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Dear Commissioners:

I hear that tomorrow you'll be considering whether to grant Republic Services an extra 58 days to add more material to their revised application to start a new landfill on the south side of Coffin Butte Road.

Per the cover letter from former Benton County counsel Jeff Condit, now working as an attorney for Republic, the main purpose of this extension would be to give them more time to complete an "odor study" which they claim will help to meet the County's requirement to assess impacts of the existing landfill operation.

Let me suggest, today would be a good day to do your own "odor study." All you need is to drive out to Adair Village -- home to more than 1000 of your constituents, plus daytime location of hundreds of school children attending Santiam Christian School -- and take a sniff for yourselves.

Once you've done that, you'll have a better idea of whether more "odor studies" are really needed to confirm what North Benton County residents already know: This operation stinks.

Along your way, you can get an idea of why it stinks. I'm attaching a photo that I took on Sunday, which shows the condition of the tarps along the whole south face of the landill. They're completely shredded.

You can also see exposed garbage up on top, which -- per conditions of approval of past CUPs granted by the county -- is all supposed to be covered by the end of each working day. The landfill was closed on Sunday, so this was the condition how they left it over the weekend.

I took this photo from 3 miles away, near the edge of residential neighborhoods of North Albany. Even at this distance, you can easily see there's a problem.

North Benton County residents don't need more "odor studies" to gaslight us for what we experience on a regular basis. Nor does this company need another grace period, to complete their application.

What we do need is for Benton County government to start enforcing conditions of

past CUPs. The lack of enforcement by the County was one of the most clear findings to come out of the BCTT process. A year or more ago, we were told that you were planning to act on that finding, and hire a compliance officer who would start to bring this operation into compliance. Could you please inform us as to when and how you plan to follow through on that promise?

Yours sincerely,

Joel Geier

North Benton County resident