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Dear Planning Commissioners:

Although I live on Grange Hall Rd. south of Philomath, I oppose the landfill expansion for several reasons.

My primary reasons pertain to the climate crisis that most world scientists deem to be bringing sentient beings ever closer to increasingly great harm. Those of you with offspring must be understandably concerned.

1. How much tailpipe exhaust ensues from so many trucks coming from afar, and then returning without any load while burning more fuel and its exhaust?
2. What is the volume of highly toxic leachates trucked to the Corvallis Wastewater Treatment Plant, mixed with water, and then sent into the Willamette River with minimal detoxification? What happens to the river's fish and wildlife? How much of the resulting liquid makes it into the tap water of Adair Village and other downstream communities?
3. How is groundwater in the Coffin Butte area affected by on site leakage?
4. How much untreated methane mixed with other toxins get into our air every day? Is the applicant forthcoming about that?
5. Why has EPA Enforcement initiated an action against the existing landfill operation? What does that tell us about the reliability of the applicant?
6. How often do area residents experience localized stench?
7. How many trees will be gone from the proposed new dump site? How will that affect local wildlife? How much noise and diesel exhaust will emanate from digging up the imperiled hill for the sought after expansion?
8. Why is the applicant not proposing to use the existing space in the nearby quarry?
9. Please know that although I am not furnishing back-up data, that is because I trust you will be receiving much data and do not need the duplication.

I feel the best solution for our Benton County's health is to deny the application before you and suggest that the applicant use the Quarry as their last hurrah in this area. That scenario could entail somewhere between 6-12 years, giving all parties time to develop better plans. I've heard a local State Representative say that a group of legislators have begun working to determine how best to proceed with the whole solid waste dilemma.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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