



2025 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Staff Report

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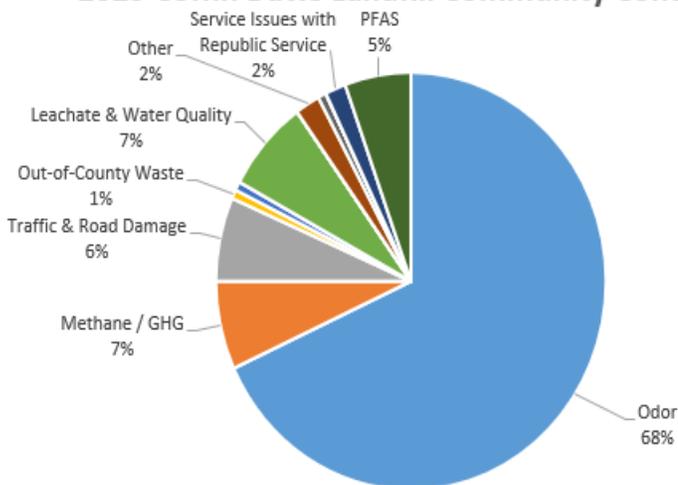
The duties of Benton County’s Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) are outlined in Oregon state law—specifically in ORS 459.325, which includes the requirement that “the committee shall prepare an annual written report summarizing the local citizens’ concerns and the manner in which the owner or operator is addressing those concerns” which will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as part of issuing and renewing a solid waste permit.

Benton County staff and the DSAC have prepared the following report summarizing community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2025, which meets the requirements of the DSAC under ORS 459.325. Concerns listed in this report have been compiled using information from the complaints received by Benton County staff, the Oregon DEQ and Republic Services.

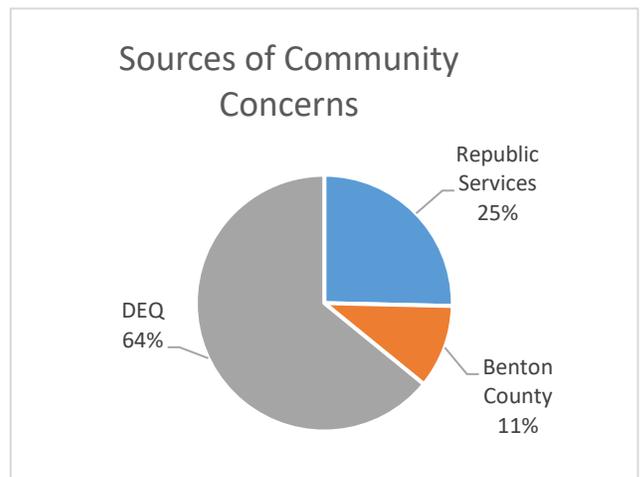
Two hundred nine complaints about the Coffin Butte Landfill were reported in 2025 as detailed in the table below. Some complaints included numerous topics while others focused on a single concern. The complaints were organized into themes as illustrated in the following chart. This report does not include the public feedback related to the LU-24-027 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. All public comments received are available in the Planning Commission [record](#).

The complaints received were fairly evenly distributed by topic, with the exception of odor complaints. Odor complaints were 68% of all of the concerns reported. The second graph above shows to whom people reported their concerns.

2025 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Concerns



Sources of Community Concerns



2025 COFFIN BUTTE LANDFILL COMPLAINTS					
Count	Date Received	Category	Concern Summary	Method Complaint Received	Response
1	1/1/25	Odor	very strong odor	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
2	1/1/25	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill is belching landfill gas permeating the air. I was 6.3 miles from the landfill and the stench was very noticeable.	DEQ	Reported to Republic Services
3	1/1/25	Odor	The Coffin Butte Landfill stench was wafting through the air. Landfill gasses 5 miles from the Landfill. Very strong odor	DEQ	Forwarded several complaints together to Republic. They have some turnover of personnel at the landfill. Republic Services responded
4	1/5/25	Odor	"to much methane and garbage"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
5	1/6/25	Odor	I went out to work in my backyard (taking advantage of my son sleeping and no rain at the moment). I was smacked in the face with a horrible landfill odor. Made my chores worse.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
6	1/7/25	Odor	"methane odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
7	1/9/25	Odor	"somewhat sulfurous and sickening"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
8	1/9/25	Odor	"smell the landfill"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
9	1/9/25	Odor	garbage-landfill odor	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
10	1/9/25	Odor	The somewhat sulfurous and sickening dump odor coming from the direction of Coffin Butte landfill is common at my house, particularly in the winter when there are breezes from the north.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
11	1/9/25	Odor	It is not unusual for us to smell the landfill from the NW-facing side of Vineyard Mtn but we live further away on the SE facing side of the ridge. This is the first time since we moved in in 2001 that we have smelled it this strongly on the SE side of Vineyard Mountain ridge crest.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
12	1/10/25	Odor	Odor was present 1-9-25	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
13	1/11/25	Odor	"very overwhelming"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded

14	1/12/25	Odor	"Very Potent"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
15	1/12/25	Odor	The odor from Coffin Butte landfill is consistently getting worse. It is VERY potent today. It cannot be healthy to breathe.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
16	1/13/25	Expansion	I strongly oppose this expansion. We need to limit the amount of garbage that we bring into Coffin Butte from other parts of Oregon and not expand it to meet these needs. I am very concerned about the waters of our rivers. We have so much recreation that is dependent on our rivers, why do you want to increase the leachate that pollutes them. The proposed expansion will place an undue burden on public facilities violating BCC 53.215 (2). There will be more truck traffic on local roads. Please do not let this expansion happen.	Benton County - Email	Bailey provided information about how he can make comments about the proposed expansion when the public comment period has opened.
17	1/14/25	Expansion	In my opinion, the response from Republic Services proves that they are outright lying by daring to negate the very real experiences of those of us living in the area. It is my further opinion that if Republic Services produces logs or reports showing nothing unusual or amiss, those are likely being falsified, as it is patently illogical to believe that the methane emissions could have grown exponentially in the last year if everything were as it should be. They are clearly operating in CYA mode (Cover Your A**). That is why everyone has begun reporting complaints directly to the government agencies now, rather than to Republic Services, as R.S. have proven themselves untrustworthy in these matters. I do not personally believe that Republic Services is capable of responsibly managing the byproducts of the current landfill mass, nor should they be allowed to accept an ounce of additional landfill waste until these matters have been INVESTIGATED FULLY AND LEGITIMATELY, AND THE ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND RESOLVED. There should be a judicial stay on the landfill restricting them from further intake of waste. Law-abiding, well-intentioned individuals are held accountable by the government for small mistakes regarding permitting and accidental violations of government bureaucracy, yet this deep-pocketed, out-of-state corporation is being allowed to continuously spew unhealthy chemicals into the land, air and water without a valid permit, and to date has suffered no citations for what I believe is their knowing mismanagement of the landfill. Why aren't Republic Services and its agents who misrepresent the truth of what is happening there being held criminally and civilly liable for the long-term public health and environmental problems they are creating? This is too noticeable and far-reaching an issue for	Benton County - Email	This email went to the DEQ; and Senators Jeff Merkley and Wyden and Hoyl Bailey responded by letting them know how to record complaints with Benton County, how to provide public comment to the DSAC and how to the Planning Commission.

			<p>the DEQ, Republic Services, Benton County Commissioners or Benton County SWAC/DSAC to pretend the issue isn't real. Based on my experience living near the site, it seems very clear that Coffin Butte Landfill is operating in violation of BCC 53.215 (1). Therefore, I must once again ask what is actually being done to protect the community and ecosystems surrounding the landfill from further, out-of-control methane emissions and ground/water leaching of who-knows-what?</p> <p>And by the way, the odor was present again January 16 and 17 when I came home from work at around 6:30 PM through bedtime, and each morning between 6 - 8AM when I left for work.</p> <p>Thank you for anything you do to protect our community by holding Republic Services accountable for their mismanagement of the Coffin Butte Landfill. You have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the world! Please act on the side of good in this matter.</p>		
18	1/14/25	Odor	"odor of landfill gas"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
19	1/15/25	Odor	Just moved to Tampico Road and the odor of landfill gas is apparent.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
20	1/15/25	Odor & Health	<p>Methane emissions from Coffin Butte Landfill have been occurring daily. Last week I came home earlier than normal and on several days the methane odor was present as early as 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM, increasing in strength until bedtime. When I needed to spend time outdoors, it was a limiting factor because the chemical emission was strong enough to trigger headache and nausea, as well as nasal and throat problems that seem to correlate to my increasing exposure to the daily, higher levels of emissions. Something is wrong at Coffin Butte Landfill. It has never been this way in past years. They need to be investigated, fined and shut down. What is the state doing to resolve this ongoing, highly reported issue??</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
21	1/15/25	Odor	<p>On 1-11-25 the odor was very overwhelming in fact even worse than the daily stink it has become. Please take action to have them control the stink. Please start issuing daily fines. How or why would they make corrections to change if there is no reproductions if no corrections are made. Please take some real actions. Please contact me with a plan of action.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.
22	1/15/25	Odor, Methane, Litter, Traffic, Out-of-Count	<p>On 1-11-25 the odor was very overwhelming in fact even worse than the daily stink it has become. Please take action to have them control the stink. Please start issuing daily fines. How or why would they make corrections to change if there is no reproductions if no corrections are made. Please take some real actions. Please contact me with a plan of action.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

