

**LU-24-027 IN-PERSON TESTIMONY
SUBMITTAL COVER SHEET**

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Testimony opposed to LU-24-027

When I first moved here in 1970, the Coffin Butte landfill was a minor landmark along the road. Now it is alarming to see and smell this vast and growing mountain of waste. As an oncologist, it is hard not to think of this as a rapidly growing toxic mass in our beautiful county. This **SERIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA** is in major violation of BENTON COUNTY CODE 53.215. Extending the landfill in size and duration of activity will exacerbate an already major deterioration of the character of this area.

The high annual rainfall here leaches out a witch's brew of toxic chemicals and metals from the landfill, and much of the leachate finds its way into our groundwater and rivers. Many known carcinogens have been found in landfill leachates. Multiple tanker trucks of leachate are trucked from Coffin Butte to municipal water treatment plants that are equipped to treat household sewage, not to remove all the toxic chemicals and metals in the leachate. This puts a **SERIOUS BURDEN ON PROVISION OF A PUBLIC SERVICE** in violation of BENTON COUNTY CODE 51.215(3).

These toxic and carcinogenic substances are discharged into the Willamette River, which provides a drinking water source for many Willamette Valley residents, irrigation for many crops, and habitat for many species including fish. This is in violation of BENTON COUNTY CODE 51.720(4), **INTERFERENCE WITH RESOURCES IMPORTANT TO BENTON COUNTY, INCLUDING CLEAN AIR AND WATER AND FISHERIES HABITAT.**

These hazards will last far into the future, long after the landfill has been closed. Costs of long term liability and remediation may fall on local citizens and government.