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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Written Testimony:

- Failure to conduct appropriate surface emissions monitoring for landfill gas leaks
- Failure to install and operate required gas collection and control systems
- Failure to maintain landfill cover to minimize gas emissions

These are not minor or technical issues — they are fundamental failures to meet basic environmental and public health protections. The PEN demonstrates a pattern of noncompliance that raises serious concerns about Republic Services' ability and willingness to operate the landfill responsibly.

Given this new information, I strongly urge the Board to revoke its approval of the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion. Allowing expansion while the facility remains out of compliance would reward ongoing violations and further endanger neighboring communities and the environment. Benton County should not permit a company with unresolved compliance failures to expand its operations and increase potential harm.

The DEQ's findings warrant a reassessment of the County's prior decision. Until Republic Services demonstrates sustained compliance and accountability, expansion should not be allowed.

Thank you for reconsidering this decision in light of the DEQ's pre-enforcement notice and for prioritizing public health, environmental protection, and regulatory integrity.

Sincerely,

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