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My name is Duane Jager, and my wife Heather and I live at 4485 SW Airport Ave, Corvallis, OR 97333. I'm writing in opposition to Republic Services' proposed Coffin Butte landfill expansion plan.

Here are some of the reasons we most oppose this expansion.

1. Out-of-County Waste

Much of the waste received at Coffin Butte is from **outside** Benton County. We understand that in 2020 less than 12% of the waste was from Benton County. Because of this, what is the necessity of expanding the landfill for our local needs?

2. Health Hazards

Strong chemical odors and dust containing harmful substances have been reported. Also, there is risk of groundwater contamination affecting well water in the area.

There have been methane leaks with some readings exceeding 100,000 ppm. Legal limit is 500 ppm. This certainly creates a fire risk as well as affecting the air quality.

3. Emergency Access Concerns

The proposed expansion would eliminate Coffin Butte Road, a critical emergency route.

4. Quality of Life

Nearby residents experience bad air days which limit activities they can do outside on their property and create potential health concerns.

5. Property Values

There are concerns that the value of nearby property could be negatively impacted making it difficult to sell property and attract new residents.

In conclusion, we see very little positive value to the residents of Benton County and many negative reasons for not allowing this expansion of Coffin Butte. Therefore, we urge the Commission to do what is right for the residents of our beautiful Benton County and deny the Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

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