or
12 the apparent size of Maine's municipal solid waste
13 frame.

14 And the final question is what would be the
15 percentage of increase in municipal solid waste
16 capacity and Maine solid waste capacity with this
17 expansion and how will that increase line up with our
18 increase in population? Maine is not a rapidly
19 growing state, is our capacity to landfill creating a
20 sort of a moral hazard for those who might want to
21 send their waste to Maine by creating sort of the
22 tempting availability of capacity, so those are just
23 some focused questions for the Department.

24 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Nathan Goff.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Nathan Goff.) I am a

1 current resident of Norridgewock and also a local
2 business owner and all my dealings with Waste
3 Management have been great. All of the employees
4 that come in seem happy and just in general they've
5 been great to deal with, so I appreciate it.

6 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Gloria Frederick, I
7 have you on the list here again, are you ready?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Gloria Frederick.) I am
9 not a public speaker, but I have dealt with this
10 facility from day one.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Gloria Frederick.) I
13 have heard how great Waste Management is, I am not
14 saying they're not. What I am saying to you is I've
15 heard how much they have given to our town. I am not
16 saying that's not true, but I think we need to look
17 at the real picture and we need to look at the
18 environmental issues. We don't need to look at what
19 they give because I -- as a child, I was brought up
20 that if someone came to my door -- our door and asked
21 for a donation and my dad could give \$1 but the
22 person who lived next door worked for a big company
23 and could give \$100, that dollar was just as
24 important as that \$100 and I think we all need to
25 look at that.

1 But I have one thing that I really want to
2 say, number one, there are two sides to every story
3 and we need to find out both sides before we move
4 forward and we need to know the facts not just what
5 we hear one-sided. As an abutter to this facility my
6 husband and I have lived with it ever since it was
7 established. Most of you on the DEP know me because
8 I've been here and I've been to almost every meeting.
9 This is very hard for me because you people all get
10 all of this money and this benefit from the facility.
11 You don't know what we put up with 24 hours a day, 7
12 days week, 365 days a year and we have never been
13 compensated. Why is the state getting compensated,
14 why is the town being compensated when those of us
15 who live with it as an abutter all of these years get
16 absolutely zero? If somebody can answer that, please
17 do. Thank you.

18 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Ruth. Scott
19 Campbell.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Scott Campbell.) I had
21 more questions than comments. It can wait until the
22 next phase.

23 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Glen Davis.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Glen Davis.
25 I'm a taxpayer to the town of Norridgewock. I own

1 hangers at the airport and I want to thank Jeff and
2 the team from Waste Management for being here tonight
3 sharing with us what you're sharing and opening the
4 floor.

5 I'm here to talk you about a safety issue.
6 I am also glad to hear that you're such a good
7 corporate citizen. I'm here to talk to you about a
8 safety issue that affects pilots as well as anybody
9 else around the airport and that is the bird activity
10 that's directly created by the landfill. I recognize
11 that it happens at every landfill, but nonetheless it
12 does create a problem. We're all familiar with the
13 famous miracle on the Hudson, the jet that ingested
14 some birds and everyone got out safely and that's
15 terrific, but unfortunately there are lots of bird
16 strikes that cause injury and fatalities. So along
17 those lines that the town recognizes this and they've
18 hired an independent consulting firm, Gale
19 Associates, to research this as well as many other
20 issues. So the information I'm going to share with
21 you right now it's not anecdotal, it's from them as
22 well as my experience as a pilot, flight instructor
23 and commercial pilot.

