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RE: Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion Application #S-020700-WD-BI-N:  
Response to the May 13, 2016 Submittal on Application Review Items and  
Oversized Bulky Waste (OBW) Information

Dear Mr. Barden and Mr. Meagher:

This letter addresses two topics regarding the proposed Juniper Ridge Landfill expansion. One is the wrap-up of the comments and follow-up responses to the Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion Application (JRL Expansion Application). The other topic is the future tonnage of oversized bulky waste to be disposed of in the proposed expansion.

1. Response to the May 13, 2016 Follow-up Comments

The Department has carefully reviewed the May 13, 2016 Document<sup>1</sup> from the Maine Bureau of General Services (BGS) and NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC (NEWSME). The May 2016 Document was the most recent submittal in the correspondence between the applicant and the Department on the referenced JRL Expansion Application, summarized chronologically below:

- January 22, 2016: Department transmittal letter consisting of comments on the JRL Expansion Application, including two technical memoranda enclosures dated January 15, 2016 and January 20, 2016;
- March 4, 2016: BGS and NEWSME’s response to Department staff’s review comments on the JRL Expansion Application;

<sup>1</sup> May 13, 2016 Follow-up to Department Staff’s Responses to the March 4, 2016 Submittal on Staff’s Review Comments as Presented in the Department’s April 5, 2016 Letter.

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- April 5, 2016: Department transmittal letter consisting of follow-up comments on the March 4, 2016 submittal, including two technical memoranda enclosures both dated April 1, 2016; and
- May 13, 2016: BGS and NEWSME's follow-up to outstanding items in the April 5, 2016 letter.

In response to the May 2016 Document, enclosed are two memoranda; one from Stephen E. Farrar, P.E., dated June 16, 2016 and one from Richard S. Behr, C.G, dated June 21, 2016. The Department has no additional outstanding items concerning the initial January 2016 comments on the JRL Expansion Application provided that the June 16, 2016 recommendations provided by Stephen Farrar, P.E. are satisfactorily incorporated into the proposed Operations Manual. The other items have been addressed satisfactorily, as set forth through the correspondences listed above and noted in the attachments to this letter.

## 2. Oversized Bulky Waste Information

As part of the licensing process, Public Benefit Determination Partial Approval (#S-020700-W5-AU-N, dated January 31, 2012) Condition 3 requires the Department to establish, if and when a license is issued, a limit on the tonnage of oversized bulky waste (OBW) that may be disposed of in the proposed expansion.

The Department requests that supplemental information be submitted in order to better inform us regarding an appropriate OBW limit. Volume I, Table 5-1 of the JRL Expansion Application includes a proposed acceptance rate for OBW of 60,000 tons per year and Volume I, Section 3.14, page 3-35 includes language that historical amounts of OBW have been about 50,000 tons per year. Please provide the historical data and basis for the numbers in Table 5-1 and the narrative in Section 3.14 and any other relevant information by July 11, 2016.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 287-7743 or [kathy.tarbuck@maine.gov](mailto:kathy.tarbuck@maine.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- Memorandum from Richard S. Behr, C.G., dated June 21, 2016
- Memorandum from Stephen E. Farrar, P.E., dated June 16, 2016

cc (via email): JRL Expansion Service List