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Good afternoon,

Attached please find a submission of written testimony from the Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee regarding the Coffin Butte CUP.

The pdf is about 3.5MB, so if you could acknowledge that it came through alright, that would be much appreciated.

Best wishes,
Rachel
Chair, Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee

April 21, 2025

Dear members of the Benton County Planning Commission:

This letter transmits input from the Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) to aid in your review of the application for a conditional use permit (CUP) for Republic Services's Coffin Butte landfill expansion.

Chapter 53 of the Development Code of Benton County mandates three criteria (not repeated herein) to be considered in approving a conditional use permit. Most relevant to this letter are the criteria that the proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area, or with the purpose of the zone. Informing the development code is Goal 6 of the 2007 Benton County Comprehensive Plan, which is "to maintain and improve the quality of air, land, and water resources in a manner that will meet current needs and preserve resources for future generations."

Each year, DSAC receives and compiles public input on Coffin Butte that is relevant to these criteria and expectations—and that we believe should be taken into account in considering a potential expansion.

Ongoing public complaints include concerns surrounding soil and water quality; foul odors; the emission of significant volumes of methane (a greenhouse gas); traffic safety; and a negative impact on the visual character of the area. Members of the public have complained about the proximity of the site to wetlands, which drain into our public waterways, and the ability to enjoy the nearby Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area.

We invite you to review the recent Community Concerns reports compiled by DSAC. The 2024 report is attached herein, and reports for years 2021-2024 are listed on the DSAC website (<https://cd.bentoncountyor.gov/disposal-site-advisory-committee-dsac/>).

Because it would be an extension of existing operations, there is no reason to expect an expansion of Coffin Butte to diminish these community concerns. In fact, an expansion may increase public complaints.

Please note DSAC member Paul Koster abstained from certain discussions about Valley Landfills' CUP application but stands by the positions expressed in the CUP application.

We hope you find this input helpful in your review. Please contact committee chair Rachel Purcell (rcp.corvallis@fastmail.com) if you have questions or wish to discuss this submission.

Respectfully,
Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee



2024 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Staff Report

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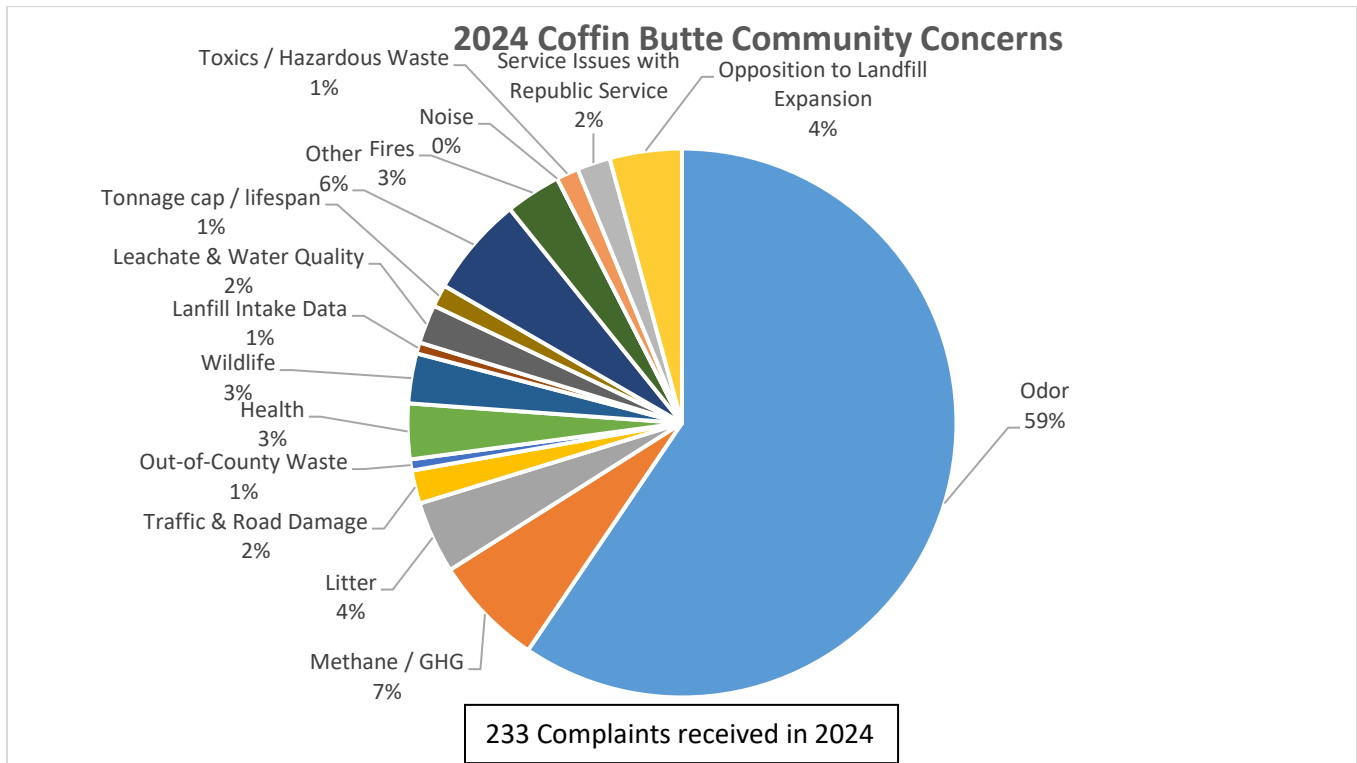
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The duties of Benton County's Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) are outlined in Oregon state law—specifically in ORS 459.325, which includes the requirement that “the committee shall prepare an annual written report summarizing the local citizens’ concerns and the manner in which the owner or operator is addressing those concerns” which will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as part of issuing and renewing a solid waste permit.

Benton County staff and the DSAC have prepared the following report summarizing community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2024, which may be used by DSAC to meet the requirements of ORS 459.325. Concerns listed in this report have been compiled using information from the complaints received by Benton County staff, complaints received by the Oregon DEQ and Republic Services and concerns presented during DSAC meetings.

Two hundred thirty-three complaints about the Coffin Butte Landfill were reported in 2024 as detailed in the table below. Some complaints included numerous topics while others focused on a single concern. The complaints were organized into themes as illustrated in the following chart.

The complaints received were fairly evenly distributed by topic, with the exception of odor complaints. Odor complaints were 59% of all of the concerns reported. In response, Coffin Butte Landfill has reported that it has expanded its methane capture system to reduce fugitive gasses from escaping and regularly makes repairs to tarps and wells.



#	Date Received	Concern Summary	Method Complaint Received	Response
1	1/11/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “Dump Day” in Adair Village and points north. “I’m at Santiam School, and I can taste it.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
2	1/11/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “take a quick drive up towards Tampico and over towards 99. Adair was stinky mid afternoon, and it's gotten worse and pretty bad right now.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
3	1/11/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “Coming back from town around 3:00 today, the dump stench around CV [Crescent Valley] was overpowering!”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
4	1/13/24	<p>Concerns about road hazards, landfill odor – “I've been driving weekly on highway 99 S from Corvallis to Salem and have noticed a significant increase in large truck traffic coming in and out of the Coffin Butte landfill. A visible change in the landfill seems to be occurring...</p> <p>“Last Friday on January 12th, 2024 there was a toxic smell as a truck pulled out in front of me, and it endured for miles as I followed behind it at some distance - there was no visible back-of-truck license plate on the truck so that I might identify what the source or company was.</p> <p>“There seems now to be every couple of minutes a very large truck crossing onto or over Highway 99 at the Coffin Butte junction when I go by on Fridays in late mornings or early afternoons. Due to the frequency of large trucks entering and exiting, out-of-area incoming trash to the landfill seems as if it may have increased. In addition, I never used to actually smell the landfill as I passed by. However, these last 2 Fridays a strong smell was evident for quite a distance.”</p>	DSAC Chair	Not reported
5	1/28/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “I was helping 2 friends in N. Albany (one on North Heights and one on Broadway) Dump stench was present.... Sure wish we could make people aware of what they are smelling or seeing.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
6	2/2/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “It's another stinky day in the neighborhood... With the wind drifting due south today, we're getting the full "dump stink" on the east side of Tampico Ridge, guessing it might be bad on the west side too.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
7	2/7/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “The landfill is stinking it up again today. Just filed another DEQ complaint.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
8	2/9/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “Yesterday late morning, stepping out of my car just north of Luckiamute River just off 99 made me cringe. I hurried inside, so I didn't have to be out there in the stink. Likely the exact scenario that caused the vineyard sale on Airlie to fall through.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
9	2/9/24	Concerns about traffic safety, landfill odor – “The Adair community is growing leaps and bounds. School age children attending Santiam Christian. School busing intertwined with garbage trucks and large tractor trailers hauling trash throughout the day. That new housing trac and a growing school being subjected to toxic air.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported

10	2/9/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Soap Creek Valley – “Today is a dump day at our house”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
11	2/11/24	Concerns about landfill odor – 6:30pm, Hwy 99 by dump, "nose burning stench"	DSAC Chair	Not reported
12	2/13/24	Concerns about water quality – groundwater and runoff arsenic contamination – “We know that Coffin Butte Landfill produces leachate that is very high in arsenic. A seepage event in the early 1990s (acknowledged by Valley Landfills Inc.) resulted in high arsenic levels in one monitoring well along Coffin Butte Road, and since then several wells on the east side continue to show anomalously high arsenic.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
13	2/17/24	Concerns about landfill odor – North Corvallis – “Can somebody please tell me what that horrible smell is here around the neighborhood market of Walmart? — post on Nextdoor”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
14	2/17/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Writsman Creek Road – “This morning I woke up to dump smell, we had a breeze coming up Soap Creek Valley (N to S) it was getting more pungent as the morning progressed.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
15	2/24/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Coffin Butte overlook – “the odor was bad up there at times”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
16	2/25/24	Concerns about landfill odor and how Republic Services addresses those concerns – the correspondent relayed communications with Oregon DEQ: “DEQ compares odor complaints from the community to Republic Services’ odor report from the same day. I wasn’t aware that someone on R.S.’s staff periodically checks for odors at Coffin Butte, Monday through Friday, and files a report. She noted that they rarely report odors, even on days when we are complaining about especially bad stench. (I noted to her that sometimes, up here on Zeolite Rd., that weekends are just as likely to stink as weekdays!)”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
17	2/26/24	Concerns about roadside trash – Highway 99W – “I was appalled by the amount of trash along Hwy 99W on my way home from Rickreall. It caught my eye when I saw home owners standing in the ditch with bags and trash pickers stabbing plastic waste out of vegetation in their right of way. There is a lot of mostly plastic trash litter scattered all along the highway south of Monmouth from Helmick Park to the dump. These folks need to have a voice on the Disposal Site Advisory Council. I know that won't happen under the current DSAC bylaws, but they should be part of an expanded DSAC to go along with the new multi-county Solid Waste Plan.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
18	2/26/24	Concerns about roadside trash – Independence Highway – “The roadside garbage along Independence Hwy is appalling (the section between Ryals and Hwy 20). I’ve been driving that stretch once or twice a week for the last 4 years. Despite Republic telling us that they do periodic trash pick-up days, the garbage in the ditches and in the surrounding fields is a constant and seems to be getting worse. I can only assume every heavily traveled route to Coffin Butte is lined with garbage. This is the welcome mat we put out for those driving to our area from other places....”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
19	2/27/24	Concerns about landfill odor – filing odor complaints – “the Republic Services “Odor Complaint Form” was REALLY	DSAC Chair	Not reported