24 There are 29 species of birds that are
25 proliferating the area over the landfill and the

1 airport. There are five, excuse me, there are three
2 mammals that are proliferating including coyote, fox
3 and deer. The coyote and the fox are there because
4 they have a buffet from all of the birds that are
5 landing on the airport. The birds not only over fly
6 but they congregate right on the runways. There have
7 been numerous aircraft, including myself, that have
8 had to do what we call a go-around to avoid the birds
9 on the runway. The landfill is only 1300 feet from
10 the airport, so from a bird's standpoint that's about
11 a 10 second trip. Gale Associates has made some
12 suggestions on what can be done to mitigate this
13 issue to promote more safety for pilots, passengers
14 and people on the ground and there are three that I'm
15 here to ask you to consider helping the town with.
16 One is fencing, to put up fencing around portions, if
17 not all, of the airport to keep the mammals out. The
18 second is pyrotechnics and whistles that most larger
19 airports have that basically scare the birds away.
20 The third is depredation, which basically means, and
21 it's a short-term fix, but, if necessary, euthanize
22 some of the seagulls and some of the birds that are
23 constantly there. The town already has a permit from
24 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to do this, but it's an
25 expensive process as are the others. So those are

1 three issues that I ask you to consider helping with.

2 There is one other, it's unrelated actually
3 to the landfill, but as a -- perhaps as a good
4 corporate citizen you might consider this. The
5 parking lot at the airport is dirt and mud and during
6 mud season it's all mud and for able body people like
7 myself it's just an inconvenience to get your shoes
8 dirty, but the airport is also used by other
9 activities. For example, there is a company called
10 Angel Flight or an organization called Angel Flight,
11 Angel Flight is an organization of volunteer pilots
12 who volunteer their time, their aircraft and their
13 money to transport, usually children, but could be
14 adults, usually children who need medical attention
15 in areas that are too far for them to get to usually
16 for financial reasons, so Angel Flights will send a
17 pilot in like myself, will pick up somebody at
18 Norridgewock and take them down to Boston to Dana
19 Farber or New York, wherever they need to go. For
20 those people that are getting out of cars at the
21 airport and are on crutches or in wheelchairs it
22 becomes a real problem. So, again, not an issue
23 directly related to the landfill, but perhaps as a
24 good corporate citizen you might consider helping the
25 town in remedying that. Thank you.

1 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Ed Ferreira.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Ed Ferreira. I
3 have questions and concerns regarding the public
4 benefit of the landfill expansion. They're not
5 directed at Waste Management. It sounds like they're
6 an excellent corporate citizen and a very
7 professional organization. My concern has to do with
8 the public benefit of any landfill expansion. I
9 think -- I consider myself an environmentalist. I
10 think we all are. I think the quality of water and
11 the quality of air that we drink and breathe is
12 paramount. It's what makes living in Maine
13 wonderful. My experience, I do see a lot of trucks
14 that are transporting waste. I know those trucks
15 have used fossil fuels. I know we're in an area of
16 global warming and we're trying to reduce the amount
17 of fossil fuels.

18 I am concerned that some of the waste coming
19 into Norridgewock to the Crossroads facility is
20 coming from out of state, you know, I don't know that
21 for sure. I've wondered about that. I'd be
22 interested in getting more information probably from
23 the Department of Public -- Environmental Protection
24 as to is there a percentage of the waste that goes to
25 Crossroads which is not Maine generated as one of the

1 previous speakers mentioned. I wonder what -- the
2 law talks about the public benefit. I'm wondering if
3 the public benefit is for the public benefit of Maine
4 citizens or is it for the public benefit of, you
5 know, a broader array of people. It does -- I wonder
6 if the public benefit is, you know, when we put
7 hazardous waste into a landfill from BIW or something
8 like that whether -- and I know we're not capping it
9 until the landfill is done, you know, how that -- how
10 do we keep that from getting into the air? What's
11 the benefit of that hazardous waste being
12 particulated into the air when the wind blows or when
13 heat comes up, is that affecting our air quality?