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23	1/17/25	Odor	The methane stink was once again very strong first thing this morning. It is now almost becoming a daily issue and the strong smell is getting stronger and overwhelming at times. Please do something to get them to take care of this issue. Thank you and God bless you!	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
24	1/18/25	Expan sion	I am forwarding the following emails in an effort to ensure that Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley are informed of the ongoing, ever-increasing emissions, odor and mismanagement issues continuing at the Coffin Butte Landfill site in Benton County, Oregon. I received an email from Oregon DEQ representative Laura McWhorter, in which she attached a response from Republic Services Environmental Manager Paul Koster. The responses are incredibly superficial and insufficient to address the odor and emissions complaints. This is gas-lighting at its best. I believe Republic Services and its agents are misrepresenting the truth either outright or by omission, because the odor has indeed increased exponentially this past year, and has reached levels of intensity that have caused me nasal and throat issues if I have lingered outside too long while trying to take care of necessary tasks on my property near the landfill. The odors are also often strong enough to permeate indoor structures that don't have air filtration systems in place. That has been happening throughout the fall and winter, and as recently as this past week in January of 2025, well after the landfill's supposed steps to mitigate emissions leaks exposed in the June 2024 EPA inspection. As someone living within a mile and a half of the landfill, I can attest the problems have only worsened since the inspection. They have certainly not improved. Please ask Senators Wyden and Merkel to help protect our community from the environmental harm being perpetrated by Republic Services. I also beseech them to hold Oregon DEQ and Benton County agencies accountable for what at this point can only be considered informed complicity in allowing the Coffin Butte Landfill to continue operating and accepting additional landfill waste after it has been proven through inspections that	Benton County - Email	This email went to the DEQ; and Senators Jeff Merkley and Wyden and Hoyl Bailey responded by letting them know how to record complaints with Benton County, how to provide public comment to the DSAC and how to the Planning Commission.

			<p>they are failing to responsibly manage emissions levels resulting from the landfill mass already contained on the site. Whether it's a matter of mismanagement via incompetence or criminal intent, the landfill, its owners and agents need to be stopped immediately.</p> <p>I have also attached a link to a newly released news article related to the issue. I would appreciate an email address for Val Hoyle or her field representative as well, if you would be so kind as to provide that.</p> <p>Please be the change for those of us who don't possess your power and influence. Thank you!!!!</p>		
25	1/21/25	Expansion	<p>This came in as a petition that had 15 signees. Stated that an expansion would not be in accordance with the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative (Vibrant, Livable Cities; High Quality Environment and Access; Community Resilience. Also states that it would be a violation of county code BCC 53.215.1 "Interference with uses of adjacent property." and BCC 23.325.2 "Imposition of undue burden on public improvements, facilities, utilities or services."</p>	Benton County - Letter	Wrote back with instructions on how to provide public comment on the record.
26	1/21/25	Litter	Litter	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
27	1/21/25	Litter	Litter	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
28	1/21/25	Expansion	Expansion should not happen	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
29	1/21/25	Odor	Unpleasant smell, overpowering stench	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
30	1/21/25	Odor & Health of people/wildlife	<p>We frequently smell odors from Republic Services' Coffin Butte landfill. This morning, the odor has been overwhelmingly disgusting; we will not let the dog stay out it smells so toxic. Depending on the time of year, and atmospheric conditions, we might smell these odors several days a week, or just weekly - sometimes it is just smells bad, sometimes it smells toxic enough to make us wonder if vulnerable wildlife or neighbors with compromised health are being seriously affected.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

31	1/21/25	Odor	Landfill gas stench permeated the air up and down Soap Creek Valley, the majority of the day.	DEQ	Forwarded multiple complaints from this day to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
32	1/22/25	Odor	This happens irregularly, especially on foggy mornings (some inversion aspects in the weather). A foul smell that is rank and sour.	DEQ	1/22 - Called complainant. Smells like the dump. Coffin Butte Landfill. They smell it whenever there is an inversion. They said there's no need to call them back, they just wanted to make sure we knew about the issue.
33	1/22/25	Odor	This is an ongoing and pervasive problem with odors from the Coffin Butte dump - distinctly noticeable both Friday (1/17) and Monday and Tuesday (1/20-21). I have reported this multiple times, nothing is ever done by DEQ and the landfill operator in response to these complaints says "everything is operating normally and we are in compliance with all requirements"	DEQ	Forwarded multiple complaints to Republic from these dates, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
34	1/22/25	Odor	I drove past the Coffin Butte landfill yesterday at about 4 PM. Even though my windows were closed and the heater was on, an overpowering stench could be detected as I drove by. I have driven past this spot many times and have from time to time noticed an unpleasant smell, but this was far more of an issue than in previous incidents.	DEQ	Forwarded multiple complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
35	1/22/25	Odor & Dust	I was driving back to Corvallis today (1-22-25) on Hwy 20 westward (8:30 am) from a doctors appointment in north Albany. I smelled the odor of putrid garbage a little before the Independence Hwy intersection and it persisted past the intersection with Granger to about Garlands. It was strong and very noticeable in the car. The odor was clearly from dumped / decaying garbage. Unless there is a dump other than Coffin Butte in the area, I assume/believe/assert it was Coffin Butte. I have frequently smelled this when going to or from my doctors office in north albany. This time it was quite strong and persistent even though I was travelling in a car at about 50mph. I know that Republic Services thinks that their dump doesn't smell, but that simply is not factual. I suspect that DEQ is understaffed and doesn't have the time to go out there and find the stink yourself, but you should. What Republic	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

			will tell you is that "we have the BEST technology", "our systems are FIRST CLASS", "we don't smell a thing". It doesn't matter what Republic says, it matters what citizens say and what the truth is. It stinks. I can not even imagine the frustration and anger that people living in the area must have or express. I would be livid if I had to put up with that longer than the 5 minutes it took me to drive through. And my guess is that the stench extends farther than the small area I travelled through.		
36	1/24/25	Dust	<p>At the time of this incident, an ODOT road-sweeping machine went by, stirring up a thick accumulation of very fine dust along the southbound shoulder of Hwy 99W south of Coffin Butte landfill. This dust comes off tires of trucks leaving the landfill (there are similar accumulations on the northbound shoulder, north of Coffin Butte Road and along Coffin Butte Road as well as Camp Adair Road east of the landfill).</p> <p>Formerly we (concerned neighbors) were told that this dust was just rock dust, coming from the Knife River quarry. "Nothing to worry about." However the quarry closed at the end of 2024, so the source is clearly the landfill. Since the landfill is using incinerator ash as daily cover, we have to wonder how much of this fine gray dust is ash, which may contain various toxins.</p> <p>I will attempt to attach photos (if this website allows) showing (1) what this dust looked like in wet conditions exactly a week ago on January 17th, (2) the cloud of dust put up by ODOT's sweeping machine several minutes (still hanging in the air several minutes after the machine passed by, and at least a mile behind the machine), and (3) the machine itself, covered in dust and still kicking up more, about 1.5 mile south of the landfill at Adair Village. You can see the cab is completely covered in dust, I hope the ODOT operator was wearing PPE!</p>	DEQ	Complaint is regarding dust from trackout onto public roadways from trucks leaving the landfill. The air quality permit addresses dust from the property, but anything on the public roadway is out of the jurisdiction of the AQ section. Republic Services responded
37	1/24/25	Odor	I was hiking on Bonzai trail in McDonald Forest, breathing heavily and was taken aback by the odor.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
38	1/29/25	Odor & Expansion	Susan wants to report that she can smell the dump at her house on 29th and Grant. This concerns her as well as the request for expansion. She requested that her message go to Commissioner Shepherd and Chair Wyse. She did not request a call back.	Benton County - Phone Call	None
39	1/29/25	Air Quality, Cover, Slopes	Complaint regarding (1) air quality, (2) failure to cover garbage over the weekend, and (3) failure to maintain the slopes of the landfill in the condition promised in past land-use applications.	Benton County - Email	Confirmed that these issues are included in the complaint log.

