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Commissioners-

I don't believe you can ethically allow continued violation of good environmental practice and the law by Republic Services. Certainly you cannot allow them to expand their faulty operation.

DEQ has found that Coffin Butte Landfill is not complying with federal and state requirements for its Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS), and they found the monitoring—used to ensure the GCCS is capturing all the gas it should be—is inadequate, also violating the law.

- Coffin Butte's GCCS is not properly designed for a landfill of its size. The system is too small to handle the amount of gas produced by the garbage it contains.

Coffin Butte's GCCS has been shut off for extended periods of time. For example, the GCCS was not operating for 15 total calendar days in the first quarter of 2025. GCCS should be operational 24 hours a day.

- Coffin Butte's flare has also been shut off for extended periods. While the GCCS was still collecting gas, that gas was vented straight into the atmosphere without treatment.
- Coffin Butte is not monitoring an average of 72% of their landfill for leaks. Coffin Butte cited these areas as "exempt" from monitoring despite the law requiring them to get DEQ approval for exemptions. DEQ has never approved an exemption for Coffin Butte.

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