14 I'm wondering about leachate. I
15 understand -- I saw the design for the -- for the
16 leachate for the filter or the device that keeps it
17 from getting into the ground water looks good. I've
18 read that previous land -- you can't retrofit one of
19 those systems, so the older piles, I doubt they have
20 a highly engineered filter or membrane. How are they
21 keeping the leachate from getting from that landfill
22 into the water table and into the rivers that go by
23 us? I'm wondering, you know, do we, you know, are
24 we -- are they monitoring wells surrounding the
25 place? Do we -- do we know -- because if we're not

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Willie Boynton.
2 I'm here with my son Yale. We own Boynton & Pickett
3 Land Surveying in Skowhegan and we've been working
4 almost on a daily basis with Waste Management since
5 March of 2014. And I know there is a lot of concerns
6 about a landfill and I think it's important to
7 recognize what type of people you work with.
8 Understand we meet with them in large groups, small
9 groups and we've been impressed with them as a
10 company since day one. They've always been
11 respectful to us, our employees, anybody else that's
12 in there representing any company and we've come to
13 realize it's natural for them because they respect
14 each other.

15 Now, we've been in different situations,
16 worked a lot of different projects, we've never seen
17 Waste Management cut one inch when it comes to
18 quality or safety. Never. That's always the bottom
19 line. And any meetings we have they're scheduled
20 meetings, they always start off with talking about
21 safety. That's important to them. They always talk
22 about the environment. They always talk about
23 concern for the community doing different things not
24 to aggravate anyone in any way. So I think that says
25 a lot when you see somebody every single day, you see

1 how they conduct themselves every single day, you see
2 how they work with each other. It gives me
3 confidence and trust that these people can handle
4 something like we've got here with a large landfill.
5 In my opinion, I trust these people. They're honest.
6 They're hard working and they're smart and I hope
7 that Waste Management is in Norridgewock for a long,
8 long time.

9 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Bob Washburn.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm Bob Washburn. I'm a
11 resident here in Norridgewock, but I'm also part of
12 the Norridgewock Sportsmen Association, that's the
13 ATV and snowmobile club. And like a lot of other
14 people Waste Management has done a lot for us. We
15 have -- for as long as I've been in the club there
16 is -- we have a garage where we keep all of our
17 grooming equipment and all of our stuff and that's --
18 it's on Waste Management's property and they have
19 just let us be there and they haven't charged us tax
20 because we're a non-profit organization and there is
21 not a whole lot of people involved in it, so that's
22 just a huge thing. But we have one of the best --
23 having talked to several people around the state, we
24 have one of the best landfill, dump, recycle,
25 whatever you want to call it, places in the state by

1 far. So even like Skowhegan, they're -- on
2 personal -- on a personal house level they're still
3 nowhere near what we're getting just for the benefit
4 of having Waste Management here, so that's all I'd
5 like to say. Thank you.

6 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Helen Balgooyen. I
7 tried.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's Balgooyen, but we
9 answer to lots of things. When we moved to
10 Norridgewock many years ago there was a beautiful
11 wetland opposite the Frederick's field and, oh, it
12 was so nice. And then Consolidated Waste came and
13 then Waste Management came and I can tell you, I
14 would love to live some place where there wasn't a
15 landfill, but I don't. And I love living here and,
16 yes, I make trash and so I need to put that some
17 place and it probably might as well be in my backyard
18 as somebody else's backyard, but I think it is better
19 from the days when we had the landslide and things
20 went belly-up.

21 But one of my concerns is the recycling that
22 happens. I think the zero waste -- zero sort
23 recycling is a wonderful catch phrase and great idea.
24 I think it works terribly, however, because I think
25 there is way too much wish cycling. Oh, I don't know

1 if this can be recycled, I'll throw it in and I'll
2 try it. Oh, let me see about this and you throw it
3 in and see what happens. We don't know what happens
4 because we don't do that part of it, but from what I
5 have read it's not a good situation. So I wish, oh,
6 there's that word again, that Waste Management would
7 go away from the zero sort and have us actually
8 recycle the stuff and sort it ourselves because the
9 few people who really care about recycling can do it
10 properly then. And the stuff that I work so hard to
11 put properly won't get recycled because it gets mixed
12 up with the stuff that somebody doesn't do it
13 properly.

14 The other thing that I am a member but not a
15 spokesman for is the Grange, which you may know is
16 celebrating 150 years of supporting agriculture and I
17 was going to talk to Jeff but haven't around to it
18 yet about our idea of composting stuff so that all
19 those compostables, apples and potatoes and carrot
20 peels would not be taking up space in the landfill.
21 That just doesn't make sense to me. If you can't
22 compost it at home or don't want to it's really not
23 that hard to separate the compostable stuff and put
24 that in a place at the landfill.