40	1/29/25	Odor	"smells bad outside", level 5	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
41	1/29/25	Odor, Tarps /Cover, Methane System	<p>Very strong landfill stench at our residence today, also affecting the town of Adair Village. This is a recurring problem but especially bad today.</p> <p>Over the past weekend I noticed that tarps on the south and east-facing slopes of the landfill are shredded in many places (see attached photos from Sunday), in the same areas where landfill gas emissions have been discovered by EPA inspectors in 2022 and again in 2024. Where the tarps were still in place, on Saturday a couple of sections were visibly inflated, indicating that the landfill gas collection may be malfunctioning again.</p> <p>Recently I've also noticed a "vac truck" which I understand gets called in when there are problems with gas wells clogging up. So the landfill operators are likely aware of a problem with their system.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
42	1/29/25	Odor	Coffin Butte landfill has emitted odor more than half of the days in the last month	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date. Complaint is general in nature and not event-specific.
43	1/29/25	Odor	As in many mornings, this odor lasts until the air clears. Especially bad on inversion/fog days	DEQ	Complainant lives .4 miles from WWTP, and 8.5 miles from Coffin Butte. I'm going to assign this to the WWTP and check to see if there's another permit person for them. Republic Services responded
44	1/29/25	Odor	Dump Stench from Coffin Butte Landfill gasses were very noticeable from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM or, I may have just succumbed to "odor fatigue" by that time. I was working outside at 37072 Soap Creek Road and at my home 27407 Writsman.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
45	2/2/25	Odor	Landfill gas stench very strong again today. Ongoing problem.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
46	2/3/25	Air/Water Quality,	<p>I am writing to you to express my serious and urgent concerns about Coffin Butte Landfill. We live only a few miles from this public hazard, and we have several concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality 	Benton County - Letter	Added concerns to the complaint log.

		Traffic , Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality • Truck Traffic • Pollution • Air Quality: We smell the stench of this rotting mass quite regularly. The methane smell and the smell of rotting garbage cannot be good for our health, our neighbors, or the community. • Water Quality: I am very concerned about our water quality. With all the leachates being generated from the landfill, it is only a matter of time before ours and other wells are contaminated. • Truck Traffic: It is one thing to have the truck traffic required to serve the needs of our own community, but the number of trucks coming from all over the state, bring a level of congestion, pollution and added danger to our local roads and Highway 99. • Pollution: The amount of litter that spills out of the trucks heading to the landfill is mind boggling. Highway 99 is of course the worst, but so our other roads of approach, Granger Road, Arnold, and other roads in and around Adair Village. The litter is rarely picked up. It is a blight on our neighborhoods and our community at large. Nothing like saying welcome to Corvallis or Welcome to Benton County than a litter strewn Highway, truck traffic and a large pile of garbage. I implore you to please not expand the Landfill. There is no amount of money Benton County could make on this endeavor that won't be eaten up by the lawsuits associated with well contamination, and excess methane emissions, loss of property value. Inviting other counties to utilize this dump is inviting environmental disaster. Landfills are better suited for dry climates, not our extremely wet one. The Coffin Butte Landfill is like the County owning a ticking timebomb of pollution, well contamination, degradation, and lawsuits. Please Stop the Expansion! 		
47	2/3/25	Air/Water Quality, Traffic , Litter	Same complaint submitted above by another resident.	Benton County - Email	Bailey logged their complaint and thanked them for sending it.
48	2/3/25	Odor, GHG & PFAS	Methane and other assorted landfill gases, and PFAR.	DEQ	Followed up by email to confirm correct date of the event reported. It was entered as 1/2, but suspect 2/2 is the correct date.
49	2/4/25	Odor	I filed a complaint with DEQ this morning about very bad acrid landfill odor at my house. I tried to file a complaint at Republic Services Coffin Butte Landfill website, but no longer see any link to file a	Benton County - Email	Bailey logged their complaint and thanked them for sending it.

			complaint. I am therefore, filing my complaint with you.		
50	2/4/25	Expansion	<p>Dear Commissioners Wyse, Malone, and Shepherd,</p> <p>First, thank you, Commissioner Wyse, for taking the time to talk with me after last week's town hall in Philomath.</p> <p>Per your suggestion, I am sending you some thoughts and concerns regarding our trash, and what we do with it.</p> <p>From what I have been able to discover, other Oregon counties have proactive plans for managing waste.</p> <p>In Yamhill County, citizens opposed to the expansion of their regional landfill took the issue to the Land Use Board of Appeals, who agreed with them. They then had to sue the landfill in order to get it to close. Meanwhile, they set a goal for Zero Waste and are actively taking aggressive steps to meet their goal.</p> <p>Lane County recently announced plans to build and operate the most advanced integrated reuse and recycling facility in the nation.</p> <p>Polk County is looking into building a waste transfer station, to break their dependence on Coffin Butte Landfill.</p> <p>Metro Portland decided, years ago, that sending trash to landfills in the Willamette Valley went against their stated values of protecting the environment. Because the Valley supports one of the most productive ag economies in the nation, they decided it was an irrevocably bad idea to dump their trash in the garden where farmers grow their food, so they took a moral stance to guide their waste policies.</p> <p>Closer to home, we have obvious problems with the Coffin Butte Landfill.</p> <p>Benton County planning documents clearly state specific goals for waste management and waste reduction (BCC Ch. 23). The franchise agreement with Republic Services includes those and other environmental goals, but extensive evidence shows that Republic is failing to meet its legal obligations.</p> <p>Perhaps they are more concerned with financial gain than they are with meeting their goals? There is certainly evidence in that direction as well: In August of '22, Forbes Magazine quoted investment manager Michael Hoffman as saying that</p>	Benton County - Email	Commissioner Wyse responded.

		<p>garbage “is capital-intensive and [while] it’s not compounding at 20% per year like software...for the big players it’s become an extraordinarily repeatable and inflation-resistant business.” Goals like “waste reduction” don’t generate income as quickly or easily as waste collection and disposal.</p> <p>Cascade Investments (Bill Gates’ personal holding company), has a 34% stake in Republic’s business. According to Forbes, it earns more than \$200M/year from it’s investment – profits that are paid by the residents of 1/3 of the state of Oregon; profits that also leave the state, never to return.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Benton County residents face a future in which we will have to pay all the costs of managing the consequences of storing all the waste collected in Coffin Butte – consequences which include (and will quickly exceed) a host of already well-documented problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- dangerous methane leaks (methane, of course, being a potent greenhouse gas, highly flammable and clear and present fire risk in a heavily wooded area),- continuing release of noxious and dangerous fumes and gases- millions of gallons of toxic leachate (currently being dumped into our rivers, essentially untreated and full of heavy metals and PFAS (aka “forever chemicals”).)- arsenic leaching into well water,- illegally dumped and buried toxic wastes,- continuing surprise fires <p>The agreement with Republic Services requires insurance coverage merely equal to the liability coverage for 15 average single family homes. How can this amount cover the consequences of dealing with decades of trash from 1/3 of the entire state? And after the landfill closes, the agreement effectively terminates any liability for the contractor at all! Clearly, the consequences of waste disposal will be borne by the public.</p> <p>Every citizen generates waste that will need collection and disposal, and every citizen needs a safe, clean, and healthy environment that will protect them against pollution, wildfire, and economic hardship. So it seems only logical that our government has an urgent obligation to serve those needs in the best way possible. Currently, however, we’re hog-tied by a contract that allows an outside, private entity to make undisclosed gains without regard for the damages incurred against the present and future interests of local citizens.</p>		
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			<p>Does such a situation not put us in a profoundly dangerous situation?</p> <p>My question, then, is simple: If we, as a county, contract for services to meet specific goals, and if the contractor consistently fails to meet those goals, why are we continuing the contract? Especially when there is both precedent and example for better solutions to the overall problem of a “throw-away” society?</p> <p>It seems to me we need to look beyond the interests of out-of-state entities who convert our trash to their cash. We need to look past the intricacies and minutiae of bureaucracy. We need to serve the immediate and profound needs of all your constituents – all our children, grandchildren, and all future generations.</p> <p>Obviously, these issues and concerns extend beyond the bounds of the specific agreement with Republic Services, and won’t be answered quickly and/or easily. It will take a long conversation, free of the “interests” of outside parties who have no long-term stake in or commitment to the long-term outcomes. The responsibility is ours.</p> <p>But as clear as the situation seems to me, it’s also clear to me that between citizens and government, we have the capacity to significantly and effectively address the situation so that our descendants will remember us with gratitude, for addressing needs they will have after we are all long dead.</p> <p>With sincere thanks for your service (and for reading this long email!)</p>		
51	2/4/25	Odor	Very strong , acrid landfill smell - Level 8	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
52	2/4/25	Odor	When I opened my door this morning, I smelled the foul odor. I recognize the odor as Coffin Butte out-gassing. It smells like horrible chemicals mixing with sewer, and it wafts through the air. I live approximately 5 miles south of Coffin Butte and their odor reaches me more often these days. I've lived here 30 years and it definitely smells at my house more often than it used to many years ago.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
53	2/4/25	Odor	The usual stench from Coffin Butte landfill. I noticed it when I went outside around 10:30 this morning as fog rolled down the Soap Creek valley toward the south - the rotting garbage/chemically odor was overwhelming at that time. Is less so now, around 12:45.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
54	2/4/25	Odor	Smell at my house, elevation 500 ft was so bad, I had to go back inside.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this