		<p>INTERESTING: I clicked on that link and it did indeed bring up a form where you can “report an odor concern” specifically attributable to the Landfill. That was a surprise! Because a little voice in the back of my mind said, <i>hm, last time I went to Coffin Butte Landfill’s website looking for a way to complain about landfill odors, the only option was a complaint form for PRC, their composting facility. Zero options for complaining about landfill odor.</i> So I did a little research. Went to the website archive.org (where you can enter a URL in their “wayback machine” and see what the history of a web page is, aka see what it looked like over time). When I entered the URL for the odor complaint form, sure enough, as recently as December that URL went to a PRC odor complaint form, not a Landfill odor complaint form! Which means Republic Services having an actual place to complain about Landfill odors... is NEW as of 2024!</p> <p>“If you go directly to the landfill’s website looking for the form... you can’t find it! It is not on the “Contact Us” or “Resources” page, it’s not in their FAQ... or anywhere else. It’s a hidden page. So yeah they do have it, but clearly only begrudgingly. If you search for “Complaint Form” or “Odor Complaint” on their website — you get no results. THE ONLY WAY TO FIND IT right now is to search on the word “Odor” ... and then and only then is there a clickable link to their “Odor Report” form.”</p>		
20	2/27/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Highway 99W – “I noticed strong odors Thursday the 22nd. We (my family and I) were driving hwy 99W northbound on the 22nd around 5:30/5:45pm-ish. I had a respiratory infection at the time which affected my sense of smell, but just before Adair Village I noticed a “weird” smell and it got stronger right as we passed the landfill.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
21	2/27/24	Concerns about landfill odor, wildlife impacts – “I was at EE Wilson on Sunday the 25th, and the smell was noticeable there. A sharp inorganic smell. Even more noticeable though were all the birds that had collected at the top of the landfill. There were several bald eagles and even some golden eagles there, as well as other raptors, hundreds of seagulls and even more crows, ravens and starlings. Sundays are a big day for them it seems, as there are no humans to disturb their dining – although from time to time a raptor would make a run and a thousand birds would explode off the working area and into the air. I know the landfill is supposed to cover the new garbage at the end of each day with dirt, but seems that didn't happen on Saturday EOD.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
22	3/5/24	Concerns about the recording and preservation of public landfill concerns – “It was told to me yesterday at the meeting by the county manager that because DSAC was not meeting, it kept the complaints from being collated – and that when DSAC begins to meet again then the process of relaying the complaints could begin again. How circular!”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
23	3/5/24	Concerns about air quality – particulate pollution – “I have an ongoing interest in Coffin Butte. Based on a conversation with Mark Yeager I pulled together the attached narrative concerning particulate pollution. It is not ready for distribution but I’d like to get your reaction to the information. I’d also like your ideas on how to get the information out to the community.” Attachment:	DSAC Chair	Not reported

		research summary entitled “Coffin Butte’s Air Pollution Not Just Methane and Odors.”		
24	3/7/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “Today is another “Dump Day” — stinky, smelly especially over in Adair Village and around the school there.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
25	3/17/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Soap Creek Valley – “Well, it is another lovely smelling dump day at the south end of the Valley. Last Thursday was also a dump stench day. Another sunny morning ruined for anything outdoors. The frequency and intensity of these dump days is absolutely unacceptable.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
26	3/26/24	Concerns about landfill odor – North Corvallis – “A neighbor just texted me and said that the dump smell in North Corvallis (9th & Circle) today is "overpowering". — Nextdoor	DSAC Chair	Not reported
27	3/28/24	Concerns about the climate crisis / landfill greenhouse gases – correspondent sent an article, “Landfills Bake the Planet Even More Than We Realized” by Sachi Mulkey in <i>Grist</i> ,” noting that the climate-data sleuths at Carbon Mapper published a study in Science that shows U.S. landfills emit methane at levels at least 40 percent higher than previously reported to the Environmental Protection Agency. “At more than half of the hundreds of garbage dumps surveyed — in the largest assessment yet of such emissions — most of the pollution flowed from leaks, creating concentrated plumes. The researchers found these super-emitting points can persist for months or even years, and account for almost 90 percent of all measured methane from the landfills. Tackling these hotspots could be a huge stride toward lowering emission rates, but blindspots in current monitoring protocols mean they often evade detection.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
28	3/31/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Soap Creek Valley – “Yet again, another beautiful day with the heavy dump odor.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
29	3/31/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Soap Creek Road – “ Landfill Odor 04/01/2024 – “Ken, do you have any idea why my email is being treated as spam by the County Commissioners office? It just bounces back. I have contacted them by phone and someone named Mindy is going to look at it from her end. Presumably someone is going to get back to me. I wondered if it is possible to reject email that the subject matter is “Landfill"..."!	DSAC Chair	Not reported
30	4/2/24	Concerns about climate crisis / landfill greenhouse gases – “I don’t know if you and your group have seen this article based on a recent new study on landfill emissions? The journal article they reference is here: <i>Quantifying methane emissions from United States landfills</i> study in Science”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
31	4/21/24	Concerns about landfill odor – 8:00pm, Buena Vista	DSAC Chair	Not reported
32	5/1/24	Concerns about landfill odor – 2:47pm, Adair Village	DSAC Chair	Not reported
33	5/9/24	Concerns about landfill odor – 2:45pm, Adair Village	DSAC Chair	Not reported

34	5/16/24	Concerns about landfill odor – 11am, Adair Village	DSAC Chair	Not reported
35	5/17/24	Concerns about landfill fire – relaying radio dispatches about fire at the landfill – ACTIVE FIRE AT THE LANDFILL	DSAC Chair	Not reported
36	5/22/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Soap Creek Valley – “Good morning, The dump smell is overwhelming at our place (7:45 AM)”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
37	5/22/24	Concerns about landfill odor – points south of landfill – “We live about 5 miles south of the dump as the crow flies, and we are smelling dump stink this morning!”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
38	5/22/24	Concerns about landfill odor – south of landfill – I was bcc’ed on an email to Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Coordinator: “This was at about 7:45am (Thurs 5/23/24). The smell actually began to make me feel queasy so I went back inside. I heard from a number of neighbors that they smelled it too. The landfill operators are supposed to keep odors in check but do not. It is truly scary smelling the dump (especially at your own home!) because we do not know what all pollutants we are taking into our bodies. And it is very disturbing that if you don't want to breathe those unknown things in, you feel like you have to avoid going outdoors until the "coast is clear.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
39	5/29/24	Concerns about landfill odor – "Dump Day in Adair, 2:30 pm”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
40	7/3/24	Various concerns – “Attached are my notes from the June 28th public outreach session.” Attached notes raise issues with increased odor generation due to simultaneously operating 2 dump working faces; building on contaminated land without appropriate preconstruction assessment, remediation if needed and follow-up monitoring; siting landfill operations outside of the designated Landfill Zone; lack of a plan to improve landfill gas collection and monitoring; misleading claims about landfill gas emissions (by focusing on the current power generation system, RS underreports the actual carbon footprint of the landfill.)	DSAC Chair	Not reported
41	7/14/24	Concerns about air quality – landfill gas emissions – Concerns about landfill odor and greenhouse gases – “It appears that Republic is proposing two separate operations i.e. there will be a working face on the north “Quarry side” of CB Road and another working face on the south side. This could mean twice the odor problems. At the 28 June Philomath public session, I asked Ian McNabb if the two areas would be operating simultaneously. His off the cuff answer was yes, then he said he was not sure and would get back to me. No reply yet.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
42	7/21/24	Concerns about landfill monitoring and concerns for community advisory role – “Benton County land use code – chapter 24 governs the need for an advisory group to BOC for landfill operation/management, under Oregon revised statutes, chapter 459- waste management... ORS459.320 Regional Disposal Advisory site committee (public law) for counties which have regional landfills, or landfills larger then x. The Creation of Enrac without public input violates both chapter 24 of bc land use code and state of oregon chapter 459- ORS459.320.” Concerns about water quality – toxic leachate – “PFAs and 1000's	DSAC Chair	Not reported

		of other toxins are being placed into the Willamette, for pennies by this corp, and damaging this ecosystem. State of Oregon has a house bill passed which goes over PFAS. Sources. Oregon Health Authority may manage leachate under some ORS they have. And Federal level is RCRA or Clean Water Act. Over time, Short Mountain landfill and Coffin Butte will have put x cubic feet of raw leachate into the Willamette per year, for pennies on the tanker loads, which run 356 days a year to all three water plants (Salem, Corvallis, Eugene-Short Mt)."		
43	8/6/24	Concerns about the climate impacts of greenhouse gas emissions and the water quality effects of leachate releases – "Methane is destroying the planet, so BC is currently allowing one of the largest sources of Methane in Oregon" and "I had a concern also from leachate dumped into the Willamette River at Salem and Corvallis, that 'Sorbol', the Hollingsworth and Vose nanoscale (PM2.5) fiber glass rod waste, may be able to bypass filters at both Waste Water Treatment plants in Salem and Corvallis to enter the Willamette River... The residual health impacts of RS using Sorbol are massive, as they ripple through the ecosystem and into entire cities possibly." Concerns also about the forever chemicals and long list of unknown toxics in leachate.	DSAC Chair	Not reported
44	8/10/24	Concerns about methods open to the community to communicate landfill concerns to Benton County – no avenues available – DSAC Chair to Bailey Payne: "We are [DSAC is] going to have public comment, so there really must be contact information added to the Committee webpages."	DSAC Chair	Not reported
45	8/12/24	Concerns about dump methane – "A question of interest to parents who live in Adair and the safety of their children, are they likely being impacted personally by methane on days they aren't smelling other dump fumes? Or are they likely occurring on the same days, as opposed to much more frequently?"	DSAC Chair	Not reported
46	8/12/24	Concerns about air quality – airborne PFAS – "I'm attaching a recent journal article that likely has some relevance to Coffin Butte... You folks probably heard about this issue lately as it did receive some press coverage... While I have heard Republic Services and others make short mention of PFAS "forever chemicals" in the landfill leachate, I haven't heard any discussion about the possible implications of this study: there may be as much or more PFAS emitted in gas form as in leachate. 'These findings suggest that landfill gas, a less scrutinized byproduct, serves as a major pathway for the mobility of PFAS from landfills.'"	DSAC Chair	Not reported
47	8/12/24	Concerns about uncontrolled methane releases – "Monday, Aug 12, P.M. Kezi 9 News report: Senator Merkley is working to get the EPA to move along with Methane violation process as this CUP application is underway." Concerns about future implications of hosting the landfill – "Benton County only contributes a small percentage of trash to this landfill, but BCounty is being impacted by all the Environmental costs, and financial costs on into the future, to insure and pay Republic or some other Waste Mgmt. firm, to maintain the landfill for 30 years or	DSAC Chair	Not reported

