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Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee

Packet for meeting on March 25, 2026

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1) Agenda



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Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

AGENDA

March 25, 2026

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333

This meeting will be held in-person. The meeting will be accessible online for those unable to attend.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88247921911?pwd=EQu4Ofo6VVJNGuVr9KmWhTx96R6LKs.1>

Meeting ID: **882 4792 1911**

Passcode: **680718**

DSAC website with meeting materials, including the meeting packet:

<https://cd.bentoncountyor.gov/disposal-site-advisory-committee-dsac>

Agenda Item #	Start Time	Duration	Topic	Speaker(s)
1	6:00 p.m.	5 min.	Call to Order and welcome members	Chair
2	6:05 p.m.	10 min.	Public comment – your comments welcome. Each commenter is generally limited to 3 minutes.	Public
3	6:15 p.m.	5 min.	Review and approve the draft of the last meeting’s minutes and action items.	Committee
4	6:20 p.m.	5 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions being taken by Republic regarding DEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice • Status of new Title V permit application 	Paul K.
5	6:25 p.m.	5 min.	Significant operational actions and changes taken by Republic Services since last BCDSAC meeting	Paul K.
6	6:30 p.m.	10 min.	Fire Safety - update	David H.
7	6:40 p.m.	15 min.	Updates from Sub-Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odors, Methane • Groundwater, Leachate • Community Engagement 	Committee
8	6:55 p.m.	5 min.	Break	Committee
9	7:00 p.m.	20 min.	Review the draft 2025 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Concerns Annual Report	Committee
10	7:20 p.m.	30 min.	2024 Coffin Butte Landfill and PRC Annual Report	Paul K.



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			<i>Note: Committee will need to provide written feedback to Republic Services by 3/31/26.</i>	
11	7:50 p.m.	5 min.	Vice-chair election	Committee
12	7:55 p.m.	3 min.	Request Agenda Items, staff requests for next meeting	Committee
13	7:58p.m.	2 min.	Next meeting/wrap up/adjourn	Chair

Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Membership

Name	Term	Name	Term
David Hackleman, Chair	1/1/26 - 12/31/27	Paul Koster, Landfill Representative	1/1/26 - 12/31/27
Robert Kipper	1/1/26 - 12/31/27	Peter Petersen	1/1/25 - 12/31/26
Jennifer Field	1/1/26 - 12/31/27	Dianne Cassidy	1/1/26 - 12/31/27
Brent Pawlowski	1/1/26 - 12/31/27	Vacant Position	
David Livesay	1/1/26 - 12/31/27	Vacant Position	
Charlene Carroll	10/1/24 - 12/31/26		
Benton County Staff			
Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Program Coordinator			

DSAC Members Excused:

Sub-committees:

- **Odors, Methane, Title V permit** – David H., Jennifer F.
- **Groundwater, Leachate** – David L., Charli C., Peter P.
- **Community Engagement** – Dianne C., Robert K.

Next DSAC Meetings: May 27th, August 26th, November 4th

2) Draft meeting minutes from
11/12/25



MEETING MINUTES

Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

November 12, 2025

Benton County DSAC Vice Chair, Rachel Purcell, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was open to the public virtually via a published Zoom link. These minutes were made with the assistance of artificial intelligence.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Rachel Purcell, Chair
David Hackleman, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Field
Chuck Gilbert
Brent Pawlowski
Charlene Carroll
David Livesay
Paul Koster, Republic Services
Robert Kipper
Peter Peterson
Diane Cassidy (Excused)

STAFF

Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Program Coordinator

GUESTS

Julie Jackson, Republic Services

Key takeaways

- The Coffin Butte Landfill expansion proposal was approved by commissioners in a 2-1 vote on November 4th
- DEQ issued a pre-enforcement notice to Republic Services on November 6th, citing multiple Class 1 violations
- Several DSAC members' terms are expiring; Rachel and Chuck are leaving while others plan to continue
- David Hackleman was unanimously elected as the new DSAC chair for the upcoming year
- Bailey is planning to reinstate the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and potentially merge it with DSAC in 2026

Discussed topics

Landfill Expansion Proposal Update

Bailey provided an update on the recent decision regarding the expansion proposal.

- **Details**

- **Bailey:** Commissioners voted 2-1 to approve the expansion on November 4th. Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety may file an appeal within 21 days to the Land Use Board

of Appeals. Several conditions were placed on the approval, including independent monitoring and fire watch outside operating hours

- **Charli:** Commissioner Pat Malone specifically wanted water testing at E.E. Wilson
- **David H.:** David will communicate with ARFD and develop a recommended procedure to alert Republic (Coffin Butte Landfill site) as to when their location is considered to be in a state that is of "extreme" or high fire "danger."

