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I am opposed to expansion of the Benton County landfill.

We live in North Albany, east of Coffin Butte (about three to four miles as measured on a map) so when the prevailing wind is out of the west we are downwind of landfill gaseous emissions.

I don't know whether the fumes are dangerous, but the fact that we can smell them (a sickly sweet odor that anyone who has visited the landfill is familiar with) indicates that the contents of the dump are not confined onsite.

I'm also not knowledgeable about whose waste comes from where, but believe in a basic policy that each county should take care of its own. Benton County should not prostitute itself to others and facilitate a condition of "out of sight is out of mind".

Other counties need to take responsibility for their own waste. They should be aware of the negative externality they are imposing on the citizens of Benton County.

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