					date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
55	2/8/25	Odor & Health	We smell gasses from the Coffin Butte Landfill inside and outside the house. The odor is so strong that we have to keep the windows closed in the summertime at night. The happens anytime there is a stagnant air or heat inversion. Over the course of the past 2 1/2 years, the frequency of this noxious odor has increased so that it occurs 2-4 times per/week. The mountain of garbage can be seen from Independence Highway and must be polluting the aquifer upon which it sits as well as runoff from winter and spring rains.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
56	2/9/25	Odor	"landfill stench"	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
57	2/10/25	Odor & Health	<p>Light breeze from the north tonight. I went out just now to close up our chicken coop for the night, and smelled the landfill stench as soon as I went out the door.</p> <p>Is DEQ doing any independent testing on the trace components of landfill gas? We know this dump is a major emitter of methane, but I know methane is odorless. I also know what hydrogen sulfide smells like (rotten eggs) but this is different.</p> <p>What else are we breathing, how is it impacting our health, and what is DEQ doing to protect us? I know the landfill operators will just say some version of, "everything seemed to be functioning normally," the same old B.S. from this corporation as usual. They don't give a damn, and seems like DEQ is either powerless or unwilling to do anything.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
58	2/14/25	Odor	Overwhelming, permeating, exremely strong	DEQ	Republic Services responded
59	2/14/25	Odor	Distinctive landfill odor, like odor on landfill property	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
60	2/14/25	Odor	The smell from the landfill (Coffin Butte) is overwhelming today. I am unable to be outside for more than a few minutes without becoming nauseas from the smell. We are a few miles from the landfill, so the smell is extremely strong today. I can almost always smell it while driving by, especially the last few months, but today it is so pervasive that it is disrupting my activities and I need to stay inside.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
61	2/14/25	Odor	Distinctive landfill odor permeating neighboring properties. My home is just ~1mi. NW of coffin butte landfill and the air quality today is nauseating.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on

			Smells exactly like the odor present on landfill property. Has been present all morning.		response. Republic Services responded
62	2/15/25	Odor	Odor is coming from Coffin Butte Landfill	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
63	2/15/25	Odor	strongest bad odor	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
64	2/15/25	Odor	Odor is coming from Coffin Butte landfill regularly sometimes daily. We sometimes smell it inside our home with windows and doors closed.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
65	2/18/25	Odor	Stench	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
66	2/18/25	Odor	Any time there is cloud cover, a heat inversion, or stagnant air warning, we smell the Coffin Butte Dump site, inside and outside the house. If there is a westerly breeze, we also smell it. It can last from a couple hours to all night, in the summer. We are often forced to close our windows at night in the summer because the stench is so strong.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
67	2/19/25	Odor	Dear Commissioners - I have submitted numerous odor complaints to the DEQ website regarding the impactful dump odors - with no response and obviously DEQ is not interested in doing anything to stop the odors. Even going outside to add food to the bird feeders, it smacks you right in the face. It's truly depressing. So, from now on, when I have a moment, I will just drop you a line to let you know that I am thinking about you on the ever-increasing number of dump days, and maybe you can think about the climate change and ongoing environmental impacts caused by hosting this massive dump in our County.	Benton County - Email	Commissioner Wyse responded.
68	2/20/25	Odor	Landfill odor	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
69	2/20/25	Odor	Stepped out on my deck to enjoy the last of our daylight. Smelled the landfill odor immediately.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response.

					Republic Services responded
70	2/21/25	Litter, expansion	The garbage on highway 99 about 6 miles on either side of the landfill is atrocious. I cannot believe how much trash gets left and not picked up . I see Republic Services trucks shedding garbage as they drive down the highway. Can you please send someone out to pick up the trash? We feel like we live in a dump. Also please don't expand the landfill either. It's not being dealt with properly now how could we ever expect them to do it after an unnecessary expansion?	Benton County - Email	Bailey responded by sharing information about the increased litter patrols. Encouraged them to also report to RS through their complaint form. I shared this complaint with the DSAC and RS. Republic Services responded
71	2/24/25	Odor	Smell is a 10 in odor	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
72	2/25/25	Odor	Odor is coming from Coffin Butte Landfill	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
73	2/25/25	Odor	A serious heavy stinky odor is coming from coffin butte landfill. Not sure what it is methane or something else?	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
74	2/26/25	Litter	Resident called to report a significant amount of litter on Camp Adair Road.	Benton County - Email	Bailey took his call and explained that the litter patrols have been increased to 4 times/month. Bailey spoke to Republic Services who said that they recently cleaned this stretch of road. The original complainant emailed again on 3/3/25, noting that the litter had been cleaned up.
75	2/27/25	Service	Contractor called to complain that Republic Services is hard to find a local contact and is unhappy with the calls being sent to Phoenix. He said that he called with a question about contaminated soils and has not received a call back after 3 days. He also said that the wait time at Coffin Butte is too long.	Benton County - Call	Bailey let him know that I will relay his complaint to Republic Services which happened on 2/27/25. Republic Services responded
76	2/27/25	Odor	10 "can smell landfill stench intensely today. It is awful"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded

77	2/27/25	Odor	Terrible noxious odors	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
78	2/27/25	Odor	Air smelled quilled	DEQ	DEQ forwarded compaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
79	2/27/25	Odor	"landfill stench"	DEQ	DEQ forwarded compaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
80	2/27/25	Odor	The landfill is constantly giving off terrible noxious odors throughout the winter months	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
81	2/27/25	Odor	The air smelled quite bad in around 10:00 am when I went outside. It was difficult to perform outside work.	DEQ	3/3 - Called complainant, left message requesting more information. Complainant called back. It smells like garbage and they think it's Coffin Butte landfill. Reassigning to Laura McWhorter. Complainant doesn't need a call back, but is happy to answer any questions if needed.
82	2/28/25	Odor	landfill stench	DEQ	DEQ forwarded compaint to Republic Services. Republic Services responded
83	3/1/25	Odor	"7", "composting trash"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
84	3/1/25	Odor	"Dump Smell"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
85	3/1/25	Odor	"Dump Smell"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
86	3/1/25	Odor	7, "it stinks"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
87	3/1/25	Odor	In the morning I took my dog out to our yard and was greeted by a familiar odor - the sulfur, rotten cruciferous vegetable smell.	DEQ	This location is 7.6 miles SSE of the landfill in Corvallis proper. I cannot confirm a source for this odor.

88	3/2/25	Odor & Health	This was on Saturday morning (yesterday); I was inside my house with windows closed when I got a text from my next-door neighbor that it was another "dump day" (the neighborhood's description for when we smell the dump). I hadn't been outside yet so I stepped out onto my deck and immediately smelled it. The fog had recently rolled in and wind was from the north (we live roughly 5 miles south of the landfill). I never used to smell it from my house as it is rather protected (Recated)... but that is changing, apparently. Last time I reported smelling it from my house was last May. As I said then: it is scary and disturbing knowing I am smelling the dump but NOT knowing what all pollutants I'm breathing in. I drove to town with my car on recirc so as to breathe in as little of it as possible.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
89	3/3/25	Odor	"10", "Terrible accrid rotting smell"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
90	3/5/25	Odor	"The worst I've ever smelled it",	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
91	3/5/25	Odor	"Stench"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
92	3/5/25	Odor	"foul odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
93	3/5/25	Odor	"rancid smell"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
94	3/5/2025	Odor	"8" "terrible", "potent"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
95	3/5/2025	Odor	"landfill odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
96	3/5/2025	Odor	"Dump Smell"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
97	3/5/25	Odor, Litter & Health	The Benton County landfill pollution is absolutely out of control. I live 5 miles from the dump and I smell it daily and I see it every time I drive the highways. I can't even go outside today because the rancid smell is so strong. The roads are covered in litter. Oregon used to be so pristine and beautiful and over the last five years, it's definitely gone downhill quickly and now it feels like I'm living in a wasteland. It's terrible for our physical health, mental Health, the beauty of the land, and the plants and animals.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
98	3/5/25	Odor	Landfill odor	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
99	3/5/25	Odor	I woke up to the stench of the landfill wafting into the house, even though all windows and doors were closed. It was disgustingly potent and gave both myself and family members a headache. This has happened before and I'm sick of it. I smell it every time I head onto Hwy 99, and have smelt it in my house multiple times before now.	DEQ	One of many complaints on March 5. See attached document. Republic Services responded

