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Subject of Testimony: coffin butte landfill expansion

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Written Testimony:

I oppose the plan to expand the landfill at Coffin Butte.

The data shows present monitoring and capture of methane is woefully mismanaged, often exceeding regulations.

I strongly feel that leachate monitoring is grossly inadequate. It does not address monitoring for PCB, Pharmaceutical pollution, and the recently rediscovered past radioactive contamination. Additional tests should be added to well/groundwater monitoring and not just a few times a year. To ignore this will gravely endanger our our county's present and future health. We cannot continue to lethally dirty our nest.

Republic and Benton County now allow multiple municipalities the use of Coffin Butte. All this out-of-county garbage is quickly diminishing the lifetime of our landfill, thus accelerating its early demise. This will move County decisions for replacement forward,giving the country less time to thoughtfully plan and budget for future alternative solutions.

The 30% out-of-county waste contributions to Coffin Butte also exacerbates the pollution problem in other ways. Tailpipe CO2 additions due to long distance transport on top of alarming methane,leachate, smell and increasing traffic and litter problems further compounds the damage to our counties health and well-being and environment.

Given these undeniable facts,it becomes clear that the country should HALT THE EXPANSION OF THE CB LANDFILL. DEVELOP MORE STRINGENT TESTING AND MONITORING. END OUT-OF-COUNTY USE/ACCESS. AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE A REGIONAL/STATE SOLUTION TO THE GROWING PROBLEM OF MANAGING OUR SOLID/LEACHATE WASTE.

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