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Benton SWCD respectfully submits this letter related to the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion



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Dear Board of Commissioners,

Since 1956, Benton Soil and Water Conservation District has worked to achieve our mission of engaging Benton County residents in the conservation and stewardship of natural resources for current and future generations. Our programs implement conservation practices that protect soil, water, air, plants, and animals.

Our main concerns with the proposed landfill expansion are the following:

- **The persistence of toxins in soils and the difficulty of remediating contaminated soil.** These toxins have the potential to permanently degrade farmland and could make their way into the food supply.
- **Threats to water quality and possible contamination of sensitive wetland, stream, and river habitat.** The existing landfill already borders a wetland, and the expansion has the potential to increase the load of toxins entering our waterways.
- **Air quality problems, such as elevated methane emissions and airborne toxins.** Our programs work to reduce greenhouse gases, and the landfill is already a major source of greenhouse gas emissions in Benton County.

We are committed to serving the people by conserving the natural resources of Benton County. After considering the potential threats from the proposed expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill, our publicly-elected Board of Directors recommends that you deny LU-24-027.

Sincerely,

Nate Johnson

Chair, Board of Directors

Benton Soil and Water Conservation District