100	3/5/25	Odor	A foul odor typically associated with the Coffin Butte Landfill was noticed at 8:30 am. I am not certain how long the odor had been present before going outside. The odor persisted through the morning. I estimate that the odor dissipated at some point around or after 11:00.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
101	3/6/25	Odor	On Saturday, March 1, at 8:30 AM, as I descended down Sulphur Spring Road onto NW Lewisburg Avenue, the dump smell hit me. I continued to travel east on NW Lewisburg Road to Highway 99 where I turned right (South) towards Corvallis. The dump smell was extremely strong and I could smell it inside the car with the windows rolled up. I continued to smell it at an extremely strong level all the way through Corvallis and onto Highway 20 (westbound). That is 13.4 miles from the Coffin Butte Dump.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
102	3/15/25	Operations	VLI/Republic have already started excavation work in anticipation of the land-use decision which is still pending, prior to any public hearings which have not yet even been scheduled. It looks like a classic case of a developer rushing ahead before permits have been granted, in the hope of establishing a de facto situation prior to any effort at enforcement. Per some additional information that I obtained over the weekend, this appears to be an effort to remove soil and subsoil contaminated by leachate seepage due to a failed liner for that pond, rather than a direct effort to move ahead with ground prep for the proposed new landfill.	Benton County - Email	Petra handled this complaint.
103	3/19/25	Odor	Driving southbound on 99W towards the Adair Village dump. There was a private trucker with Walsh Trucking Services, truck number FG55420, that did not seem to properly tarp down the materials headed towards the dump. Lots of plastic and packaging materials fell out of the truck all the way from Monmouth to the dump.	DEQ	Company was notified and will ensure trucks are covered.
104	3/21/25	Odor, GHG & Tarping/Cover	<p>On Saturday morning when I went out the front door to let our chickens out of their coop, the landfill stench hit me immediately. This happens frequently in early morning hours in winter, whenever there is stagnant air or a breeze / light air from the north. Also noticed it several other days this week but Saturday was the worst.</p> <p>On Sunday (day when the dump is closed) I drove down to check if they covered the exposed garbage at the working face at the end of the working day on Saturday. I know they always claim they do, in their boilerplate response to complaints. I'm attaching photos that show what I found. A huge area on the west side of the dump (where they seem to be moving into the quarry) was uncovered. Photos are from the junction of Tampico Road and Wiles Rd., then from Wiles Rd. near the intersection with Coffin Butte Road.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded photo (DSCN4980.JPG) to Republic and requested a response. Republic Services responded

			<p>Also the tarps on the south / southeast side of the dump are completely shredded, even worse than I reported a few weeks ago. In the areas where the tarps were obviously inflated by landfill gas (see previous reports), now the tarps are in shreds, including right around the gas wells.</p> <p>In addition to the usual, predictable boilerplate response from the landfill operators, I'd like to hear what DEQ is doing about this ongoing problem, besides just logging complaints. Has anyone from Salem actually gone out to the landfill to check with their own eyes & noses? Have you considered doing random inspections to check if what the operators tell you is true?</p>		
105	3/29/2025	Odor	"bad landfill stench"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
106	3/29/25	Odor	Trying to sit outside and enjoy the sunset and view of Mt Hood. Smacked in the face with the dump smell ruining the moment.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
107	3/29/25	Odor	I went outside to bring some garden plants inside for the night. The stench was overpowering as soon as I opened the front door. We often have bad landfill stench here but this is the worst in some time, bad enough to feel it in my throat and eyes. Saturday evening here – did they forget to cover the working face again? Or is something worse happening?	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
108	3/30/25	Expansion	<p>Approving the expansion of Coffin Butte does seriously interfere with the uses and character of the area violating BCC 53.215(1), the County's Core Values "High quality environment and access" and "Equity and health", and the County's Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5. I cannot walk in the EE Wilson Wildlife Area because of the frequent stench from the toxic landfill gases that affect my respiratory system. Leachate of toxic materials from Coffin Butte ends up in the Willamette River where my family kayaks. Will probable increased leachate delivered to the Corvallis water treatment plant increase my Corvallis City bill? Have Republic Services and Valley Landfill made actionable commitments to lessen their pollution of the river?</p> <p>Approving the expansion of Coffin Butte does seriously impose an undue burden on public services violating BCC 53.215(2) and the Core Values "Vibrant livable communities" "Community resilience, and "Supportive people and resources". I drive on route 99W only to access Peavy Arboretum but never to travel north because of the heavy truck traffic that would inevitably increase with expansion of the landfill. The disturbing sight of the litter from the trucks is, I believe, a disgrace for Benton County.</p>	Benton County - Email	Emailed instructions on how to make this a part of the public record for consideration in the CUP expansion application.

			With our federal government's current administration causing ongoing angst for us all, my hope is that you, our local community agents, will make a decision to give us hope for a future that supports the Core Values of a Thriving Community.		
109	3/30/2025	Odor	"8"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
110	3/30/25	Odor	<p>This was the strongest bad odor landfill day I've ever smelled in 9.5 years of living here. I smelled the landfill stench as soon as I opened my door at 9:30 am...I didn't even need to step out of the door. The smell was overpowering and noxious. The stench continued through the day. When I walked out of my upstairs office into the hall, I smelled the landfill stench in my upstairs hallway...for the first time ever! A sign of how strong this episode was. It took several hours for the landfill stench to dissipate --- inside the house and outside.</p> <p>Lest you think this was a one time event...NO, it was not! I will be reporting on 2/25/2025 when I also smelled the landfill stench IN MY HOUSE. A very disconcerting experience!</p> <p>I'm concerned that this new level of landfill stench correlates with Coffin Butte Landfill dumping landfill further west as they make their way to the quarry. I'm concerned that this level of landfill stench will continue to increase as more and more landfill areas are directly in line with Soap Creek Valley.</p> <p>(I provide care giving and medical advocacy for a family member and didn't have the opportunity to report this until now.)</p>	DEQ	Sent to permittee for their records. Not requesting a response since this one was reported later. Response has already been provided for complaints on this date. See attached.
111	3/30/25	Odor	<p>We had an appointment to meet with a neighbor at noon on 2.9.25. We planned to walk over to get some exercise.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as soon as we opened the door, I knew we could not walk as planned. The landfill stench was intense. We ended up driving, which meant we missed out on exercising outside and enjoying the fresh air after being cooped up.</p> <p>I'm concerned that this new level of landfill stench correlates with Coffin Butte Landfill dumping landfill further west as they make their way to the quarry. I'm concerned that this level of landfill stench will continue to increase as more and more landfill areas are directly in line with Soap Creek Valley.</p> <p>(I provide care giving and medical advocacy for a family member and didn't have the opportunity to report this until now.)</p>	DEQ	Sent to permittee for their records. Not requesting a response since this one was reported later. Complainant contacted DEQ to see if it was worth submitting complaints after the fact, since they had made notes at the time but had not had a chance to submit the complaint. I told them to go ahead and submit them. - LM

112	3/30/25	Odor	<p>Upon opening my front door, I was struck by two things: How foggy it was...and the strength of the landfill stench!</p> <p>(I would say we smell this multiple times a month...may not be weekly, but it is more than monthly, so I marked weekly.)</p> <p>I'm concerned that this new level of landfill stench correlates with Coffin Butte Landfill dumping landfill further west as they make their way to the quarry. I'm concerned that this level of landfill stench will continue to increase as more and more landfill areas are directly in line with Soap Creek Valley.</p> <p>(I provide care giving and medical advocacy for a family member and didn't have the opportunity to report this until now.)</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic. Response has already been received for this date.
113	3/30/25	Odor	<p>I drive over the Lewisburg Saddle into Corvallis every weekday about the same time. As I was dropping down off the hill on the Corvallis side I smelled the landfill stench – strong and identifiable. It was the same odor I smell in Soap Creek Valley and Adair during Landfill Days. The odor continued to my destination near Market of Choice. I had to get home to an appointment, so I didn't have the time to follow my nose to see how far the stench went.</p> <p>Although I have smelled the landfill stench in Corvallis, this was the first time I had smelled the landfill stench so close to Lewisburg Saddle - intersection Sulphur Springs and NW Concord Drive right before turning left onto Lewisburg Road.</p> <p>(I provide care giving and medical advocacy for a family member and didn't have the opportunity to report this until now.)</p>	DEQ	Sent to permittee for their records. Not requesting a response since this one was reported later. Complainant contacted DEQ to see if it was worth submitting complaints after the fact, since they had made notes at the time but had not had a chance to submit the complaint. I told them to go ahead and submit them. - LM
114	4/3/2025	Odor	"landfill garbage smell bad today"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
115	4/3/25	Odor	I am smelling the landfill garbage smell bad today.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
116	4/9/25	Odor	"harshly strong landfill odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
117	4/10/25	Odor	"severe odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
118	4/10/25	Odor	Severe odor 5 miles from the landfill	DEQ	Included in complaint email to Republic. Complainant not requesting contact.

