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Attached, kindly find written evidence pertaining to the Nov 6 DEQ letter.

As a courtesy, I have copied Mr. Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Program Coordinator, Benton County , as I mention him as a reference.

Sincerely,

David Hackleman.  
BCDSAC Chair

27 January 2026

To: Benton County Board of Commissioners

RE: LU-24-027 and DEQ PEN of 6 November 2025.

Commissioners:

I am the chair of the Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee (BCDSAC).

Upon review of the Pre-Enforcement Notice provided Valley Landfills, Inc. of 6 November, 2025, it is evident that many if not all of the issues identified are related to topics of past meetings of our committee. Hence, they are of no surprise. We have no responsibility to perform the actions expected of the permittee, aside from encouraging compliance. We have done so frequently as can be viewed most effectively by watching the recorded video of our last meeting on 12 November, 2025.

The committee includes a representative of the company that owns the permittee. That company is Republic Services. During our committee meetings, at least one and occasionally more representatives of the company are usually also present in the room as both observers and consultants. Republic services should be considered directly responsible to resolve these issues, as all operations and personnel are indeed employed by that company.

Our meetings have been professionally and respectfully preformed. We have every respect for the employees of Republic Services that have been on our committee and others that we have interacted with during subcommittee meetings and other events. They are knowledgeable professionals in their fields.

Sadly, while at our last meeting in 2025, our committee had scheduled meetings for 2026 with the first meeting to take place on 13 January, the county informed us that they canceled our meeting on that date and also that we're not permitted to hold another meeting until March.

Hence, this letter is based on my observations within the BCDSAC. They can be confirmed by consultation with Mr. Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Program Coordinator, Benton County and member of our committee.

Sincerely,

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