		<p>less after closure.”</p> <p>Concerns about “endless landfilling” at Coffin Butte – “The landfill owner is interested in creating more landfill cells, to the west, into Soap Creek Valley and are exploring this with Benton County.”</p> <p>Concerns about lack of final cover over most of the landfill.</p> <p>Concerns about closure of Coffin Butte Road – “A trash cell, in future may be planned, to bury Coffin Butte Road, and close it permanently, in order to connect the new South Dump at some point, to Cell 5E, the current, 2024 active dump.”</p> <p>Concerns about proper permitting for the expansion as a “new landfill.”</p>		
48	8/20/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Writsman Creek Road – "This morning the dump stench is hanging in the air!"	DSAC Chair	Not reported
49	8/22/24	General environmental concerns including greenhouse gas emissions and toxic leachate – “Coffin Butte RL is built in the wrong location, in a wet Mediterranean climate, is generating leachate which means it is also chemically, able to generating methane, as this landfill has been put on top of and up against a massive, water storing, water releasing, layered, rotting basalt geologic feature, Coffin Butte.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
50	9/2/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Adair 7:57am	DSAC Chair	Not reported
51	9/9/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Adair, 8:04am. Nose burning, and throat tickling	DSAC Chair	Not reported
52	9/10/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Adair, 7:55am. "Soggy & heavy"	DSAC Chair	Not reported
53	9/22/24	<p>Concerns about fire – Pacific Region Compost – relaying radio dispatches – a large pile at the Pacific Region Compost is on fire.</p> <p>“1) no RS employees on site, despite having a burn pile today (no "watchers").</p> <p>2) I'd be curious to know what the PRC is burning in piles. If they are supposed to be composting, what are they instead disposing of by burning?</p> <p>“Would be interesting to see if they do a safety report every time something like this happens. Perhaps we can ask for a map of where the fire was located, how close it was to other burnable material like vegetation and fields, and ask what their permission source was to be able to burn during such a dry season (particularly leading into the 90° day tomorrow, and leaving it unattended). A homeowner would get in lots of trouble for leaving a fire not put all the way out that could reignite...”</p>	DSAC Chair	Not reported
54	9/28/24	Concerns about fire – Pacific Region Compost – relaying radio dispatches – "Passerby called, saw brown smoke coming from a compost pile near the back of the compost facility"	DSAC Chair	Not reported

55	10/13/24	Concerns about landfill odor – just N of Sarah Helmick park/Luckiamute, nose burning, had to stay inside	DSAC Chair	Not reported
56	11/30/24	Concerns about landfill odor – Dump day here at the end of Soap Creek Valley on 12/1/24 - Likely will continue each day all week with this stagnant air + fog.	DSAC Chair	Not reported
57	12/4/24	Concerns about landfill odor and toxic PFAS area contamination – “Considering the new research that shows that municipal landfills can release similar amounts of PFAS as is found in the liquid leachate -- one of the major sources of PFAS contamination in many areas -- escaped landfill gas is likely a hazardous material that may well pose a serious threat to human health and the environment.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
58	12/13/24	Concerns about landfill odor – “Around 1:30pm Saturday Dec 14, passing the Coffin Butte landfill on Hwy 99... unbelievably bad! The smell permeated my car, and I felt queasy for a good half hour after arriving home.”	DSAC Chair	Not reported
59	1/2/2024	This is more of the usual stench that we in surrounding counties are being subjected to on an ongoing basis. Over the new year's holiday weekend the active dumping area was not covered as required, and this may have contributed to the strength of the odor. It was unpleasant to be outdoors. The annual Christmas Bird Count tallied >1,000 gulls feeding on the landfill in the uncovered trash.	DEQ	Not reported
60	1/12/2024	"horrible smell of the landfill"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
61	1/12/2024	Constant gas odors from coffin butte landfill, disturbing quality and health. I have lived here for 40 plus years and it's now intolerable	DEQ	Complaint is about the landfill odors getting worse in general. No specific incident or event.
62	1/13/2024	Offensive air pollution from the landfill. Not sure what else you want to know.	DEQ	1/23/24 - contacted source by email and forwarded complaint, with request for response.
63	1/16/2024	Rotting Garbage and Death smell is very present. Floating debris, garbage bags and chip bags entering animal pastures.	DEQ	Met with solid waste permit writer/inspector for the Coffin Butte Landfill. The landfill has fencing to trap wind-borne debris like bags to keep them from blowing off-site, as a requirement for their operations. Trucks bringing waste to the landfill are not owned or managed by the landfill, and can often be a source

				of wind-borne materials, as well as individuals discarding materials, so the landfill may or may not be the source of these.
64	1/18/2024	"Odor"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
65	1/18/2024	"incredibly intense"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
66	1/18/2024	"odor was very obvious"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
67	1/18/2024	"hits you like a wet blanket and permeates into the home as well"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
68	1/18/2024	"really bad"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
69	1/18/2024	I walked out our front door and was immediately hit by the stench of the landfill. While we often experience stench from the landfill, it's significantly worse today. One factor might be that the landfill has just re-opened, after being shut down over the holiday weekend and then due to winter weather conditions. So gases generated by garbage that have been building up under "daily cover" which was then capped by snow and ice are being released by renewed activity in the tipping area.	DEQ	Sent email with all 5 of the Jan 18 complaints to Ian, including the times reported. Waiting on response.
70	1/18/2024	I live several miles south of the Coffin Butte Landfill. The stench from the landfill is incredibly intense today. Difficult to breath. The source of the smell is unmistakable. I have smelled this smell at other times over the years, but it has never been this intense.	DEQ	Sent email with all 5 of the Jan 18 complaints to Ian, including the times reported. Waiting on response.
71	1/18/2024	Coffin. Uttebmandfill odor is consistent and permeates all the way to town of Corvallis, it's awfully going outside in your own neighborhood within miles radius. It hits you like wet blanket and permeates into the home as well	DEQ	Sent email with all 5 of the Jan 18 complaints to Ian, including the times reported. Waiting on response.
72	1/18/2024	The smell is really bad from Coffin Butte Landfill.	DEQ	Sent email with all 5 of the Jan 18 complaints to Ian, including the times

				reported. Waiting on response.
73	1/19/2024	"very apparent"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
74	1/19/2024	The landfill stink is very apparent today. Complaint forwarded to DEQ from LRAPA, email w/original complaint uploaded to documents - complaints intake SC	DEQ	Following up with Ian via email. Waiting on response.
75	1/22/2024	The odor from the Coffin Butte Landfill is getting increasingly worse. I am concerned for my family's health and safety.	DEQ	This complaint did not reference a specific event, but I will add this to the multiple-complaint follow up from January 18/19.
76	1/24/2024	<p>AIR QUALITY AND AIR STAGNATION ALERTS – LANDFILL METHANE EXCEEDANCES</p> <p>Since early November, the residents of Corvallis, Albany, Salem and Eugene-Springfield and surrounding rural areas have been subjected to multiple days of air stagnation weather patterns. During these periods of air stagnation, residents of Corvallis, Albany, Adair Village plus other small communities in the Linn and Benton county area have been experiencing acrid and chemical smells in the air, which are turning into health issues for people who have allergies and other respiratory issues. Residents researched and found that these smells are coming from the Coffin Butte dump and an EPA inspection of this particular disposal area was done in JUNE 2022. There was found massive methane leaks that violate air quality limits. It seems these might not have been addressed and the air quality has continuously worsened. Also, several eye witnesses living in Adair Village have recently witnessed open areas of waste NOT being covered (which it was found is a daily requirement per Republic Services permit). They have also witnessed seagulls (by the hundreds) scavenging the dump and found some of these birds dead in their neighborhoods shortly after that event.</p> <p>On Highway 20 at Independence Highway on Friday December 15 around noon, the smell from the dump was absolutely overpowering. Residents are being exposed to toxic air pollution from the landfill, especially residents in and around Adair Village, Logsdon Ridge, and North Albany. Over the past 3 months, many in our communities (very active dog walkers and neighbors who regularly interact outside) have curbed these activities, due to health issues breathing this offensive air. The rare break (when there is a slight breeze) finds all getting out in droves, as the air clears (but ONLY temporarily). People in our Watch are talking about the need for DEQ and Benton County to honor their mission and vision statements RE: air quality to Oregonians. Many have called and sent in complaints (like this one). However, it seems that local Republic Services administrations are not being held accountable for their neglect of environmental air quality in the</p>	DEQ	General complaint not in reference to a specific event. However, complainant is representing a neighborhood group. Additional followup needed, meeting with permit writer on Monday 2/5 as next step.