119	4/27/25	Odor	"highly potent"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
120	4/29/25	Odor	Multiple times a week the landfill gas smell is highly potent in my neighborhood.	DEQ	Recording complaint. Not for a specific date, so no follow-up possible.
121	4/30/25	Odor	"dump Odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
122	4/30/25	Odor	Our livestock guardian dog was aggressively barking at a coyote so I took him on a walk around our property to rid the coyote. The whole time all I smelled was the dump odor.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
123	5/1/25	Odor	"prevalent"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
124	5/2/25	Odor	Mornings seem to be the worst time for odor. When we are down wind it's prevalent.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic. Complaint is general in nature and not event-specific.
125	5/7/25	Odor	See attached email received from Mr. Geier, sent directly to L. McWhorter and M. Eisele. Photos attached to the email are also attached to the report.	DEQ	Added as an additional complaint referencing the date indicated by the complainant. Screenshots from satellite images show large working face areas as well as torn tarps. Republic Services responded
126	5/8/25	Odor	"stench"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
127	5/8/25	Fire	On February 12, 2025, a neighbor and myself were making a shared dump run (we both live in county and do not partake of collection services). When we turned onto Coffin Butte Road from Soap Creek Road, we noticed the new enclosed flare was smoking. When we got closer, we saw the flames coming out the top. This was around 3:50pm (checked the timestamp on one of the first photos I took). We made our dump run and when we went to leave, stopped to watch it some more. Meanwhile a truck had come down off the dump's working face and pulled into the facility where the flare was. After awhile we went to head home but decided to stop in at the RS offices and say something. The truck at the flare came back out and also turned into the offices behind us. We got out and talked to the fellow from the truck, who turned out to be Brock Keinholz, the	DEQ	Email sent to L. McWhorter directly on 3/20, forwarded to M. Eisele on 3/21 and entered into YDO complaints on 5/8. Link was also included to a video, which can't be uploaded into YDO. Redacted per ORS 192.355(4) Confidential Submissions Republic Services responded

			<p>Coffin Butte Landfill Manager, who said he saw the smoke/flames from up on the working face and came down to investigate. When we asked him what the story was, he simply said, "everything was okay, they were just doing some testing." We don't know how long this smoking/burning had been going on before we first saw it, but after driving to visit another neighbor then driving back by to check, it had finally stopped smoking. But it was spewing like that for at least an hour.</p> <p>I would love to know if Republic Services indepently reported this to you.</p>		
128	5/8/25	Odor	<p>Landfill Odor Report from: Intense, harshly strong to the nose and lungs, landfill odor, detected on: Peavy Arboretum Road, north end, Adair Village Frontage Road at the Commercial store, Coffee Shop and Adair Village City Hall April 9, 2025 57-degree, Upper level wind at the detection point, where coming from the South to the North. Ground level wind, unclear what was going on with ground level wind, cloudy/sunny- at 1:00 pm.</p> <p>This harshly strong landfill Odor was not detected as I moved northward, at the north end of old Frontage Road/Old highway grade to join back to Highway 99, or at E.E. Wilson Archery Range at 2-3pm April 9, 2025.</p> <p>Upper level winds where moving from south to the north at the North end of Adair Village Frontage Road/Old highway grade at the North Stop Sign. No surface wind that I could detect or see.</p>	DEQ	Created complaint entry, forwarded odor complaint to Republic for response. Republic Services responded
129	5/8/25	Odor	<p>I was sitting in my living room with my house windows open. Ironically listening to the Coffin Butte Landfill application conference with the Benton county commissioners. At 8:30 I shut all my windows after the stench breached my house.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
130	5/11/25	Odor	<p>"very strong landfill odor"</p>	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
131	5/11/25	Odor	<p>I went out in our yard and was hit by a very strong landfill odor, bad enough to send me back inside.</p> <p>Yesterday we were smelling the PRC here (no complaint filed since it's more of a nuisance odor, like rotten silage, without the chemical odors that come from the landfill which are more of a health concern). This is very different from PRC odor.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
132	5/13/25	Odor	<p>7:40 am Lester Avenue at Mountain View Elementary School cloudy, raining, overcast, no surface wind, 54 degrees, clouds overhead moving slowly from west to east.</p>	DEQ	Complaint indicates no wind, or wind from W to E, while the landfill is 5 miles N of this location. Google street view of the school parking lot shows temporary restroom facilities

					and a porta-john. Emailed complainant to verify whether these facilities are still present.
133	5/15/25	Odor	"horrible"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
134	5/15/25	Odor & Health	We live near the Benton County Coffin Butte Landfill and the odors from the dump are horrible today--it is hard (and maybe unsafe?) to be outside. It is one of the worst smelling days in a long time, although we can often smell the landfill from here in recent years.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
135	5/19/25	Odor	Strong landfill stink while walking for recreation on state wildlife area land, especially in the area north of the archery range.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
136	5/28/25	Odor	Last night was a warm night. Our bedroom windows were open. The stench was so strong it woke us up out of a sound sleep at 3 AM. The odor was pervasive and strong and lasted until after sunrise here. This is the 3rd time in the last 7 days we've smelled the dump stench. Had to close up the house again. This is a continuing issue.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
137	5/29/25	Odor	Odor from the landfill is a frequent and recurring problem in this area. The odor was strong this morning lasting for over two hours, abated and then was detectable inside the house again 2 hours later. This is the fourth day in a stretch of approximately 10 days we've smelled it, either at night or during the day. A prior report was filed earlier this week.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
138	6/10/25	Odor	10	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
139	6/10/25	Odor	Today the landfill odor started out faint but by 9:00 AM was pervasive. It is ongoing. I sent a complaint form directly to the Coffin Butte Landfill this morning while the odor was intense. I'll be surprised if anything comes of it from their management.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
140	6/17/25	Odor	10 "pervasive and ongoing"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
141	6/18/25	Odor	I filed a report on 6/17/2025 but wasn't sure it "sent." This is the second morning in a row that we smell a strong, pervasive odor. I noticed it inside the house first but outside it is very strong. This is a continuing problem. I've filed 4 reports with the Coffin Butte Landfill but no one has contacted me regarding this issue. We have cloud cover today and a slight breeze.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

142	6/22/25	Fire	<p>There was a so-called "hot load" dumped in Philomath on Thursday -- "hot load" is when garbage in the truck is on fire, and they dump it out immediately to save the truck (which is often propane-fueled, so having that catch on fire = not good). I think that the Philomath fire dept. responded to that one. Add that to the hydraulic fire on the working face, the other working face fire, the grass fire near the flares, and the recent fire that almost took out 9th street at Republic offices on Walnut (since it was at the propane fueling depot). So FIVE landfill-related fires in the last year alone, (does not count compost facility fires -- I think the piles of compost at the PRC are basically close to combustion temperatures at all times). You'd think maybe Job 1 in the year leading up to applying for a massive new landfill application would be to really try for ZERO fires.</p> <p>Here's the link to the Corvallis Fire Facebook post: three propane-fueled garbage trucks on fire at the propane fueling station.</p> <p>What could go wrong??</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/reel/674150408353709</p>	Benton County - Email	
143	7/2/25	Odor	The landfill is stinking up our air again tonight. I filed another report with DEQ.	Benton County - Email	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
144	7/2/25	Odor	Landfill stench	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
145	7/2/25	Odor	Landfill stench.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
146	7/3/25	Odor	stench	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
147	7/4/25	Odor	sitting outside with out of town guests trying to enjoy the holiday weekend. Guests wondered what that stench was. We then had a lengthy conversation about landfills, etc.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

148	7/26/25	Dust	<p>Large plumes of dust are being generated by the tippers at the working face of Coffin Butte Landfill, drifting off the site depending on the wind generation. The main concern is that this might be incinerator ash or some other industrial particulates that are being hauled to the landfill and dumped daily, often two full-sized semi trailers at a time.</p> <p>This has been occurring daily at least since 7/17/2025, also observed on 7/23, 7/25, and 7/26, each day during the approximate interval 07:15 to 07:45. I'm attaching photos (one for each day, but more photos available on request). As you can see from the 7/23 photo, at times this results in a cloud of dust that can spread out to cover the whole face of Coffin Butte, and continues off-site.</p> <p>These are white semi trucks with a "Wheat LLC" logo on the cabs. The two trailers seen dumping today and then leaving the landfill at around 07:25 to 07:40 had trailers marked as "5008 - TIPPER" and "5315". The truck pulling the latter trailer had a front license plate number YCDG738 (Oregon DOR commercial plates).</p> <p>As a second issue, gravel trucks and other equipment hauling rock out of the former quarry area, where new cells are being prepared, are also kicking up clouds of dust. This is down below the tippers, and hopefully just normal dirt / rock dust rather than Covanta/ReWorld ash. The company has a truck for dust suppression but I haven't seen it being used on these four mornings.</p>	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
149	7/31/25	Odor	"standard dump smell, 7"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
150	7/31/25	Odor	"odor"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
151	7/31/25	Odor	"smell... makes me very nauseous"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
152	7/31/25	Odor	"dump stench"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
153	7/31/25	Odor	Odor 5 miles from Coffin Butte landfill	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
154	7/31/25	Odor	I can smell the landfill from my house this morning. It makes me very nauseous and prevents me from being outside.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
155	7/31/25	Odor	At 11:30 AM I was traveling West on Tampico Road, at the intersection of Soap Creek and Tampico the dump stench was pretty powerful . The smell stayed with me til I passed Trillium Lane. On my way back	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on

			from Airlie at around 1:00 PM The stench was still lingering in the air from Trillium to Soap Creek where I turned and headed to Writsman Creek Dr. The smell started to dissipate as I drove South into the Soap Creek valley.		response. Republic Services responded
156	8/5/25	Odor	odor strong enough to wake us up. 10	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
157	8/6/25	Odor	odor strong enough to wake us up., 10	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
158	8/12/25	Litter	<p>Republic Services truck leaving Coffin Butte Landfill had trash flying out of the back as it went north on Hwy 99W. We see this all the time but I happened to be right behind this truck to get photos (attached). Initially there was a steady stream of trash flying out of the back of the truck. By the time I started taking photos (near MP 73) it was starting to taper off, though it continued into Polk County.</p> <p>This is a chronic problem resulting from the landfill operation. It has been brought to the attention of the landfill operators many times, including in Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Council (DSAC) meetings. The landfill operators have stated in DSAC meetings that truck drivers are required to stop and check their truck beds before they leave the landfill site. However there is no designated area for the drivers to do so.</p> <p>What we see is Republic trucks driving straight out from the tipping area, past the scale house and onto the highway where they spread litter that can be seen out in farm fields at least as far north as Rickreall, and south all the way into Corvallis, as well as along Camp Adair Road, Independence Hwy, and U.S. Hwy 20 into Albany. While Benton County sends inmate crews out to pick up trash along Hwy 99W once or twice a month, they stop at the Polk County line. They only rarely cover Camp Adair Road so trash from that road blows into the Wildlife Area. And they never clean up along Independence Hwy or U.S. Hwy 20, in my experience living here for 30+ years.</p>	DEQ	This one is not an air complaint. Reassigning to Becky Williams for assignment to the appropriate waste personnel. - LKM
159	8/14/25	Odor	"Rotting materials?", 2	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
160	8/15/25	Odor	"rotting vegetation and Chemicals, 10"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
161	8/16/25	Odor	"Odors from Coffin Butte Landfill	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
162	8/17/25	Odor	"smell of garbage and decaying materials"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
163	8/19/25	Odor	"Overwhelming", "So smelly"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
164	8/19/25	Odor	odors from Coffin Butte landfill	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