25 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. And that's the last

1 name on my list. Oh, we have more. Is it Ian or
2 Lynn Dorney? I can't read the first name. Sorry.
3 Lynn.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Ann Dorney.) Thank you.
5 I've lived in Norridgewock now for, I don't know, 30
6 years or something like that and sort of followed
7 this issue for a long time and I think I just want to
8 talk a little bit about the statewide issues so you
9 might get a little bit better perspective. So
10 someone said this is one of the best landfills in the
11 State of Maine and that's because it's one of the
12 only landfills in the State of Maine. And one of the
13 issues is when they closed a lot of the dumps around
14 the State of Maine there were basically two landfills
15 in the State of Maine, one was in Orono -- well, one
16 was in Bangor, which was Casella, which is now
17 closed. It closed a couple of years ago. And then
18 there is the Norridgewock landfill. There is also a
19 landfill I understand that was part of one of the
20 pulp and paper mills I think in the Bangor area as
21 well.

22 The other thing that's interesting is that
23 the way the law was written in my understanding,
24 which was in about 2010, was that instead of the rule
25 before which was that there was a landfill for a

1 certain period of time and it was going to be closed
2 that actually you could now expand it if the people
3 in that area agree. Now, all this literature I've
4 been reading in the last few years suggests it has to
5 be for the public benefit, so exactly -- maybe
6 someone can explain whether the people of
7 Norridgewock have to vote if it's going to be
8 expanded. The problem right now is that this is one
9 of the only -- this is probably the only landfill,
10 maybe one of two in the State of Maine, so it's the
11 only landfill that will be expanded if we continue to
12 expand it. So one of the questions is is that what
13 we want?

14 I think part of the problem is the state is
15 not taking leadership to solve our landfill problems
16 and our waste problems in the State of Maine and as
17 result by default Norridgewock is the place that
18 keeps expanding because that's the one that's left.
19 So it doesn't mean necessarily that we can be in
20 favor or not, but this has to be solved at the state
21 level unless Norridgewock says, fine, we'll just have
22 a landfill, keep expanding, keep expanding, pretty
23 soon it will all be all Norridgewock. I guess that's
24 up to you guys.

25 I guess the question is what's the public

1 benefit? Who is making the decisions about where
2 waste goes, where the waste is coming from, where
3 the -- what waste can be buried, what is special
4 waste. My understanding is some of the waste that
5 comes into the State of Maine, which ends up in this
6 landfill, in other states would not be allowed to be
7 buried there because we have rules in the State of
8 Maine that are more laxed. So as a result, we're
9 getting special waste or hazardous waste from other
10 states that's going in our landfill and putting our
11 kids at risk. Thanks.

12 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. So that is the last
13 name on my list. If there is anybody I missed or if
14 anybody would like to speak you're welcome to come
15 up. Go ahead.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good evening. My name is
17 Hillary Lister. I live in Athens, Maine. I am not a
18 Norridgewock resident, but I do pay taxes in Athens
19 and our waste goes to the landfill here and our tax
20 rates and disposal rates have definitely been going
21 up and this discussion seems to be focused in part on
22 the capacity for the whole state's waste. And I
23 definitely have concerns looking at this application
24 whether there is any sort of guarantee that this
25 proposal is actually going to accommodate Maine's

1 waste or whether it could be effectively used to
2 accommodate the needs of surrounding states that do
3 have stricter disposal laws than this state and all
4 of which now are facing pressure from China, which
5 recently amended its laws around what it will accept
6 for contaminated recyclables, so a number of
7 facilities around Maine and around the Northeast are
8 sitting on materials that basically can only go to a
9 landfill and trying to find a location for it. The
10 Waste Management facility in Maine is the only
11 commercial waste facility. The other one we have is
12 Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town is operated by
13 Casella but that's state-owned. With this being a
14 commercial facility there is not really that much
15 control that people of Maine have over how much of
16 the waste going into it comes from in Maine or from
17 other states or even other countries.