		Central Willamette Valley. There is talk of petitions and other actions by residents bring taken - if the situation continues further without resolve. I am sending this complaint on behalf of about 150 residences in only a portion of North Albany. We would think that the DEQ would honor all they claim to uphold for public air quality and would hold any business that is required to keep pollution at a minimum to account for local taxpayers. In past years, Wah Chang and the pulp plant in Millersburg were held to account when there was a continuing threat of pollution (danger to public health), so why not Republic Services? Something needs to be done soon, as taxpayers are getting upset with the lack of resolution to this ongoing situation. Redacted per ORS 192.355(4) Confidential Submissions		
77	2/3/2024	"Chemical type smell, Horrible"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
78	2/3/2024	"Strong smell of methane"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
79	2/3/2024	"foul chemical odor"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
80	2/3/2024	"nasty, horrible and probably not good for anyone to breathe"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
81	2/3/2024	"so strong"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
82	2/3/2024	There is a very strong smell of methane outside of my home. This odor is prevalent several days a week and has been growing worse over the last several months.	DEQ	Reported the 3 complaints from Feb 3 to Jan. Currently waiting on a response.
83	2/3/2024	I've reported this before but have yet to receive a reply. This is a frequent occurrence, whenever the wind is from the north. One factor making it a little worse today might be that large areas at the top of the landfill aren't covered by tarps, while they're supposed to be upgrading the methane collection system. Yesterday was windy and I noticed that the tarps were billowing and had come loose in several places on the east side, leaving new areas of exposed soil (or "daily cover") where landfill gases can escape. I thought DEQ and/or EPA were supposed to be getting this outfit to clean up their act -- what's happening?	DEQ	Emailed Jan about the 3 complaints filed on February 3. Waiting on response.

84	2/8/2024	"strong"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
85	2/8/2024	The landfill smell is strong. When we first moved here in 2020 we would smell the landfill about every few months. It's been every other week for the last year. I don't know what is contributing to this, but it's awful.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 2/15/24, waiting on response.
86	2/8/2024	On both Saturday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 6 the smell from Coffin Butte landfill was so strong that it bothered us as we drove in the area.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 2/16/24. Waiting on response.
87	2/10/2024	"awful stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
88	2/10/2024	"stinky air" "especially bad"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
89	2/10/2024	Odor	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
90	2/10/2024	We live by the land fill and the sticky days are happening more and more :(DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
91	2/10/2024	I recognize this stinky air quality as odor from the Coffin Butte landfill. I live in the soap creek valley and the odor is often especially bad.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
92	2/10/2024	Republic Services Coffin Butte Dump.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 2/16/24, waiting on response.
93	2/13/2024	"the usual Coffin Butte stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
94	2/13/2024	The usual Coffin Butte Landfill stench. This time the odor was only present above 800 ft elevation, along Vineyard Mountain Ridge. The geography of the stink is very much dependent on local air mass movement and wind direction and strength.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
95	2/14/2024	"very bad"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
96	2/14/2024	"usual rotting garbage odor"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported

97	2/15/2024	"extremely strong"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
98	2/15/2024	The landfill smell is extremely strong. This is not compost. The landfill has a distinct odor more chemical in nature. The issue has been getting progressively worse over the last several weeks	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 2/23, waiting on response.
99	2/20/2024	"malodorous chemical smell"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
100	2/20/2024	"rotting garbage"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
101	2/20/2024	"usual landfill stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
102	2/20/2024	All day Coffin Butte Landfill odors. Moderate levels today, and have been present for the last 3 days (Feb 17-20). Basically smells like rotting garbage.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 2/23, waiting on response.
103	2/20/2024	The usual rotting garbage odor that emanates from Coffin Butte landfill. I first noticed it at my home in the morning. I drove to Albany around 11am and back around 2pm. I smelled the odor from my home, all along Soap Creek Road, Tampico Rd, through Adair Village to Independence Hwy. The odor dissipated soon after I turned onto Hwy 20 toward Albany. The odor was still present when I returned home around 2.	DEQ	Complaint is referencing February 14, which has already been reported and responded to. The additional complaint is being reported, but no additional information is being requested. Called and left a message at the number provided on 2/23 at 10:42 a.m.
104	2/20/2024	The odor was especially concentrated around 700-800 ft elevation, coinciding with the bottom of the cloud deck, but still present at 500 ft. As the fog lifts, the odor often dissipates.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
105	2/22/2024	"Stinks"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
106	2/24/2024	"Rotting stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
107	2/24/2024	"sour, reeking stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported

108	2/25/2024	While driving north on Soap Creek Road prior to the Tampico Road intersection we put our autos air on recirculate and then shut the system off but it was too late the car was already filled with the highly offensive odors. We proceeded north to Hwy 99 and just had to wait it out until we got north of Republic Services Coffin Butte Dump. It is really concerning issue especially since so many people live in the vicinity of the Dump.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
109	2/27/2024	There was on 2/24 and still is a great deal of garbage strewn along Hiway 99 from Monmouth south to the Coffin Butte Landfill. It seems likely this is the result of debris falling off garbage trucks headed to the Coffin Butte Landfill. It is unsightly but also potentially dangerous for people who are walking along the road or getting their mail (or picking up after the garbage trucks).	DEQ	After a very long telephone conversation with the complainant, who advised "there was one spot that had about 5 large plastic bags, that had to have come from a truck headed to the landfill", but no one location, just scattered mess from Monmouth to Corvallis. Everything points to excessive roadway debris, I will be closing the complaint, unfounded.
110	2/29/24	For years I have witnessed garbage flying out of the Republic Services garbage trucks. Independence Hwy is disgusting, so does Hwy 99 and all adjacent roads. These used to be lovely roads with great views but it looks no better than a 3rd world country. This has been brought up in the Next Door Neighbor app and I am not alone. Please read. https://nextdoor.com/p/G6-H2Fck_5Kd?utm_source=share&extras=NDk2ODc1MQ%3D%3D&utm_campaign=1709261818824	Email	Thanked respondent and logged complaint.
111	3/6/2024	"Reeking Stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
112	3/6/2024	This is my 2nd Environmental Violation complaint- Regarding non existent and/or lack of Daily Cover. Which is required by not only Title V air quality permit but also by Solid Waste Disposal Site Permit Municipal Solid Waste Landfill SWD P 306 Expiration Date June 30, 2030. My 1st complaint was forwarded to Oregon DEQ Western Region Hazardous/Solid Waste Permitting/Compliance 4026 Fairview Industrial Dr Salem, OR 97302. Mr. Hugh Gao was the first and only person to reply although he started to cc a Miss Becky Williams. I have to report that I feel my complaint wasn't taken seriously. Mr.Gao response was that he contacted the land regarding issue of daily cover and landfill provides us evidence that indicates the landfill is in compliance. My repeated questions about penalties went completely unanswered. Yet COMPLIANCE is half of	DEQ	According to information and photos provided by the permittee, a daily cover material was applied at the operation area of the landfill in compliance with requirements as specified in the SW permit. The landfill did not open in Sunday (Feb. 11,

		Mr.Gao's title (maybe the whole division's title). I find it absolutely unacceptable that repeated acts of noncompliance aren't penalized. Shortly thereafter without informing me Mr.Gao closed my complaint. In my opinion no action was taken. I am also not aware of any penalties levied. Above I checked Falsified in the Violation Method section since landfill stated to Mr.Gao that they are in compliance and these more recent photos evidence they are not. As mentioned above I believe this is both an air quality issue and also a Solid Waste Permitting issue hopefully you can take enforcement action on this issue. Attached photos taken February 11, 2024. I have a video that is too large a file to upload. By zooming in on the video you can see the large number of birds scavenging on the uncovered garbage		2024). A daily cover material was applied on Friday, 2/9/2024.
113	3/7/24	Coffin Butte water quality	Email	Darren asked Bailey to send this information to DEQ (done). Robert Orton's contact information was not included. Mr. Orton is a Republic employee and has given comment at a recent BOC meeting. Xan Augerot received a complaint that Republic Services is using water from the Knife River quarry which is a rock quarry that borders the Coffin Butte Landfill. The complainant is concerned that water that is collected in the quarry is being used to wash the roads around (in?) the landfill. Photos and video are documented here: G:\dev\Code Compliance\Files - Enforcement\2024
114	3/8/24	Coffin Butte odors	Email	Odor complaint. I've sent the Republic Services and DEQ complaint links.

115	3/8/24	Coffin Butte odors - Dump stench today(March 8,2024) 7:00 Am til around 11:00. The areas of concern, 27407 Writsman Creek Dr., Tampico / Trillium intersection and OSU 400 road. It was a pretty high concentration.	Email	Thanked her for contacting us and forwarded Republic Services and DEQ complaint lines. Comm. Augerot also sent the Coffin Butte complaint link.
116	3/8/2024	"5"	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Ken Kupperman	Not reported
117	3/8/2024	"rotting garbage plus acrid chemical smell", level 8	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Faye Yoshihara	Not reported
118	3/8/2024	Reeking stench	DEQ	Complaint completed as duplicate complaint - see complaint #2024-00491/41497 assigned to Laura McWhorter based on complaint proximity to Coffin Butte Landfill, Republic Services
119	3/8/2024	Went outside around 8:30 am to the typical rotting garbage plus chemical acrid smell we get when we drive by Coffin Butte Landfill. It was so strong that I abandoned my plan to go for a hike and I went back inside. Around 10:00 am was my last chance for exercise today and I know that sometimes the landfill odors change with elevation and wind direction. Our house is at 500ft. So despite the landfill smell being present with its signature acrid chemical smell, but reduced, I proceeded down to 350 - 400 feet where the smell was the weakest. It was still unpleasant, but not noxious as higher elevation. By the time I returned to my house around 11:30am, the smell was present, but minimal.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.

