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First let me state that I am opposed to the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. I swim in the Willamette in areas ranging from Albany to Salem. The river has become a hazard to my health due to the extreme amount of untreated leachate dumped into the Willamette by Republic Services. This contamination will only increase with the proposed expansion. This violates BCC 53.215 (2) and the Benton Co comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.74.

The amount of leachate currently produced by Coffin Butte is unacceptable. There is no treatment for these toxic chemicals including PFAs [forever chemicals] dioxin, and microplastics. Dumping this waste into the Willamette is in violation of Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5 (Benton County shall strive for the safe storage, collection, reduction, reuse, recovery, and appropriate disposal of hazardous waste materials.) This waste should at least be hauled to a landfill in a drier climate for disposal. Water treatment plants are not equipped to remove harmful chemicals such as PFA's. Expanding the landfill will in effect be expanding the leachate.

When I completed my MPA many years ago, I remained very aware in my work that my main goal was the well-being of citizens. Serving in government remains a service-oriented job – accountable to the citizens for health and well-being.

I appreciate your service and know that you will remember to keep the well-being of Benton County citizens and wildlife in mind in your decision making.

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