

BEFORE THE STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MOTION TO INTERVENE BY MAINE RIVERS

REGARDING THE PROPOSED JUNIPER RIDGE LANDFILL EXPANSION

APPLICATION REFERENCE #HQH-DAD1-RJBBR

Maine Rivers, Post Office Box 782, Yarmouth, Maine 04096, hereby moves to intervene in the above captioned proceeding regarding the application by the State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, for a Solid Waste License for the expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. The project will be implemented in Alton and Old Town, in Penobscot County, Maine.

Preface: Maine Rivers is a Maine not for profit corporation as defined in 13-B Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. Its purpose is to protect, restore and enhance the ecological health of Maine's river systems and to promote sound policy and management with respect to Maine rivers. The membership of Maine Rivers includes many individuals including citizens throughout Maine and elsewhere. The Executive Director of Maine Rivers is Landis Hudson. Overall governance is by a Board of Directors.

1. A member of the Maine Rivers Board of Directors is Dan Kusnierz, Water Resources Program Manager of the Penobscot Indian Nation, based on Indian Island Maine. The Landfill location is near the Penobscot River and its waters flow through and around the reservation. The mission of Penobscot Nation's water resources program "is to protect, enhance, and restore water quality and aquatic resources ...so that tribal members may fully carry out tribal traditional cultural practices. Mr. Kusnierz's job is to implement this mission.

2. The proposed activity at the Landfill will have a direct effect on the realization of the Maine Rivers objective to enhance the ecological health of the Penobscot River. Similarly, these activities will make it difficult for Mr. Kusnierz's ability to "do his job" as defined by the mission of the Nation's Water Resources Program. In both instances, the participation of Maine Rivers as an intervenor will facilitate the ability of Maine Rivers and tribal representatives to work toward achieving their goals.

3. Maine Rivers and Mr. Kusnierz are concerned that approximately 36 acres of the new landfill footprint lie below the water table and because of the known presence of the forever chemicals PFAS which clearly have a potential impact on ecology of the River and the quality of drinking water. In addition, this clearly raises serious environmental justice issues and that consideration should be given to the evolving global recognition that nature has inherent rights.

4. The spokespersons for the petitioner will be Charles Owen Verrill, Jr., President of Maine Rivers, 9 Magean Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011 (202.390.8245).

5. The petitioner will be able to participate in proceedings.

Respectfully submitted, May 22, 2026

/S/ Charles Verrill, President of Petitioner Maine Rivers

NB: A dated and signed paper version of this Motion has been sent via UPS to Dominique DiSpirito, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401.