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Commissioners Malone, Wyse and Shepherd - thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the re-opened record related to the Conditional Use Permit Application LU-24-027, and in particular to the DEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice and commentary on that record.

I wholly endorse submissions by Janet Ohmann (BC04_T0780) and Faye Yoshihara (BC04_T0778) with respect to the impact of odor as an interference on adjacent properties and the character of the area. As a user of the EE Wilson Natural Area, I am often driving near or beside the area which is proposed for landfill expansion, and with a regular frequency encounter odor from the existing landfill which ranges from unpleasant to uncomfortable to unbearable. Even this very morning (Jan 29th) near the intersection of Camp Adair Road and 99W the odor was noticeably unpleasant and on several days earlier this month unbearable.

Even if the Commissioners choose to set aside current emissions from the existing landfill as not bearing on the application for expansion, it is plain to everyone that the a larger landfill, even with perfect compliance to the proposed COA's on the expanded portion, will not improve the situation. The DEQ's PEN also gives sound reasons to doubt that the Applicant will, in fact, perfectly comply with the proposed COA's, very likely worsening the existing problems of odor, methane emissions (and other gases), and the ongoing disruption of normal activities, health and well-being, and enjoyment of use in the adjacent properties.

In addition, the effort necessary for the County to monitor and enforce this theoretical perfect compliance with the COA's, is itself an undue burden on the Public Services on which all of us rely as Benton County residents.

I strongly urge the Commissioners to deny the Applicant's Conditional Use Permit due to the evidence on the record that compels a conclusion that this Permit does not meet the minimum standards for approval under the Benton County Code.

Regards,

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