120	3/8/2024	After reporting the signature Coffin Butte Landfill rotting garbage plus acrid chemical smell this morning, I wanted to add that a couple hours later when I went outside, a different smell that I associate more with PRC, was present at our house. It smelled more like silage and rotting organic matter. While I am not 100% certain the smell is from PRC, I will note it as "yes" below, as I believe this is the most likely source. I am only reporting to differentiate the smells we get from both the Landfill and PRC facilities, generally on different days. Today we got both. Some days, I drive to PRC so I can follow the smell to the source, today I did not have time to do this.	DEQ	3/15: Craig Filip (CF) received notification of this complaint via email at 1422 on 3/14, even though it was reported on 3/8. CF emailed Ian Macnab with Republic Services, Inc. about this issue. Mr. Macnab responded today, as did Operations Manager Broc Kienholz, that there were no complaints reported to them and no system upsets or other issues they could identify. CF called the complainant to convey this information, along with his contact information
121	3/10/2024	Noticed early morning Friday 3/8 on Tampico, drove 5 miles soap creek with ongoing odor, drove back Tampico and to CHS odor intensified throughout day. Some days worse than others, it is increasingly consistent	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
122	3/12/2024	"landfill odor with a noxious chemical component"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported

123	3/15/ 24	<p>Bailey's comments in blue.</p> <p>Dear Bailey, Can you and Benton County work to find a better way for Rep. Ser. to provide a best management practice bill for residents in Benton County? My residential trash pick up and recycling bill lets me know nothing about what I am paying for. I'm not sure what influence Benton County has on this, but I'll certainly pass along your feedback. You can also send these comments to them directly here. As you probably know, Republic Services is a national company and their billing is out of their Phoenix office and I'd guess their billing to be similar for all of their nationwide accounts.</p> <p>I am interested in what Benton County Public Works does with the payment funds they get from Rep. Ser. from the public in their trash bill? I'm new to Benton County, but I believe that these funds go into the Benton County general fund, some of which is used to fund our department's programs.</p> <p>I am interested in what the recycling fee does and why? I'm not certain of this, but I'm guessing that a recycling fee may have been added some years ago to help recycling companies reduce contamination. I could be wrong as I'm not sure what the "recycling fee" is.</p> <p>Where do comingled recyclables go and does all of this material get reclaimed? The materials initially go to Republic Services' facility in Albany. The comingled recyclables are baled for more efficient shipping and sent to a Portland area material recovery facility where they separate the recycling into different materials and grades. From there, the recycling goes to manufacturers that buy it as a raw ingredient for their manufacturing of new products.</p> <p>Does recycling all go to Salem to Garten Foundation to be sorted? I think it depends on the market. It could go to Garten Services in Salem or one of the 6 or so MRFs in the Portland area, depending on what they pay and how much material they need.</p> <p>How is comingled recycling working, or is it failing or is generating more waste or is too cost prohibitive to work as comingled reclamation the few of materials we can put in the recycling bin. Should return to sorted recycling to save more materials from being landfilled? The comingled collection system has been a double-edged sword. On the one hand, it's increased recycling by about 30% which is great. The downside is that people too often put in things that aren't part of the collection system. Things like Styrofoam, hoses, plastic bags and other contaminants have increased which has also put a real strain on the system. Recycling markets took a big hit several years ago which compounded the problem. Ultimately, the best solution is to have the material used domestically, ensuring stable markets for the recyclers. Sometimes processors will run the material a second time to improve how much they're recovering, but as technology improves, these MRFs should be able to better handle it. In the meantime, it's important</p>	Email	Bailey responded (see blue text)
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		<p>that people “recycle right.”</p> <p>What percentage of our residential trash bill goes directly to an account for paying for the closing and maintenance for x years, of the landfill? I’m not sure about the percentage, but the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality requires that landfills have a fund set aside for closing the landfill and mitigating future environmental problems that could arise. I know that this is a topic that our solid waste committee will focus on.</p> <p>Rana, it sounds like you may enjoy taking the Master Recycler class. It’s a great way to learn all about waste prevention, recycling, composting and disposal. Here’s a link. You may also find these videos of interest:</p> <p>Saving Little Pieces of Our Earth: Your Curbside Recycling Journey How a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Works – This is an excellent video that shows the process. One thing to note is that many programs include glass in the commingled. In Oregon we fortunately don’t do that (glass shards are really bad for paper recyclers), so glass is collected separately.</p>		
124	3/15/24	Website links don't work	Email	Debbie was frustrated that the links in the BCTT Final Report do not work. Sent Debbie the link to the old website that has the list of links to the solid waste documents that had been listed on the website and assured her that the links will all work again once our website has been revamped.
125	3/18/24	Coffin Butte odors	Call	Bailey acknowledged his complaint.
126	3/21/2024	<p>Original complaint received as email by DEQ HOT Support: Hello my name is Eric Nittka, I live at 28709 Robison Rd, Monmouth, OR 97361. I've been a resident in that location for the last 12 years. The smell from the landfill was only a problem once in a great while for the first 10 years just in just this year we are consistently smelling stink from the landfill day, night, afternoon. I'm not sure why but it's getting bad.</p> <p>Problem number 2.</p> <p>The trash along the roads and highways leading to the landfill are always littered with trash. There's supposed to be a covered load ordinance, that's not being enforced. The landfill is greatly effecting the livability of our community.</p> <p>Please respond to me with what action will take place to see this is corrected.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	DEQ	Regarding the odor portion of the complaint, I called and left a message with the complainant. The complaint about the trash blowing out of the trucks is related to solid waste rules, so I am also reassigning the complaint to them.

		Sincerely Eric Harry Nittka Original email uploaded to documents - complaint intake SC		
127	3/23/2024	"foul/gassy, for two hours"	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Kate Schoenhals	Not reported
128	4/1/24	Coffin Butte odors	Email	Mark emailed the Benton County leadership and cc'd me complaining about the dump odor and asking how we're planning to hold Valley Landfills accountable. Commissioner Augerot responded.
129	4/1/24	Coffin Butte odors	Email	Commissioner Augerot forwarded her complaint for my records.
130	4/1/2024	Power of odor: 10	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Elizabeth Patte	Not reported
131	4/1/2024	"incredibly bad", 10	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Vicki Druliner	Not reported
132	4/1/2024	10, "smells like rotten eggs. But worse. More chemically."	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Nathalie Sutherland	Not reported
133	4/2/24	Road damage (potholes) causing hazard for traffic at posted speed limit. Inde hwy from landfill to Hwy 20	Call	Sent compaint to PW (PWinfo@bentoncountyor.gov)

134	4/5/24	Numerous pot holes caused by the heavy truck traffic from Knife River.	Email	Emailed complaint to PW (PWinfo@bentoncountyor.gov) and responded to complainant.
135	4/8/24	Coffin Butte Litter	Call	Bailey provided Craig Filip with Chp. 23 covered loads language and contact info for Kenny Larson. Craig Filip, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, left a voicemail today. Mr. Filip said his office has received complaints about "trash being strewn on the road to and from the Coffin Butte landfill" and he would like to know if Benton County has a covered load ordinance for road transportation of materials. If the answer is yes, he would also like to know what the code citation is and who is responsible for enforcing such a requirement.
136	4/12/2024	"overpowering landfill stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
137	4/12/2024	<p>This happened both yesterday and again today. Overpowering landfill stench as I came out of my house in the morning. I was driving out to do bird surveys so I went right by the landfill and noticed that there are still huge areas up top with no tarps, in the same area where EPA inspectors found 60+ violations of methane emissions a couple of years ago.</p> <p>This is extremely frustrating -- this landfill is in violation and there have been many reports, but we're not seeing any action by DEQ.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.

138	5/2/2024	"Strong odors"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
139	5/2/2024	This just keeps happening, whenever a breeze is blowing from the north. By 7 pm the landfill is supposed to be closed for the night, so this could be an indication that they didn't adequately cover the working face, and/or that they still have a problem with leakage through their tarps. Lately I've noticed that larger areas that used to be covered by tarps are uncovered.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on May 6, waiting on response.
140	5/23/24	A beautiful morning in Soap Creek Valley with an overwhelming dump stench hanging in the air!	Email	Sent complaint links to Republic Services & DEQ
141	5/23/24	<p>Wanted to report this to you so you knew this goes on... For the first time (for me, anyway), I smelled the dump from right outside my own home. I live a good five miles away from the dump and am surrounded by a lot of trees which usually keep the air clean, but not this morning! My husband went out for a morning walk and texted me he smelled the dump. I hadn't been outside yet, so stepped out my front door and could smell it from my deck. This was at about 7:45am (Thurs 5/23/24). The smell actually began to make me feel queasy so I went back inside. I heard from a number of neighbors that they smelled it too. The landfill operators are supposed to keep odors in check but do not. It is truly scary smelling the dump (especially at your own home!) because we do not know what all pollutants we are taking into our bodies. And it is very disturbing that if you don't want to breathe those unknown things in, you feel like you have to avoid going outdoors until the "coast is clear."</p> <p>This is one of the many reasons a landfill like this should not be located so close to populated areas. When we moved here nine years ago we were given the impression that the landfill was almost full and so would be closing in the near future. On the landfill's own website in their FAQ they describe the process of how the landfill will be closed when it is "filled to capacity" so we were comforted by that. But clearly this is misleading, as they will continue to expand this dump forever if the County allows it to. I know this now, but did not when I moved here.</p> <p>I have made my complaint to DEQ on their form (about this morning's odor), but wanted to be sure you were aware as well. Do you keep a log of landfill complaints, by any chance?</p>	Email	Documented complaint and sent DEQ & RS complaint forms.
142	5/23/2024	"smell of Garbage" overwhelming	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
143	5/23/2024	smell the dump	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
144	5/23/2024	"coffin Butte's effluence"	Forwarded to RS	Not reported

			from DEQ	
145	5/23/ 2024	"trash and rotten egg"	Forward ed to RS from DEQ	Not reported
146	5/23/ 2024	I live approximately 5 miles south of the Coffin Butte Landfill and I needed to drive to my rental house in Adair Village this morning. I could smell Coffin Butte's effluence the entire drive to Adair. Although I smell their odor in the air once a month or so, today it was bad enough that my eyes began to sting and I had to go inside as soon as I could.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 5/28, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported on this date, including one reported directly to the landfill and forwarded to DEQ.
147	5/24/ 24	The smell this morning (8:15am) is not as intense as it was yesterday. But still noticeable	Email	Documented complaint
148	5/24/ 2024	Wednesday morning the smell of garbage from the Coffin Butte Landfill was overwhelming.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 5/28, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported on this date, including one reported directly to the landfill and forwarded to DEQ.
149	5/24/ 2024	I live near the Coffin Butte Landfill and the odor of trash and rotten egg was incredibly strong at my house, definitely NOT a compost smell.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 5/28, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported on this date, including one reported directly to the landfill and forwarded to DEQ.
150	7/12/ 2024	"landfill smell"	Forward ed to RS from DEQ	Not reported
151	7/22/ 24	It is long past time to address the overuse of the Coffin Butte landfill by municipalities across Oregon and Washington. It should be designated and operated as a regional landfill. At its current intake rate it will become a Superfund site which is not the legacy you should be leaving. With the CUP application now on file, please make the call as elected leaders of Benton County to restrict any expansion to future use for Benton County only.	Email	Sent her information about DSAC and ENRAC and let her know that there will be ample opportunity to provide public input.
152	7/24/ 2024	Noticeable unpleasant methane odor	Forward ed to RS from DEQ	Not reported
153	7/24/ 2024	Trash flew over the buffer property and was dropping on our property and adjacent properties. I have pictures of it in the air. Doritos bag landed on my property. Plume of something was	DEQ	7/30 - Forwarded complaint to

