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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Subject of Testimony: Formal Objection To the Proposed Expansion Proposed Coffin Butte Landfill given the history of non-compliance, Public Health Risks, and Failure to Act on Voluntary Measures in the landfill

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Written Testimony:

The DEQ PEN lists SEVEN Class 1 violations - the most serious category according to the DEQ arising from the VLI's and Republic's failure to comply with state and federal regulations in their management of the Coffin Butte Landfill. It is evident that the company has repeatedly failed to manage its EXISTING FACILITY, much less should we trust it to handle an EXPANDED operation.

The risks to our health when exposed to confirmed leaks of benzene and vinyl chloride – known carcinogens – endangers the health of all human and living organisms increasing the chance our county will pay now and in THE FUTURE for the decisions you make today. Quick money now, will in hindsight, be seen a foolish misconstrued choice to future residents (and our children) of Benton County.

I think that the planning commission weighed this issue more carefully than you. I urge you to reconsider, and halt this expansion.

thank you, Carolyn Choquette

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