- **Conclusion**

- The final report with detailed conditions will be available after November 17th
- The appeal period begins after the November 17th meeting

Meeting Minutes Approval

The committee reviewed and approved minutes from the previous meeting.

- **Details**

- **Charli:** Noted a correction regarding who reported on the groundwater monitoring subcommittee meeting with Seth Sadowski
- **Dave:** Clarified that Peter was the one who reported out on the groundwater monitoring

- **Conclusion**

- Minutes were approved (David L., Charil C.) with minor corrections

DEQ Pre-enforcement Notice

Discussion of the November 6th notice from DEQ to Republic Services regarding violations.

- **Details**

- **Paul:** The notice was received last week and relates to EPA visits in 2022 and 2024
- **David H:** Expressed concern about why issues weren't addressed sooner
- **Paul:** Explained he's been working to fix issues since joining 10 months ago, including improving monitoring coverage from 25% to approximately 80%
- **Committee:** Noted the notice lists seven Class 1 violations of Oregon environmental law

- **Conclusion**

- Republic Services must respond to DEQ by November 26th
- Paul will check if he can share the response with the committee
- Bailey will share quarterly and semi-annual reports with the committee

Odor and Methane Subcommittee Report

David H. and Jennifer presented their report on odor monitoring.

- **Details**

- **David H:** Proposed a three-phase approach to identify odor sources:
 1. Initial fingerprint spectra analysis (~\$15,000)
 2. Detailed characterization study (~\$250,000)
 3. Ongoing monitoring using tracers
- **David H:** Working with Dr. Fields' lab at OSU to develop methodology
- **Paul:** Raised concerns about distinguishing landfill odors from other sources like wastewater treatment plants

- **Conclusion**

- David has requested \$15,000 from the county to start the initial study

- Bailey will discuss this with the Interim Director of Community Development
- The data would help support a grant proposal for the larger study

Groundwater Monitoring

Brief update on the groundwater monitoring efforts.

- **Details**

- **Dave:** The subcommittee drafted a letter to DEQ with recommendations for improving groundwater monitoring
- **Bailey:** Will send the letter to DEQ on Monday and set up a meeting with Seth to discuss
- **Charli:** Mentioned that Benton Soil and Water Conservation District has offered assistance with sampling Soap Creek and writing grants for adjacent well testing

- **Conclusion**

- Bailey will follow up with DEQ about their timeline for reviewing the monitoring plan

Fire Safety Protocols

Discussion about red flag warning protocols and fire safety.

- **Details**

- **Paul:** Adair Fire Department was supposed to notify the landfill of red flag days but only called once during the summer
- **Bailey:** Mentioned he's investigating camera systems for fire monitoring and has a meeting scheduled with PANO AI on 11/17/25.

- **Conclusion**

- The fire watch condition in the expansion approval only applies to the expansion area, not current operations
- Better communication with Adair Fire Department is needed

Landfill End-of-Life Projections

Paul K. addressed questions about the remaining capacity of the landfill.

- **Details**

- **Paul:** Current estimate is 9-9.5 years of capacity remaining
- **Paul:** This is consistent with previous estimates when accounting for the passage of time
- **Charli:** Noted that Commissioner Pat Malone stated a 1.3 million tonnage cap (up from 1.1 million tons/year) would be placed on the entire landfill

- **Conclusion**

- Paul will send Bailey a detailed explanation of the calculations for distribution
- The south side expansion would add approximately 6 years of capacity

DSAC Membership and Leadership

Discussion about committee membership and election of new leadership.

- **Details**

- **Rachel:** Announced she's leaving the committee due to time constraints
- **Chuck:** Also confirmed he's leaving
- **David H:** Agreed to be nominated as chair

- **Bailey:** Discussed plans to reinstate the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and potentially merge it with DSAC in 2026
- **Conclusion**
 - David Hackleman was unanimously elected as the new chair
 - No vice chair was elected; David will appoint someone if needed for specific meetings
 - Bailey will follow up with continuing members about the reapplication process

Website Improvements for Complaint Reporting

Julie Jackson from Republic Services provided an update on improvements to the complaint reporting system.

