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Subject of Testimony: Coffin Butte landfill expansion

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Written Testimony:

I am opposed to the Coffin Butte landfill expansion. I live just east of Vineyard Mountain, several miles south of the landfill. We can tell when the wind blows from the north or northeast because we get to experience the stench of the landfill. This happens at least a dozen times a year and can last all day. It is unpleasant and we tend to stay inside on these occasions. My second concern with the landfill is the nature of the underlying geology. A landfill at this location would not be permitted if it were applied for today because of the danger of leakage into the area ground water aquifer. If the landfill barrier should leak, leachate will inevitably enter the groundwater aquifers. According to the EPA, all landfills will eventually leak. My household water comes from the local aquifer via a well. Once it is contaminated, we have no access to a reasonable source of water. In addition to the disastrous negative effect on our living situation, this would also affect the value of our house and property and the value of all other properties that rely on the aquifer for their water supply. This in turn would have a negative impact on revenue from the county property taxes. I can see no long-term positive outcome of the landfill expansion for the residents of Benton County. Only to Republic's bottom line.

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