

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

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Good evening, commissioner Malone, commissioner Shepherd, and chair Wyse. My name is Kevin Kenaga. I was one of the oldest graduates of PSU's Class of 2015 with a science degree in environmental studies. My address is 37461 Soap Creek Road Corvallis, OR 97330.

I oppose LU-24-027.

Republic Services hired consultants submitted an odor study based on 2005 on-site weather conditions stating that they used the information because it was the only information available. I wouldn't have graduated if I had submitted a research paper that based my findings on a 20 year old dataset. We are all aware of climate change and how it has directly affected our weather patterns. Use of a 20 year old dataset just because as they claim it is the only data available is not scientifically acceptable. At this time it is up to you, our elected Board of Commissioners to reject this odor study. It is hard for me to understand how this report was accepted by Benton County's hired consultants yes the ones that completed the staff report using the flawed odor study as a basis for their recommendations for approval with conditions.

Republic Services consultant's odor study lacks any scientific credibility, and therefore serves as a denial of this expansion application.

I have submitted a couple of charts that document the change in weather over the last 20 years.

Another item:

Republic Services (and possibly county staff) want you to believe that Republic Services has a right to landfill on the south side of Coffin Butte Road.

Commissioners I ask you to take a detailed look at Joe Crockett's testimony and note Staff comments from March 8, 1983. Number 2) No landfill will be allowed on property south of Coffin Butte Road. Further down in the last paragraph, the proposed zone allows no additional landfill activities unless approved by the Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Therefore, you the Commission may limit expansion into any area that is not appropriate for a landfill. It is now up to you, our elected Board of Commissioners, to determine if the area in this application is appropriate for a landfill. Thereby allowing you to deny this expansion application.

I think we can agree that there are 12-14 years of landfill space remaining and that gives Benton County and Western Oregon plenty of time to find other solid waste disposal options. It is time to drive a change not time to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill.

Please standup for Benton County and deny this application.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and

I ask that you allow everyone who has signed up the opportunity to speak.

Salem, Oregon Average Temperature

January-December

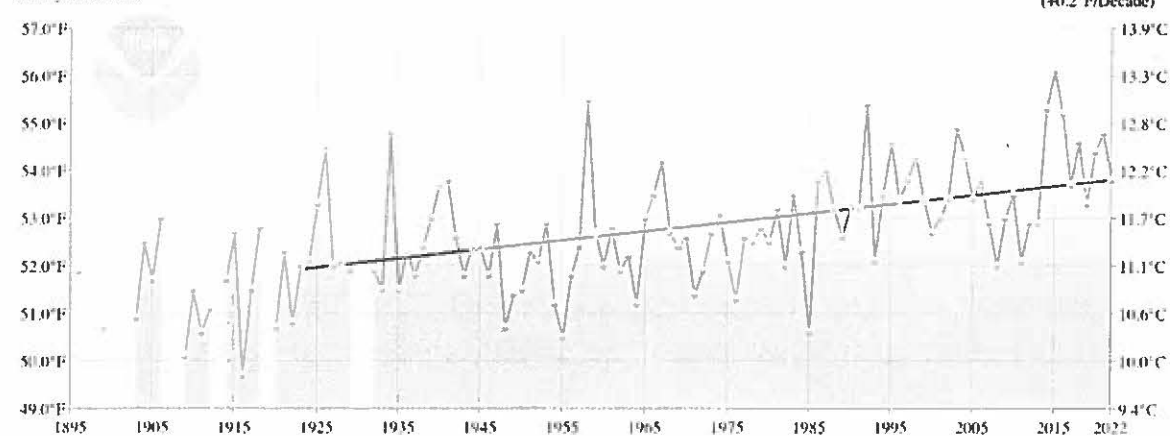
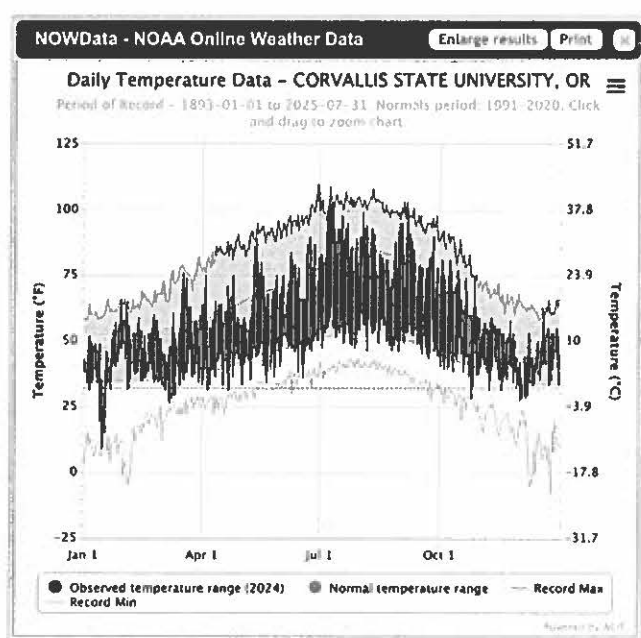
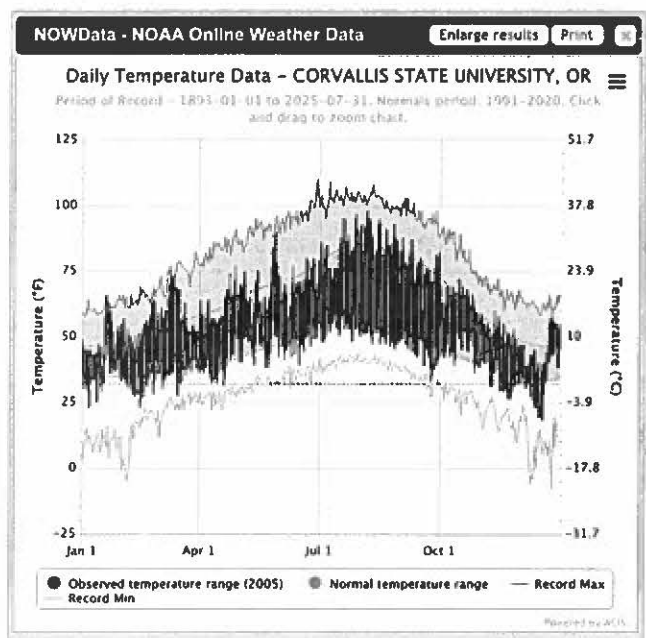


Figure 7: Annual average temperature changes in Salem, Oregon. Note the large year-to-year variations of 2-3°C and the small overall trend (blue line).



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HYSLOP WEATHER STATION

ARCHIVED WEATHER DATA

GROWING DEGREE DAYS

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