165	8/19/25	Odor	smell of garbage and decaying materials	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
166	8/19/25	Odor	I live in Adair Village and today the landfill smell is overwhelming. I need to close my windows as its so smelly.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
167	8/23/25	Odor	"strong terrible odors emanating from the landfill"	Republic Services	Republic Services responded
168	8/23/25	Odor	String terrible odors emanating from landfill	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
169	8/25/25	Service	Republic Services keeps spilling garbage in front of house when emptying cart. Doesn't stop to clean up the mess. Frustrated with customer service.	Benton County - Email	Forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
170	8/26/25	PRC	Caller stated they have 3 pollutions to report. 1. composed center not surrounding their compost pile which contains pollutants, with absorbent barrier. 2. Light pollution from the compost center. 3. garbage on side of the road caused by employees of coffin butte. I believe all these are related to coffin butte land fill and there is a voicemail attached.	DEQ	Craig Filip (CF) called the complainant back, explaining that the complaint about light pollution was not an issue under the jurisdiction of DEQ. As for the alleged pollutants escaping the site into the adjacent GP pond, CF explained that would likely be a stormwater discharge permit violation. He agreed to text the complainant his email address so that they could respond and he could provide them a copy of the composting facility permit for PRC, as they had requested.

171	9/4/25	Odor	driving along Ryals Road north of Corvallis on the way to walk in McDonald Forest . We had to shut the car windows due to odors.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic just after lunch on the same day the complaint was received, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
172	9/5/25	Odor	Frequently occurs Nasty hard to breathe. Have to keep my windows closed	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
173	9/5/25	Odor	odors wafting when winds are out of the north. out of town guests comment on it	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
174	9/16/25	Safety	<p>Trucks hauling rock out of the former quarry at Coffin Butte, as part of Republic Services' development of new landfill cell(s), have been dropping boulder-sized chunks of basalt into the traffic lanes on Hwy 99W.</p> <p>Please request that Republic address this as an urgent public safety issue of immediate concern.</p> <p>I am not interested in hearing explanations or excuses from Paul Koster. If one of these rocks goes through someone's windshield, or hits a motorcycle, there could be a fatality. I've previously had to help one elderly woman from Pedee who had one of these rocks lodge in her car's wheel well and shred a tire, which could have also caused a more serious accident.</p> <p>Most often these rocks are coming off and landing in the lane where traffic from Coffin Butte Road merge into traffic, on southbound Hwy 99W. But they also sometimes fall out as trucks get up to speed in the main highway traffic lanes, including when regular traffic is bunched up behind the slower trucks.</p> <p>I'm attaching a photo of a boulder that I removed from the highway today around 09:30. That's a standard 8 x 11 inch legal pad, as background. It was right in the middle of the merging lane. I didn't take a photo of it while it was on the road, because traffic was busy and figured it was better to remove the hazard as quickly as possible.</p>	Benton County - Email	<p>Forwarded substance of complaint to Republic Services. Forwarded internally to PW.</p> <p>REPLY FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES: I can state without hesitation we are not hauling any rocks off site. All rock removed from the quarry remains within the landfill proper either for new road access, stockpile 1 by the scales (clearly visible from the road), or stockpile 2 within the quarry itself. If this person reporting can provide truck information to show that it is coming from our site, I would be more than willing to track the</p>

		<p>Republic needs to address this by inspecting trucks for hazardous rocks BEFORE they leave the landfill cell development area.</p> <p>Again, I am not interested in their excuses, they need to address the hazard before they kill someone.</p> <p>Please also log this as a complaint in the county's files on Republic Services' operations. Also please share with DSAC, and with the public record for LU-24-027</p> <p>-----FOLLOW UP-----</p> <p>Thanks for pursuing this. There was a new rock in the merging lane this morning (softball size instead of football size). Also basalt, like yesterday's rock.</p> <p>These are irregular, angular chunks of rock, not rounded like river rock. Also these are ending up in the lane used by trucks leaving the landfill site, not the lanes used by trucks entering the landfill site.</p> <p>There are also similar sized basalt rocks scattered along the shoulder of Coffin Butte Road, starting from where trucks come out of the former quarry (now Cell 6 area), where Soap Creek Road merges into Coffin Butte just west of Republic's landfill office, and all the way to Hwy 99W.</p> <p>I travel the upper part of Soap Creek Road daily. I'm not seeing these rocks anywhere south of Republic's operation.</p> <p>So Mr. Koster's suggestion that these rocks are coming from some other source doesn't hold water. When trucks lose rocks this size off the back, this mostly happens close to where they're loaded.</p> <p>Also pretty sure I've encountered loaded trucks coming out of the quarry, merging onto the public portion of Soap Creek x Coffin Butte Road.</p> <p>Yes there have been a lot of 10-wheelers hauling fill dirt and rock up Hwy 99W to the landfill from the recent road construction near Good Samaritan. This also appears to be part of Republic's operation. I was behind one of those trucks last week and followed to see where it went. It turned left onto Coffin Butte Road and went straight into the quarry/Cell 6 development area. Republic has been using that dirt with rocks mixed in for cover which is plainly visible from Soap Creek Road, and looks identical in color to what's being hauled out from the Good Sam site.</p> <p>Logging trucks don't haul rocks, they haul logs.</p>	<p>source. We are only receiving rock from Knife River from off-site but that material is 1" or less round river rock and not this boulder sized material.</p> <p>I also cannot speak to any normal traffic and vehicles travelling on Coffin Butte road and Soap Creek. However, I can note I do see a lot of logging and hauling trucks coming from Soap Creek so perhaps there is a different source of this material and not the landfill. I also do see many 10-wheelers with dirt and rock travelling up and down 99 as I leave for the day as well as when I drive to Corvallis on occasion.</p> <p>Benton County: Benton County contacted ODOT and they responded that they don't have resources to address.</p>
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			Again, rather than try to make excuses, Republic should get to work on addressing the problem before it causes further vehicle damage, serious injury, or worse.		
175	9/22/25	Litter	The Independence Hwy. has a lot of roadside litter north of the landfill, all the way to Hwy. 20.	Benton County - Email	Notified Republic Services so that they can send a crew. Republic Services responded
176	10/3/25	Odor	At first, I was uncertain if this particular odor event was from PRC (compost) or CBL (dump). But about 10 - 15 minutes into the event, it was clearly CBL. However, it had a different mix of foul odors, not the usual mercaptan (rotting cabbage, H2S) heavy smells, but also something more chemical, almost a nauseating sweet smell in the background.	DEQ	Also received a similar complaint notification from Paul. I forwarded the information from this report to him as well, to provide as much information as possible. Waiting on a response. Republic Services responded
177	10/3/25	Odor	At 10:00 AM I could smell the dump at my home (27407 Writsman) I needed to go to Airlie, there were pockets of dump stink as I was driving north toward Tampico Road. The stink stayed with me til about the #300 road of OSU Forest. On the way home I picked up the stink again at the 300 rd. and again drove through pockets of stink until I got home where there was very strong odor til a little after noon. I have attached a screen shot of Watch Duty that shows we had 6mph (w/ 9mph gusts) blowing (dump stink) straight into our valley (Soap Creek Valley)	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 10/6, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported on this date, including one reported directly to the landfill and forwarded to DEQ.
178	10/5/25	Odor	With the onset of cooler fall weather, "dump days" are back. This one wasn't quite as bad in our direction (due south of the landfill) as it was to the south/southwest, in the main direction of the breeze.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
179	10/5/25	Odor	There was some sort of chemical release from Coffin Butte Landfill, between 11 am and 12 noon on Friday 10/03/2025. Several neighbors smelled it and noticed it was different from the usual landfill odor. It smelled chemical. One neighbor had his VOC monitor spike to above 2700 ppb, considered 'very high.' Very disturbing to be outdoors, as I was, and not know what horrible carcinogen I might be breathing.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic on 10/6, waiting on response. Multiple complaints were reported on this date, including one reported directly to the landfill and forwarded to DEQ.
180	10/9/25	Odor	Odor of garbage	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Coffin Butte, requesting response.