- **Details**
 - **Julie:** Working with website team to change "Report an Odor Concern" button to "Report a Concern" or similar
 - **Julie:** Explained that complaints submitted through the website are immediately sent to multiple staff members
 - **Committee:** Discussed whether the reporting button should be moved to the homepage
- **Conclusion**
 - Republic Services is waiting for internal decisions and/or direction from commissioners before making website changes
 - The goal is to make reporting more accessible and inclusive of all types of concerns

Challenges

- Republic Services is determining if they can share their DEQ pre-enforcement notice response with the committee due to potential legal constraints
- Establishing effective communication with Adair Fire Department regarding red flag warnings
- Distinguishing between odors from the landfill versus other sources when investigating complaints
- Limited cell service at the landfill complicates implementation of camera monitoring systems

Action items

- **Bailey**
 - Send letter to DEQ regarding groundwater monitoring recommendations (by Monday)
 - Set up a meeting with Seth from DEQ to discuss the groundwater monitoring plan
 - Contact Adair Rural Fire Department about improving red flag warning notifications
 - Discuss the \$15,000 funding request for odor study with the Interim Director of Community Development
 - Follow up with continuing DSAC members about the reapplication process
 - Share quarterly and semi-annual reports with the committee
 - Share information about the PANO AI fire monitoring camera system at the next meeting
- **Paul**
 - Check if Republic Services can share their DEQ pre-enforcement notice response with the committee
 - Send Bailey a detailed explanation of landfill capacity calculations for distribution
- **David Hackleman**
 - Assume chair responsibilities for DSAC in 2026

- Communicate with ARFD and develop a recommended procedure to alert Republic (Coffin Butte Landfill site) as to when their location is considered to be in a state that is of "extreme" or high fire "danger."
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- **Julie**
 - Continue working with website team on improving the complaint reporting system after receiving direction

The meeting was adjourned (Brent P., Peter P.) at 8:00 p.m.

3) 2025 Coffin Butte Landfill
Community Concerns Annual
Report



2025 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Staff Report

Prepared By: Bailey Payne, Benton County Community Development Department, Solid Waste Program

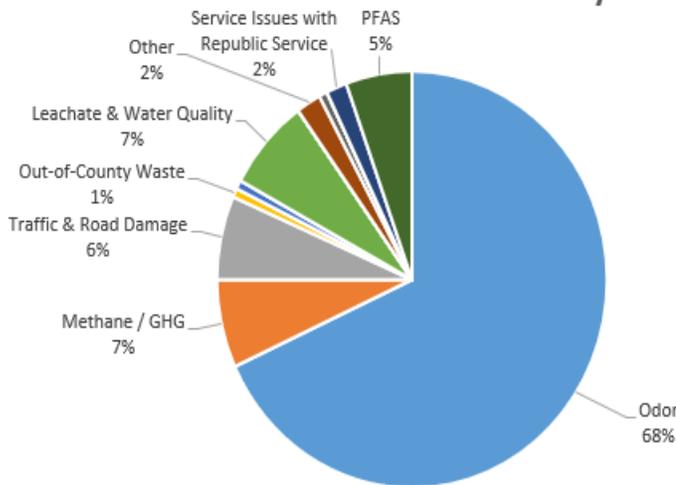
Preparation Date: February 19, 2026

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.

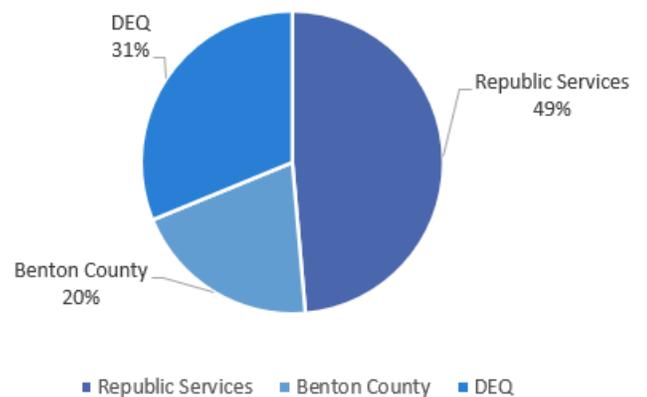
Benton County staff and the DSAC have prepared the following report summarizing community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2025, which meets the requirements of the DSAC under ORS 459.325. Concerns listed in this report have been compiled using information from the complaints received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

2025 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Concerns



Sources of Community Concerns



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 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	Benton County - Email	<p>This email went to the DEQ; and Senators Jeff Merkley and Wyden and Hoyl</p> <p>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>

			<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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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	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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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

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2024 Coffin Butte Annual Report

March 13, 2026

Executive Summary

REFRESHED APPROACH

Valley Landfills Inc., is please to present our 2024 Coffin Butte Landfill Annual Report. It has been redesigned for readability and simplicity but still covers all the relevant topics requested by Benton County Staff and Commissioners.

