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Testimony from Laura Hansen, 6780 NW Mountain View Dr., Corvallis OR 97330

I am very opposed to the Coffin Butte expansion, LU-24-027. I have lived in north Corvallis for much of the past 45 years. My two children grew up here. I have had friends in Soap Creek and Tampico Road. In the past I've hiked or biked around E.E. Wilson and Adair Village. I enjoy outdoor activities and I want our community to stand for sound environmental policies. I don't want my health or the health of my friends to be threatened by continuing unsafe practices at the landfill.

This letter concerns air pollution. Relevant documents, BENTON COUNTY CODE 51.720 (4): INTERFERENCE WITH RESOURCES IMPORTANT TO BENTON COUNTY, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF CLEAN AIR AND WATER AND FISHERIES HABITAT. Also, Benton County's Thriving Community Initiative specifying a "high quality environment, livable communities, and health considerations in all policies, practices and operations". Also, BENTON COUNTY CODE 51.215(3) SERIOUS BURDEN ON PROVISION OF A PUBLIC SERVICE.

I am very concerned about the amount of air pollution, especially methane. EPA has gathered evidence that there are serious methane leaks all over Coffin Butte Landfill. Fires can occur when methane levels are high, and this presents a burden for our local fire departments (an important public service). Methane is also a very potent greenhouse gas. Though methane has no odor, other noxious gases that escape the landfill along with it DO have an odor, and it is unmistakable! I often smell the landfill way before I can see it while driving on Highway 99. I have heard testimony from a longtime resident of Adair Village that there are many days when her children can't go outside at school or home, and this agrees with my experience. I used to walk and bike in the E. E. Wilson area but I consider it unsafe now due to the odor/pollution. E. E. Wilson could be considered a public resource that has been significantly degraded.

The odor of the landfill way beyond its borders tells us that air pollution is covering a wider area. Republic Services has received notice of significant methane leaks, and so far the response has been to downplay the problem. Another breach of public trust has been the inadequate covering of the landfill surface. Photo evidence shows gaps in the cover meant to contain dust and pollution.

Landfill expansion will only increase the air pollution and risks from methane leaks. Please do not give Republic Services a green light to disregard our public health and safety.