					Republic Services responded
181	10/31/25	Odor	This odor is so strong I can smell it with the windows closed as it seeps through the weep holes in the window frame. It stinks to high heaven. This is the first time I've reported it this month but it has been an ongoing problem, several times a week. I just haven't had the energy to report it following major surgery until now.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
182	11/5/25	Service	I received a call regarding the recyclability of glass. The caller stated that he has been putting the glass in the commingled recycling. I explained why he shouldn't do that. He said that he called Republic Services twice and got different answers. The first time he said that they told him that glass isn't recycled in rural areas, which is incorrect. He said that he called again and was told to put it in the "green bin", which isn't a bin provided by RS in BC. I reached out to Republic Services to address a confusing link that could lead people to think that glass is included in the commingled. https://www.republicservices.com/sites/default/files/legacy_documents/Muni/Oregon/Corvallis/Oregon-Recycling-List-2025.pdf	Benton County - Call	I emailed Republic Services about this service issue and will respond to the caller when I hear back from RS. Republic Services did not respond.
183	11/10/25	Odor	Location: Approximately 3 miles southeast of Coffin Butte Landfill, at a preschool program in North Corvallis. Weather/Wind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud cover present • Mild temperature • Noticeable wind carrying odor from the direction of Coffin Butte Odor Description: Distinct landfill gas / decomposing organic waste odor. Detectable outdoors and indoors with windows closed. Group Impacted: Preschool environment with children ages 1 to 5 and supervising adults present. Observed Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children verbally recognized and commented on the smell. • Several children reported mild stomach discomfort. • Outdoor play and regular programming were interrupted due to odor intensity. Odor Intensity Rating (1-5): 4, Strong enough to interfere with normal activity and comfort. Additional Context: This area occasionally experiences faint landfill odor depending on weather patterns. Today's odor was substantially stronger than those prior intermittent occurrences. Requested Action: Please document this incident and include it in ongoing odor monitoring and compliance review.	DEQ	Forwarded complaint to Republic at 1:25 p.m. the same day, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

184	11/17/25	Odor	Odor permeates the neighborhood. It is so strong I smelled it before opening the door to go outside. Stinks of chemicals and rotting vegetation.	DEQ	This was entered by DEQ from a Coffin Butte online complaint and response forwarded from the landfill. For information purposes only.
185	11/18/25	Odor	400 gate of Dunn Forest. Likely source is coffin butte landfill	DEQ	Please see the "Report Pollution" report to the right for additional details. Republic Services responded
186	11/18/25	Odor	Terrible odor from coffin butte landfill in NW Corvallis	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
187	11/19/25	Odor	7:00 am Coffin Butte landfill stench was very noticeable at our home 27407 Writsman Creek. At 9:00 am a neighbor on Helm Drive texted and asked me if I would also file a complaint and include his location.	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
188	11/20/25	Odor	Walked with my family outside at home. Strong landfill odor. After being in the barn 10 min my daughter had to sit as she was so dizzy and nauseated. My husband and I both dizzy . We had to go inside. Smell stopped after it was raining .	DEQ	Forwarded complaints to Republic from this date, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

189	11/21/25	Odor	<p>A strong, persistent landfill-type odor was present throughout the early afternoon. Although our program is occasionally within range of mild landfill odors due to distance and wind patterns, today's odor was significantly stronger and more intrusive than normal. The smell was noticeable both outdoors and indoors despite closed windows. It had a sharp, unpleasant, decomposing-waste character that was clearly abnormal in intensity. The AQI was in the good range, indicating that the odor was not related to wildfire smoke or regional air pollution, but appears specific to localized landfill emissions.</p> <p>Impact on Preschool Program (Ages 1–5): The odor was strong enough that multiple children (ages 1 through 5) verbalized discomfort, complained about the smell, and several reported stomach aches. Staff also experienced nausea and difficulty staying outdoors with the children. The odor directly interfered with our required outdoor activities and disrupted our normal program operations.</p> <p>Interference With Work / Livelihood: This is part of a recurring pattern of landfill odors reaching our facility. These episodes interfere with my ability to operate the preschool safely and consistently. They disrupt state-required outdoor time, affect the comfort and well-being of the children in care, and create an ongoing barrier to providing a healthy learning environment. Redacted per ORS 192.355(4) Confidential Submissions.</p> <p>Frequency / Recurrence: This is not an isolated incident. Similar odors have occurred on multiple recent days, including earlier this week. Each event has varying intensity, but today's odor was strong enough to cause clear discomfort in a group of young children. I am submitting this complaint to document the increasing frequency and severity.</p> <p>Request: Please investigate potential landfill emissions contributing to these odor events. Continued occurrences are affecting early-childhood health and safety, Redacted per ORS 192.355(4) Confidential Submissions</p>	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
190	11/23/25	Odor, Methane & PFAS	The usual landfill gas smell, which is especially bad under inversion and foggy conditions. It is especially offensive because of knowing its toxicity (methane, PFAS, etc.).	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
191	11/24/25	Odor	Methane odor most likely coming from Coffin Butte landfill. Lasted several hours on Thursday and Friday November 20 and 21 2025	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
192	12/3/25	Odor	I was working in my barn. rolled the barn door back and was hit with the unpleasantly odor. Caused	DEQ	Waiting on response from Republic Republic

			headaches and nausea. Very Strong! - I again notified Republic Services first.		Services responded
193	12/4/25	Odor	The smell of the dump is becoming more frequent and more overwhelming. We noticed it at 7am today, and it is still here at 9:30pm.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
194	12/4/25	Odor	There is an unmistakable landfill gas smell near my home in North Corvallis.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
195	12/5/25	Odor	You can't drive within a couple miles of Coffin Butte without getting blasted with the smell of filth. Driving past you better hope you rolled your windows up in time.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
196	12/5/25	Odor & Methane	Suspected methane pollution from coffin butte landfill	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
197	12/5/25	Odor & Health	I live in North town and have been noticing more and more smells coming all the way from the landfill. Making my family nauseous and the increasing frequency has me extremely concerned for our health.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
198	12/6/25	Odor & Health	Horrible smell coming from coffin butte landfill gibbing my family headaches	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
199	12/11/25	Water Quality	Runoff from landfill exceeded capacity of holding ponds and remedial wetlands, flooding roadside ditch so that water rose up to the edge of the state highway. Photo taken today (12/11, 10 pm) shows wrack line including straw and trash deposited on highway shoulder. The water level in the remedial wetland remains high. Also water is still running down tarps and may be coming out from under tarps on south face of landfill, producing continued flow into ditch leading to wetlands. Holes in the tarps with vegetation growing out are still evident, as reported in past years.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
200	12/12/25	Odor & Open Face Size	There is a stong odor hanging in the Soap Creek valley emmiting from the Coffin Butte Landfill. Typically occurring because their working face is much larger than the 1/4 they claim to have exposed. Compounded by the fact the the landfill	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded

			sits at the opening of a valley that experiences pressure inversion for 5-6 months out of the year.		
201	12/14/25	Odor	Odor from the Coffin Butte landfill has been quite strong over the last 2 days.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
202	12/23/25	Odor	Opened my back door and the smell is horrible! Making us sick to our stomach's.	DEQ	Waiting for Paul's followup email. Republic Services responded
203	12/23/25	Odor	Coffin Butte landfill has filled Soap Creek valley with an overpowering stench that resembles a combination of vomit and feces.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
204	12/23/25	Odor	When I opened my door to let the dog in, my entire kitchen was filled with landfill stink. I need to do outdoor work for required house, maintenance, but now need to change those plans and complete that work at a later time.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
205	12/23/25	Odor	the usual landfill odors we get when atmospheric conditions are right. Today we're overcast with a slight north-northwest breeze. A wave of noxious air passed through Soap Creek Valley, many neighbors were extremely offended by it.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
206	12/23/25	Odor	This morning, a foggy day in north Corvallis, the dump stench is strong. I walked outside late morning to do some chores in the yard and the chemical sweetish smell from the dump immediately made me nauseous, so I went back inside. While I was driving to an appointment later, the smell was strong enough that I could smell it in the car. There was very little wind, but the fog seems to hold to stench. It's awful.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
207	12/23/25	Odor	landfill decaying trash smell. Very concentrated for about an hour	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded
208	12/23/25	Odor	I returned home to smelling rotten eggs. I now have a strong headache. This pm started off as a 5. now I'd say 3 for odor strength .	DEQ	Waiting on response from Republic Republic Services responded
209	12/28/25	Odor	Yet another day where properties surrounding the landfill have to endure the dump smells. Just got home from working and overwhelmed by the smell of the Coffin Butte Landfill. I am worried about how bad this will get if the landfill is able to expand. Please help.	DEQ	DEQ forwarded complaint to Republic, waiting on response. Republic Services responded