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To: Benton County Commission  
on LU-24-027

From: Veronica Thompson  
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Dear Benton County Commissioners:

Upon reviewing all 152 pages of the documented testimonies from July 8th and July 9th Public hearing I came to a conclusion that the Republic Services (Applicant) failed to meet its Burden of Proof that the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill isn't a "Serious Interference" with the existing adjacent properties use. The Landfill as of now at its present size 600 ft above sea level, thus exceeding 450 ft above sea level limit proposed by existing permit is a dangerous nuisance as it is to the entire Adair Village and North Corvallis areas.

I refer your attention to the expert testimony by Aaron Harris, Fire Chief of Adair Rural Fire Protection who recommends the denial of the expansion to

the Applicant.

There is another expert testimony on the record from Jason Schindler, Chair Benton County ENRAC who also recommends a denial on the “Applicant’s” application for expansion permit.

I reviewed the Applicant’s expert Dr. Tony Sperling of LFC MFA engineering and found it lacking specific details and being unnecessary broad in its scope. The over-reliance on self-monitoring by the Republic was especially noticeable.

In contrast, well thought and well-supported by presented at the public hearings evidence testimonies by Mark Yeager (07092025) and Ken Eklund (07082025 and 070925) were persuasive and common-sense based.

The exhibit of megaleak on April 28, 2025 documented by satellite survey company Carbon Mapping was never rebutted by the Applicant’s experts. The written testimony presented by “Beyond Toxics” presents the evidence of Applicant’s multiple failures to comply with applicable EPA’s standards and the ongoing investigation under Section 114.

Exhibit E55 pp.1-5 refers to a “robust monitoring” by the Republic, which is currently avoids it as documented by the record at the July 8th and 9th, 2025 Public Hearings.

In summary, my biggest concerns are with non-compliance by the Republic with its existing permit and the absence of fire safety, which is evident by its usage of a 4,000 gallons watertruck designed for dust control, but not fire extinguishing on a scale of multiple toxic chemicals burning at once. The hazardous and toxic substances burn at extremely high temperatures releasing toxins that travel well beyond in hot summer windy days. The Benton County’s budget is not sufficiently funded to keep up with all necessary monitoring and enforcement of the Landfill’s operations. The proposed conditions for approval list about 83 necessary improvements that somehow will make the 930 mln tons organic waste and uncapped non-organic waste safer to store next to residential communities. The undue burden on Benton County’s taxpayers and all residents and high risk of accidents:

- 1) leachate leaks through damaged liner, which rarely if ever inspected;
- 2) groundwater contamination with no adequate way to remediate;
- 3) dewatering as Landfill uses Adair Village drinking water sources to refill its dust control tanks,
- 4) excessive noise pollution as of now with levels exceeding the existing permit;
- 5) danger of underground leachate contaminating water wells of the

adjacent properties; there is according to the written testimony by David Hackleman a persistent lack of transparency with the adjacent properties owners when the Republic never release its tests results from the test wells). For all the reasons stated above and all documents included into the Benton County's Planning Commission July 8,9 2025 folder I strongly urge this Commission to deny the Applucant its permit application.  
Thank you for your service to the Benton County community!  
Veronica Thompson

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