18 Looking at the public benefit application, I
19 notice it states that all of the special waste coming
20 into the facility, assuming this is correct, it says
21 in the application all of that is coming from out of
22 state and special waste is incinerator ash,
23 contaminated soils, also asbestos, sludge. In the
24 past, I know there had been an application to send
25 medical waste to this facility. I don't know if

1 that's something that is to be considered in this
2 application. I also see that special waste makes up
3 the largest percentage of the waste going into this
4 facility. It was over 26 percent. So I just would
5 want to know how much of the new capacity would be
6 devoted to special waste, how much of that would be
7 coming from out of state and what the breakdown of
8 that special waste would be. In the application it
9 lists the total tonnage of special waste excluding
10 asbestos being disposed in this dump. I think it
11 would be helpful to know what the tonnage as of
12 asbestos waste is as well. Similarly, it says the
13 municipal solid waste going into this facility is all
14 Maine waste, however, back about eight years ago the
15 definition effectively of Maine waste was amended to
16 include any waste that was processed in Maine, so I
17 don't know if there can be a breakdown of what amount
18 of waste is coming into processing facilities from
19 other states and that effectively being defined as
20 Maine generated waste. And considering that the
21 leachate from that as far as I know gets pumped out
22 and discharged into the Kennebec River over at Sappi
23 Paper Mill, especially if there is going to be an
24 increase on the amount of waste coming in that would
25 be an increase of leachate I assume especially if

1 you're looking at organic, how is that going to be
2 handled and is there going to be any additional
3 treatment happening on the waste water leachate at
4 Sappi Paper if this is going to be -- whether it
5 would be taking increased amounts of waste in
6 Kennebec County. I think those are all my questions
7 and thank you.

8 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Is there anyone
9 else who would like to speak?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah, I will. I'm a
11 little nervous and I am not a public speaker. But I
12 live on -- my name is am Debby Maguire. I live on
13 Frederick Corner Road and every morning I have dealt
14 with this horrendous smell of that lovely landfill.
15 I also travel 139 every day to work and I have
16 counted -- one day I counted 19 trucks and they were
17 all out of staters. Not one of them was from Maine.
18 Oh, excuse me, there were two from Maine. So and I
19 see Massachusetts and Connecticut trucks every day
20 coming into this landfill. I understand that Waste
21 Management has done a lot for our community and I
22 appreciate that and I thank you for that, but I also
23 have many, many concerns and environmental concerns
24 that are coming into this state. I see it a lot.
25 And, again, every day I smell and I don't know what

1 the chemical is that they put on this landfill, but I
2 don't know about any of you, but I don't appreciate
3 the smell and I don't think it helps anybody
4 environmentally or their health. Thank you.

5 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Any other takers?
6 If not, I can move forward with my closing remarks.

7 First, I'd like to sincerely thank everyone
8 for your time and input today, especially those who
9 provided comments. As a reminder, we will accept and
10 consider all comments up until a licensing decision
11 is issued. And although comments will be accepted
12 throughout the application process and time line, it
13 is most helpful to the Department if we have your
14 comments on the application in the next two weeks, so
15 roughly September 13 in order to assist the
16 Department with the application and the drafting of
17 the decision. We anticipate issuing a decision on or
18 before October 12, however, we reiterate that
19 comments can be submitted at any time up until a
20 licensing decision is issued.

21 The next steps include consideration of
22 comments, drafting a proposed licensing decision,
23 availability of the draft license for comments via
24 both the Department's website and the email
25 notification to interested persons and issuance of a

1 final licensing decision. A reminder that
2 information pertaining to the public benefit
3 determination application can be obtained from the
4 Department's website or by contacting staff directly.
5 That contact information is provided on Page 3 of the
6 handout.

7 So, again, thank you again. This concludes
8 the public meeting regarding this application.

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10 (Meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m.)

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