		moving towards my residence on SE corner of landfill buffer property		Republic, waiting on response.
154	7/26/2024	<p>A semi tractor-trailer (Oregon "HV" license plate number 78149 on the trailer, logo on the truck cab said "Ray Trucking / Dallas OR") left the landfill via Coffin Butte Road at 13:45, turned northbound onto Highway 99W, and left a long trail of plastic, paper, and other trash which was blowing out the back end of the truck. Within the first mile the stream of trash was almost constant with 5 to 10 pieces in the air at a time, then gradually diminished but trash continued to fly out even after the truck passed Suver Junction and Old Fort - Helmick Road, all the way to the outskirts of Monmouth where the truck slowed down. Altogether I'd estimate 150 to 200 pieces of trash, which fluttered off into the ditches and into nearby fields.</p> <p>On my return trip from errands in Monmouth about 45 minutes later, I noticed that a field of green beans belonging to Green Spring Farms (see http://www.greenspringfarms.com/contact/) was full of similar litter 10 or more rows out into the field, on the east side of Hwy 99W south of Suver Road.</p> <p>It is very common to see trash flying out of trucks as they leave the landfill, but usually I don't manage to get identifying information (On many trucks that haul to the landfill, the license plates are covered in grime and unreadable, though Wheat LLC is another frequent offender).</p> <p>There seems to be a general problem that drivers are not stopping to clean out their trailers before they leave the landfill. I complained about this directly to the Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee, DSAC, in 2021 but Republic Services' representative to DSAC at that time, Ian MacNab, claimed that they have stations for truckers to stop and clean out their trailers before leaving. Obviously that practice is not being followed with any consistency.</p>	DEQ	
155	7/30/2024	"landfill dump smell"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
156	7/30/2024	Landfill dump smell from coffin butte landfill	DEQ	8/6 - Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
157	8/1/2024	On 7/25/2024 observers repeatedly witnessed large plumes of particulate matter drifting off site towards the southwest where numerous homes and businesses are located on rural residential, forest conservation, and exclusive farm use land. Commercial trash hauling trucks and much larger semi trucks kicked up particulate matter in two ways. 1) When trucks ascended or descended the gravel road up to the top of the landfill, they kicked up dust from the gravel road itself, particularly when rounding a corner. 2) When semi trucks with hydraulic lifts deposited trash loads onto the	DEQ	Not reported

		<p>landfill's working face a plume of particulate matter emerged from the loads and traveled for a considerable distance to the southwest.</p> <p>These particulate matter plumes appear to be in violation of the operator's Title V permit which requires particulate matter suppression on both the gravel roads and working face depositions.</p>		
158	8/1/2024	<p>On 7/24/2024, a grass fire was started next to the landfill gas flares of Coffin Butte. This grass fire threatened several nearby residential structures and had numerous response barriers for local first responders from the Adair Village and Corvallis fire departments. First responders noted the fire likely was started by debris coming from the open flares. This would not be the first time such an event has occurred (see attached document page 3 paragraph 3. Note the reported fire in this document occurred prior to November 2023)</p> <p>Although fire response is beyond the scope of DEQ, the maintenance and operation of the flares are regulated by the Title V permit. The open flares are an air quality and fire hazard issue. Coffin Butte Landfill still has two open flares in active use, which appears to be in violation of ORS 340-239-0110 (2). Our complaint is directed at the DEQ and the fact that Republic Services, owner of Coffin Butte landfill, is not required to comply with ORS 340-239-0110 (2).</p>	DEQ	Not reported
159	8/4/24	Upset that CB charges "environmental fee" to in-County residents	Email	The receipts documenting the overcharges for the environmental fee were from before the 2021 franchise agreement that states that this fee will not be charged to BC residents.
160	8/4/2024	dump stench	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
161	8/8/2024	"dump smell, like driving by", "10"	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Ryan Griffin	Not reported
162	8/8/2024	Power of odor: "9"	Direct Complaint to Republic	Not reported

			Service s - Lauren Griffin	
163	8/9/2 024	Piercing garbage smell	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
164	8/9/2 024	"terrible smell"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
165	8/9/2 024	The smell of the Coffin Butte landfill is sitting on top of our property. A piercing garbage smell. My son and I stopped playing outside after the smell approached.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 8/16, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported for this date.
166	8/9/2 024	Terrible smell from coffin butte landfill	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 8/16, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported for this date.
167	8/18/ 2024	"smells like driving by the dump", 8	Direct Compla int to Republi c Service s - Ryan Griffin	Not reported
168	8/21/ 2024	Dump stench from Coffin Butte Landfill	DEQ	Emailed complainant, waiting on response.
169	8/23/ 24	<p>From: allysonkhand@gmail.com Subject: Coffin Butte expansion project</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to inform you of the ongoing issue of the Coffin Butte landfill expansion. Plans have been underway for expansion, despite the actual need to expand. The county is not regulating the expansion. The landfill is still able to receive waste for many more years to come. Yes, it is filling up, but does not require immediate action to resolve.</p> <p>Republic Services has been fined millions of dollars in the past for environmental pollution. Republic Services announced a "pre application meeting" with Benton County Planning Division. The meeting was scheduled for last night and the public was NOT invited. No public were allowed, not even to observe. It is concerning to see this project be able to have a meeting without having to be transparent with the people the expansion will affect the most.</p>	Email	Encouraged Ms. Hand to submit her concerns about Coffin Butte once the CUP is open for public comment.

		<p>The project needs oversight. This project needs to stop. Republic Services needs to be held accountable. The Willamette Valley is full of sensitive ecosystems. The expansion of a landfill only threatens people, wildlife, and the environment.</p> <p>Please look into this. Please hold Republic Services accountable. Cheri Brubaker, Field Representative U.S. Representative Val Hoyle OR-04 Mobile (202) 834-3336</p>		
170	8/23/24	<p>August 4, 2024 8:30 -10:00 AM the smell was present. I was heading to Airlie, and first noticed it at the intersection of Soap Creek and Tampico, it persisted til I reached the 300 RD of OSU Forest. On returning home around 10:00 It was permeating the air at our home.</p> <p>August 21, 2024 7:00 - 10:00 the smell was potent!</p>	Email	Responded to the complaint about the landfill odors.
171	8/23/2024	"landfill chemical stink"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
172	8/23/2024	Earlier today the wind was from the south (from our house toward the landfill) so we weren't smelling the odor. But after a weather front passed through this afternoon, the wind is now from the north, so we're smelling the typical landfill "chemical" stink.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
173	8/27/24	<p>I am very much against the proposal. Before you get stuck in the weeds of all the guidelines you are supposed to focus on or disregard, ask yourself- Do you really want to be one of the people who, because of money, opened the door to degradation of the land, water, and air in our region? I have read the information on the VNEQS website, which makes it clear that NO ONE has the resources to correctly purify the leachate coming from the landfill, to make it safe for wells or for the Willamette River, the water source for many communities. In addition, in spite of systems to collect methane gas, there is still air pollution above and around the landfill area.</p> <p>It particularly shocks me that Republic Waste is wanting no restrictions on the amount of waste that it can accept in the future. Also that they are allowed to define what is a hazardous effect for adjoining lands.</p> <p>There are no simple solutions. However, I hope there are ways to restrict the amount of waste that Republic can continue to collect from all over Oregon. At the very least, Republic should be required to build a state of the art pre-cycling center to make sure that less material enters the landfill in the first place (similar to what Lane County is doing at this time). At the very least, there needs to be required close monitoring of toxic materials that are already leaking beyond the boundaries of the landfill (with arsenic as an easy way to signal an alarm for surrounding wells and water).</p> <p>I'm sure if there were a vote on this, Benton county citizens would vote it down! You as our elected representative are supposed to represent our interests. Please use your conscience as well as your head to look at the situation. Thank you for your attention.</p> <p>From Larky Hansen, 6780 NW Mountain View Dr., Corvallis, OR</p>	Email	Commissioner Augerot responded.

		97330 (Not close enough to have my well or air quality affected, however close enough to care about fellow citizens, including citizens of Adair Village who get their water only a few miles north of the Corvallis Wastewater facility).		
174	9/11/24	Kevin expressed concern about the potential for wildfires to come to the Coffin Butte Landfill and fires that start at the landfill	DSAC Meeting	This came as a public comment to the DSAC at their meeting on 11/11/24. The committee discussed his concerns and deliberated on next steps.
175	9/11/24	<p>Community member, Kate Harris, opened the discussion by referring to a KLCC article published approximately one month ago, which mentioned assurances from Republic Services regarding robust monitoring and emergency management systems in place at Coffin Butte Landfill. Harris expressed concern that, despite these assurances, in real-life situations such as a recent fire, external observers (such as motorists) were the first to notice fires, which suggests a failure of the early monitoring systems.</p> <p>Harris quoted an SES Engineering Risk Assessment, noting that operators believed the flare may have caused a fire by igniting nearby grass. As a precaution, Republic Services created a gravel-covered buffer between the flare and grassy areas, which was believed to prevent further fire incidents. However, the fire in the summer of 2024 proved otherwise. Harris reiterated that Republic had provided multiple assurances that their fire prevention systems were adequate, but real-world incidents suggest these systems are failing. Harris suggested the need for a third-party, independent risk assessment (not funded by Republic) to provide an unbiased view of the existing risks at the landfill. Harris also noted a discrepancy in the report, which stated that no history of wildfires existed near the landfill. However, there was a wildfire in July 2023, just west of the landfill, disproving this claim.</p>	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24. Republic Services representative responded in the meeting.
176	9/11/24	Concern regarding Republic's expansion plans for Coffin Butte Landfill, especially regarding fires crossing Coffin Butte Road. Highlighted the increasing wildfire risk due to climate change and wind events, which could lead to embers affecting nearby properties and Adair Village.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24. Republic Services representative responded in the meeting: Landfill material is sometimes covered with tarps, not dirt. Community concerns were raised over fire risks associated with this practice. Republic emphasized

				their commitment to safety protocols, including reduced working face areas, availability of water, and rapid response times. They disagreed with the assertion that fire risks are increasing.
177	9/11/24	Inquiry into whether Republic has updated their safety protocols in response to climate change and increased fire risks. Republic has not made specific updates addressing climate change but follows standard protocols, including keeping buffer areas mowed and maintaining safety standards	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24. Republic Services representative responded in the meeting
178	9/11/24	Morrell raised concerns about a poorly managed Douglas Fir stand near the landfill, which poses a fire risk.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24. Republic Services noted that they would look into thinning the stand as previously recommended. There was a debate on the relevance of forested areas and other properties near the landfill in the context of fire prevention planning. Some committee members questioned if fire risk in non-landfill areas should be considered within the landfill's fire management scope. It was agreed that understanding the broader scope of land management, including forested and farmland areas, is necessary for comprehensive fire prevention planning.

179	9/11/24	Kevin Kenaga expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of public notification about the meeting. He mentioned that he had to personally reach out to the chair to learn about the meeting date. Kevin emphasized that the lack of communication undermines the committee's ability to fulfill its mission of fostering community dialogue and engagement. Kevin expressed concern over possible misinformation about the materials used in the landfill, particularly a statement that the polyethylene liner was not plastic.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24. This was clarified by Republic Services staff as a misunderstanding, confirming that high-density polyethylene is indeed plastic.
180	9/11/24	Ecklund expressed long-standing systemic problems in how the DSAC and related activities are communicated, with cancellations and changes to meeting schedules without adequate notice.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24. Bailey agreed to better promote future meetings.
181	9/17/24	<p>I read Ken Eklund's letter to the GT editor today, asking for input. I have some.</p> <p>Sometime this past year I listened to a talk offered by the Academy for Lifelong Learning that was mainly a discussion by a fellow from a European country (Germany or Netherlands or...?) covering the way European countries are replacing landfills to an amazing extent with diverse recycling and treatment methods. It was eye-opening, to say the least. The basic story was that landfills there are nearly entirely being replaced by extensive Green approaches.</p> <p>I attended last month's talk at the Corvallis Community Center that focused on our own landfill expansion, which I already knew was driven by financial gains for Republic Services, seemingly favored by the county supervisors because of the income the county realizes when Republic pays to handle one-third of Oregon's untreated waste in Coffin Butte.</p> <p>I am a chemist, retired from OSU Chem Dept., and I understand the role methane has on our planet's atmosphere. Landfills are said to contribute about a third of the methane emissions into the atmosphere in the US. Expanding our landfill will accelerate this, looking away from the problem. I learned at the talk that should Benton County refuse to permit the expansion, which mainly serves citizens outside our county, would provide a serious encouragement to find another way...and it would NOT mean we in Corvallis would have to find immediately another way to dispose of our trash without recourse.</p> <p>After listening to the way Europe is directing its citizen to take a role in separating recyclables and treating trash, I want to encourage all of us to take part in that. In fact, during the evening talk, the "Toxics..." fellow from Eugene claimed that Eugene is moving in that direction (extensive separation and thermal treatment of some part of the leftovers).</p>	Email	I thanked him for his input and suggested that he submit public comment during the public comment period which hasn't opened yet.

		Turn down the expansion (I have a yard sign!). Michael Schuyler		
182	9/19/24	Commented on difficulties finding DSAC-related information online, which used to be easily accessible. Requested more detailed and accessible information on the committee's webpage.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/11/24.
183	9/19/24	Raised concerns about hazardous waste being deposited at the landfill, specifically incinerator ash from Marion County, and its potential environmental impacts. Also questioned whether ENRAC accepts public comment, as there is confusion about the public's ability to provide input at their meetings.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/19/24. Ian MacNab (Committee Member): Explained that the incinerator ash has been tested and deemed non-hazardous. DEQ approved its use as cover material after a lengthy trial process over 10 years ago.
184	9/19/24	Expressed concerns regarding worker safety at Coffin Butte Landfill, referencing the August 6th Benton County Commissioner meeting and a recent OSHA inspection. Raised numerous questions (see 9/19/24 meeting minutes)	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/19/24. Republic Services responded in the meeting.
185	9/19/24	Raised the question of the costs to Benton County for hosting the landfill, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Road degradation, pollution, and landfill fires. o Decrease in land values near the landfill. o Post-closure costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested any available reports addressing these costs. 	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/19/24. Staff researched if such a study exists and it does not. Clarified that post-closure management is required for a minimum of 30 years after the landfill closes. Mentioned no existing comprehensive report on externalities related to the landfill but suggested further inquiry with the County.
186	9/19/24	Commented on the updated Coffin Butte Annual Report, specifically regarding new testing for the flare at the landfill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Kenaga inquired about the testing procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What is being tested? o When will the testing be available to the public? 	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/19/24. Response from Republic

				<p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Testing is scheduled for October 22. o It is a standard procedure for flare or industrial devices to have initial source testing.
187	9/19/24	<p>Kevin Kenaga raised concerns about the daily cover at the landfill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The report mentions daily cover (typically 6 inches of soil), but in reality, mesh netting is used, which doesn't prevent odors or wildlife from accessing the garbage. o Kevin criticized the accuracy of the report and emphasized the environmental impact of not using adequate daily cover, including increased methane emissions 	DSAC Meeting	<p>This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 9/19/24. Republic Services Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The daily cover used is a heavy-duty 200x200 foot tarp, not mesh netting, and is an approved alternative daily cover. Using tarps saves clean soil and airspace.
188	9/20/24	Complaint about exceptionally long line at Coffin Butte with 25-30 commercial trucks slowing the line down. Waited 45 min. before getting to the scale house.	Call	Called Rob and discussed the issue. Let him know that I'll send this complaint to Republic Services.
189	10/1/24	Upset that CB charged out-of-county rate because she came in a F350 truck with a u-haul back. Feels that this should have been charged the Benton County rate. She provided receipts documenting the "environmental fee" that should not be charged to Benton County residents.	Email	<p>Asked Petra about the issue of charging an "environmental fee" to BC residents. Our contract with RS states that these fees should not be charged to BC residents. Update: The vehicle size she had doesn't qualify for the discounted rate. Bailey asked Republic to make a sign indicating what vehicles do and do not qualify. They've posted the sign and added the information on their website.</p>
190	10/8/24	Hi! I'm not very good at computers, so hope that you get this message. I believe that the Benton County land fill shouldn't be for numerous other counties(other than maybe a few adjoining ones like Linn which maybe should pay something for access to it) who	Email	Bailey emailed her instructions on how to sign up for Coffin Butte permit

		don't want a landfill in their back yard and would rather we shoulder the environmental burden. If Republic wasn't taking all that other outside trash, the land fill would be able to function until the quarry is available for expansion. I have found Republic's service to be great, but they are being greedy for additional business at our expense. The new contract should restrict where the waste comes from.		application updates and how to provide public comment.
191	10/9/24	Mark Yeager, a Benton County resident, raised concerns about Republic Services' construction of a landfill expansion into the quarry site. He emphasized that this expansion, according to Benton County Code Chapter 77, requires a conditional use permit, which he believes has not been obtained. Yeager questioned whether DSAC was aware of the construction and if they had any comments on the issue.	DSAC Meeting	This complaint came as public testimony at a DSAC meeting on 10/9/24. Ian McNabb (Republic Services representative) responded, confirming that the construction in the quarry had been publicly discussed in previous meetings and open houses.
192	10/9/2024	There was a great amount of litter on both sides of Hiway 99 between the north and south entrances to Arboretum Rd. It really looked like no one was maintaining the highway margins. I believe a lot of this garbage has escaped from garbage trucks going to Coffin Butte Landfill. I think this roadway should be kept neat and clean.	DEQ	
193	10/17/2024	Landfill stench was once again affecting recreation on E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area. With a breeze from the SW on this date, the most strongly affected area was NE of the landfill, starting from north of the archery range (about 150 yards south of the CPI substation) and for about the next 1/4 mile north of there.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
194	11/5/24	Resident sent a letter with newspaper clippings about Coffin Butte. Concerns included accepting waste beyond Linn and Benton Counties and resulting truck impact on roads.	Letter	Read the letter and reviewed the newspaper clippings. Shared the letter and clippings with DSAC (10/9/24 Meeting Minutes)
195	11/8/24	<p>I am writing to report alarming air quality violations that occurred this week originating from Coffin Butte Landfill.</p> <p>On the evenings of Monday November 4th and Wednesday November 6th, I was exposed to concerning levels of methane while commuting home from work. My route takes me onto Camp Adair Road from the Independence Highway, then north on Highway 99 and onto Robison Road where my residence is located approximately 1.5 to 2 miles northwest of Coffin Butte. The timeframe of my commute has me driving through the area at approximately 5:30 to 5:45. The methane scent became noticeable as soon as I turned off Independence Highway onto Camp Adair Road, increasing in strength so that by the time I was driving past the landfill on Highway 99, the methane concentration was strong enough to give me a headache. The methane was still discernable</p>	Email	Documented odor complaint and sent complaintant the Coffin Butte complaint information and the DEQ report form.

		<p>when I parked my car at my residence approximately two miles northwest of the landfill.</p> <p>It is a huge inconvenience to have to write this email, and I want you to understand that there have been many more times when I should have made similar reports, but just didn't have the energy or time. This evening I could smell methane when doing chores outside my home, so I knew I had to take the time to report what has been occurring.</p> <p>In addition to the air pollution, Tuesday night Camp Adair Road was largely covered by hazardous masses of pink fiberglass insulation that I believe were part of an uncovered load heading to the landfill. In addition to posing danger to drivers along the road that evening, the insulation migrated to the vegetation where it is now scattered for hundreds of yards along the roadside ditches. This has to pose an environmental hazard for flora and fauna in the surrounding farmlands and the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area. The quantity of landfill-related waste littering the local roadways and roadsides is deplorable, and Republic Services should be required to provide litter clean up every day.</p> <p>The ongoing collateral damage of the landfill is both alarming and saddening to those of us who are exposed to it on a daily basis. In my opinion, Republic Services does not deserve to do business in Oregon because they are a persistently irresponsible organization posing many hazards to the health and well-being of residents living in the vicinity of the landfill, as well as to the surrounding farmlands and their nonhuman inhabitants.</p> <p>Less waste is the answer we require for a healthy future, not more landfills. My neighbors, my family and I therefore thank you for everything you can do to hold Republic Services accountable for their egregious behavior toward the local environment, and for any assistance you can offer to protect your constituents from future landfill expansion.</p>		
196	11/17/2024	<p>Multiple problems at Coffin Butte Landfill today:</p> <p>(1) Very strong landfill stench impacting public recreational use of the Coffin Butte Annex of E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area. Overwhelming in the trailhead area.</p> <p>(2) Tarps all along the SE flank (especially right along SE corner of the "pyramid" formed by the newest landfill cell, from mid-slope up to near the top) visibly inflated by landfill gas, forming bulges in the tarp, except where held down by weights (sandbags). Not due to wind billowing, except in one ~15 foot section lower down that was moving with variations in the breeze, where the tarp had pulled loose exposing a bare patch of cover dirt perhaps 5 x 10 ft wide. Above that the tarp formed a series of taut bubbles that were not moving at all. This is in one of the areas where an EPA inspector observed similar inflation of the tarps, indicating positive pressure from below by landfill gas that is not being captured by the gas-</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic. Response received from Republic. See attached document. Emailed a response, including the attached document, to the complainant as well.

		<p>capture system.</p> <p>(3) On the southwest side, before today's rain started up, there was water/leachate streaming out of multiple holes in the tarps on the south-facing slope of the landfill, above the first gate west of the scale house road (above Monitoring Well 23 which has registered high arsenic levels during past seepage events. Some of this may have been runoff from water pooled on a bench higher up, but in several places it was coming out through holes in the tarps, and the tarps were dry above these leakage points. I'd estimate the flow from the biggest stream of seepage at about 15 to 20 gpm. This eventually all goes into a ditch which flows into E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area and is used as the source for a popular fishing pond. Knowing that leachate is high in arsenic as well as PFAS and other toxins, this is an environmental health concern. Many of these holes in the tarps have weeds growing through them, showing that they've existed for a long time.</p> <p>(4) When I checked on the back side of the dump as viewed from Wiles Road and Coffin Butte Road, I could see a large area of garbage at the tipping face that was uncovered, drawing a swarm of 400+ "sea" gulls and an estimated ten thousand of invasive European Starlings. The landfill operators are not supposed to leave trash uncovered over the weekend (this was on a Sunday morning when the dump is closed). Recently they've been pulling a tarp over the tipping face and I could see a tarp up there, but either it wasn't properly deployed or it wasn't properly secured.</p>		
197	11/19/24	<p>I live approximately 2 miles northwest of Coffin Butte Landfill. In the early hours of morning today there was a nauseatingly strong methane odor emanating from Coffin Butte landfill. When I went outside tonight at approximately 8:15, the odor was again strong enough to force me back into the filtered air of my home. The frequency and intensity of the methane pollution is increasing.</p> <p>This methane pollution is more than a nuisance to those living within range of the smell. I believe Coffin Butte Landfill poses serious environmental and public health hazards. I further believe Republic Services should be held accountable for what I see as crimes against the local environment and its inhabitants, be they human or otherwise.</p> <p>Below is a forwarded email with a similar report I made dating from the week of November 8th. For the record, remnants of the insulation spill I mention in that report can still be seen along Camp Adair Road today. It is important that Benton County Commissioners read that complaint since they were not included in the original email.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and support in this matter. Your constituents are trusting that our elected officials will act with integrity to protect the public from the bad-faith practices of Coffin Butte Landfill and Republic Services.</p>	Email	Documented odor complaint and sent complaintant the Coffin Butte complaint information and the DEQ report form.

198	11/20/2024	I like 1.5 miles from coffin butte landfill. The sink from the landfill is very noticeable at least 2 times a week lately	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
199	11/26/24	Heavy duty dump stench this morning. Starting at about 9:30am... still hanging in the air.	Email	Let Becky know that we're working on a more streamlined complaint process. Thanked her for reporting it.
200	11/26/2024	"Coffin Butte dump stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
201	11/26/2024	Coffin Butte dump stench	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 12/2, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday weekend.
202	11/27/2024	"went outside with my cup of coffee. Hit with the smell of the landfill"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
203	11/27/2024	Went outside with my cup of coffee. Hit with the smell of the landfill.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 12/2, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday weekend.
204	11/30/2024	"sitting at my dest, when I stared to smell it. It lasted for a about 3 hours"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
205	11/30/2024	"a terrible odor that we could smell from our car for about a mile north	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
206	12/1/24	Putrid, nose burning, eye irritating odor from landfill occurring weekly. Very strong (distinct and pervasive) Odor Offensiveness: How disagreeable was the odor? Highly offensive	Email	Let Katy know that we're working on a more streamlined complaint process. Thanked her for reporting it.
207	12/1/2024	"odor is so bad"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
208	12/1/2024	"sometimes unbearable"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
209	12/1/2024	"toxic landfill gases"	Forwarded to RS	Not reported

			from DEQ	
210	12/1/ 2024	"some sort of chemical", "rotten garbage"	Forward ed to RS from DEQ	Not reported
211	12/1/ 2024	Coffin Butte landfill toxic gases are flowing south to many houses in Soap Creek Valley, trapped by fog and stagnant air.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 12/2, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday weekend.
212	12/1/ 2024	Passing by the Coffin Butte landfill on Saturday afternoon, there was a terrible odor that we could smell from our car for about a mile north and south of the landfill.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 12/2, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday weekend.
213	12/1/ 2024	I live near the Coffin Butte Landfill and the odor is so bad today that I can barely stand outside. It is disappointing because it is a beautiful sunny day but the smell is so bad I don't want to rake my leaves or be outside at all.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 12/2, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday weekend.
214	12/1/ 2024	This is an ongoing issue with the Coffin Butte Landfill odor, sometimes it is unbearable sometime just annoying, but always bad, and unknown what your smelling or what it is doing to you long term, we have been residents for 50 years and it continually gets worse and worse, PLEASE ISSUE A STOP!!!	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 12/2, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday weekend.
215	12/3/ 2024	A typical incident regarding Republic Services' Coffin Butte Landfill - in the morning when we go out with the dog, the odors are noticeable (this time the early odor smelled like some sort of chemical). We hurry back inside, then later in the morning head outside to attend to chores. As usual, the odor at this point is unbearable, now smelling like rotten garbage. We are not able to stand being outside until early afternoon. I indicated above that these incidents occur weekly, but that is an average. Sometimes, depending on weather patterns, they can be several days in a row, or occur less frequently.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
216	12/5/ 2024	I just described the incident in the above statement. I'm feeling nauseous by coffin butte landfill stink. It's now becoming more than a nuisance its really a health hazard for humans and animals in the surrounding area. Please take some real action and stop this. Thank you!!!!	DEQ	Complaint is general in nature and not event-specific. Called complainant 12/6 at 10:10 a.m. as requested and left a voicemail. Spoke with this individual on 11/25 also in response to a previous complaint. 12/6 - 10:50 a.m.

				complainant returned my call and spoke with them about the landfill odor issues.
217	12/6/2024	"landfill stench"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
218	12/11/24	Letter sent (in 2025.01.08 DSAC Meeting Packet). Her concerns related to excessive truck traffic, wondering why Republic's fleet isn't electric, safety and litter	Email	Bailey apologized that the link to the DSAC meeting on 12/11/24 wasn't working and let her know that I'd pass along her concern to the DSAC (in the meeting packet on 1/8/25) and include it in the 2024 CCAR
219	12/11/24	Letter sent (in 2025.01.08 DSAC Meeting Packet). Her concerns related to odors and a need for technological sensors that don't rely on the human nose.	Email	Bailey apologized that the link to the DSAC meeting on 12/11/24 wasn't working and let her know that I'd pass along her concern to the DSAC (in the meeting packet on 1/8/25) and include it in the 2024 CCAR
220	12/14/2024	"like a cross between a putrid low tide and an auto repair garage".	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
221	12/14/2024	<p>Around 1:30pm Saturday Dec 14 I was driving home from Salem to Soap Creek Valley and had forgotten to put my car on "recirc" while passing the Coffin Butte landfill (Hwy 99 southbound, then onto Coffin Butte Rd). I don't often drive this way, but usually turn on recirc when I do because I just don't want to breathe in whatever unknowns are in the landfill odor (which I hear about regularly from other neighbors). Once I realized what I was smelling it was too late to block it and it was absolutely awful. The smell permeated my car, and I felt queasy for a good half hour after arriving home. PLEASE NOTE: under "Odor Frequency", above, you do not provide an option for "intermittent". The only reason I do not smell it regularly is because I don't pass by it "regularly." This was not the first time I've smelled the landfill (smelled/reported it once by my home, 5 miles away), but the first time I've experienced the full-onslaught from driving by without running recirc in my car.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.

222	12/20/2024	"odor" "far worse than usual"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
223	12/20/2024	Although this smell has occurred during recent mornings when there was an inversion, this afternoon the odor was far worse than typical. From past experience, I know this is coming from the Coffin Butte landfill to our north. I am putting my personal home address for where the incident occurred so you can see the extent of the odor.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
224	12/23/2024	landfill smell, 5	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Maggie Livesay	Not reported
225	12/23/2024	"stench very noticeable"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
226	12/24/24	Letter in Gazette Times, "We Must do What we can to Stop Expansion" https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/corvallis-speaks-up-letters-to-the-editor-for-the-week-of-dec-27-2024/collection_a52e48b7-a3f2-5575-93f7-2046c2f847c3.html	Letter in Gazette Times	None
227	12/29/2024	"stench", "not one type of aroma"	Direct Complaint to Republic Services - Virginia Scott (also received forwarded from DEQ)	Not reported
228	12/29/2024	"strong methane odor"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
229	12/31/24	Letter in Gazette Times: Benton County Obscures Process https://gazettetimes.com/benton-county-obscures-process/article_1c5d0515-b578-5994-b5aa-ece6ac6ba8f8.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Letter in Gazette Times	None
230	12/31/2024	"stink"	Forwarded to RS from DEQ	Not reported
231	12/31/2024	As I was driving past the Coffin Butte dump on Coffin Butte Road in Benton County, OR on Sunday morning the stench was so strong that I has to put the car's air on recirculate until I was well north of	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.

		the dump. It was equally as terrible on my return trip past the dump at about 6:30 PM on 12/29/24 and was smelly even on recirculate well past the Tampico/Soap Creek intersection. This is an issue because on moist days, like Sunday, when the car air is on recirculate, the car windows fog up which makes it dangerous to turn onto Hwy 99.		Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday week.
232	12/31/2024	Almost every evening to early morning there is a strong methane odor originating from the Coffin Butte Landfill located north of Corvallis in Benton County Oregon. This year the odor has become strong enough to smell indoors if an air filter isn't in use. There is also a tremendous amount of litter and garbage along Camp Adair Road, Hwy 99 and other tributary roads leading to the landfill. The garbage is on the roads, in the ditches soaking in water and leaching into the ground. The air and material pollution is a hazard to humans, wildlife and plant life in the local area. There is no telling what chemicals and hazardous materials are contaminating the local biosphere.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday week.
233	12/31/2024	Coffin butte landfill is releasing methane gas and stink into the atmosphere. The stink is becoming worse each day. I don't have enough time to notify you beach day of the occurrence but it is becoming much more frequent, approximately 5 days a week now.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported over the holiday week.