CALENDAR YEAR

Previous reports have melded different calendar years, depending on topic. This year's report reverts to the original intent – it covers only events occurring in calendar year 2024. However, some pages may include past summaries or forward-looking guidance as needed for clarity.

CONTENT AND TOPICS

This report contains operating, environmental compliance and sustainability updates and information for your review. At the county's request, it also includes breakouts on topics including PFAS in leachate, groundwater monitoring and odor complaints.

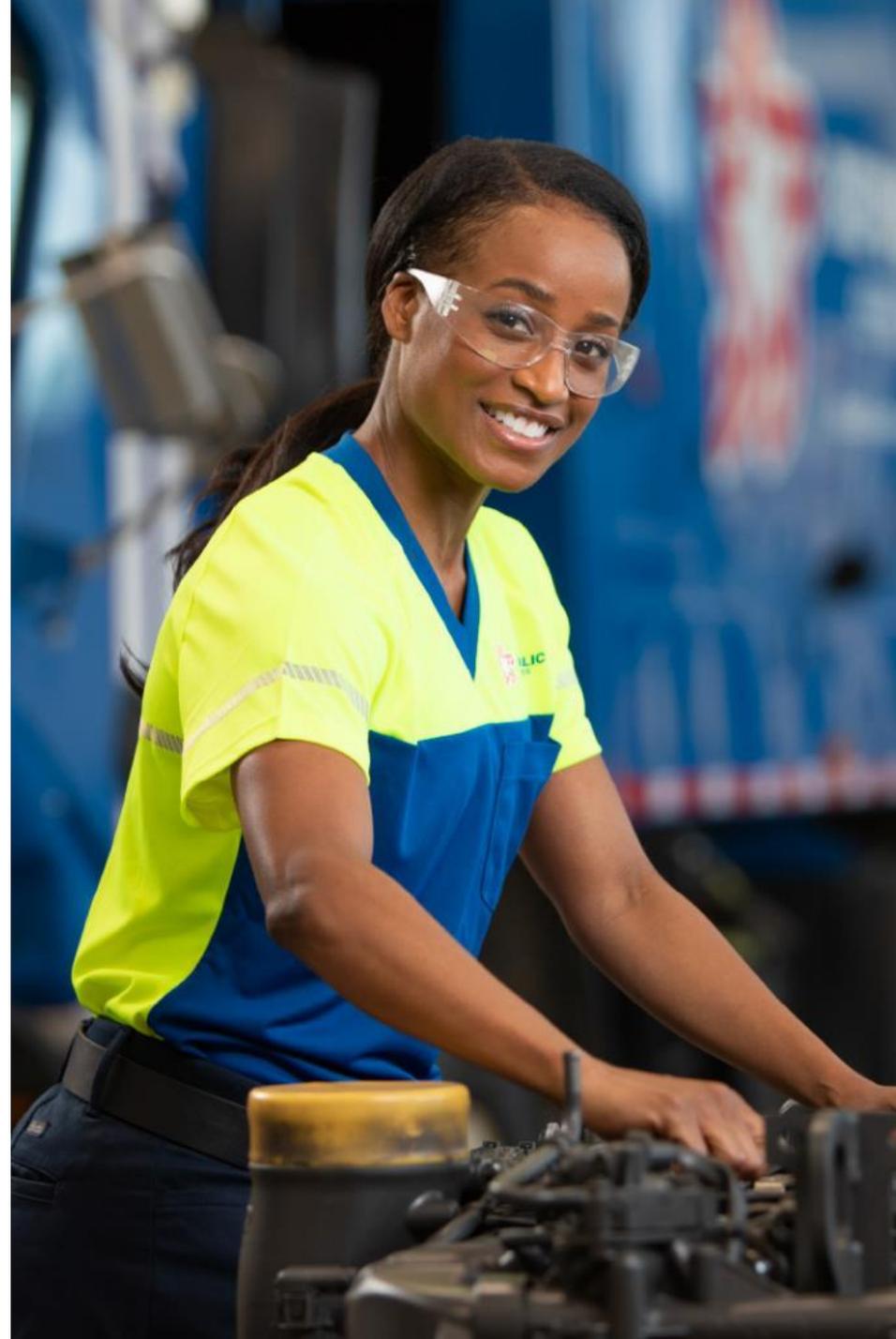


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Capacity and Infrastructure

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LANDFILL CAPACITY

We projected the Landfill had 12.9 years of life remaining at the end of 2024.

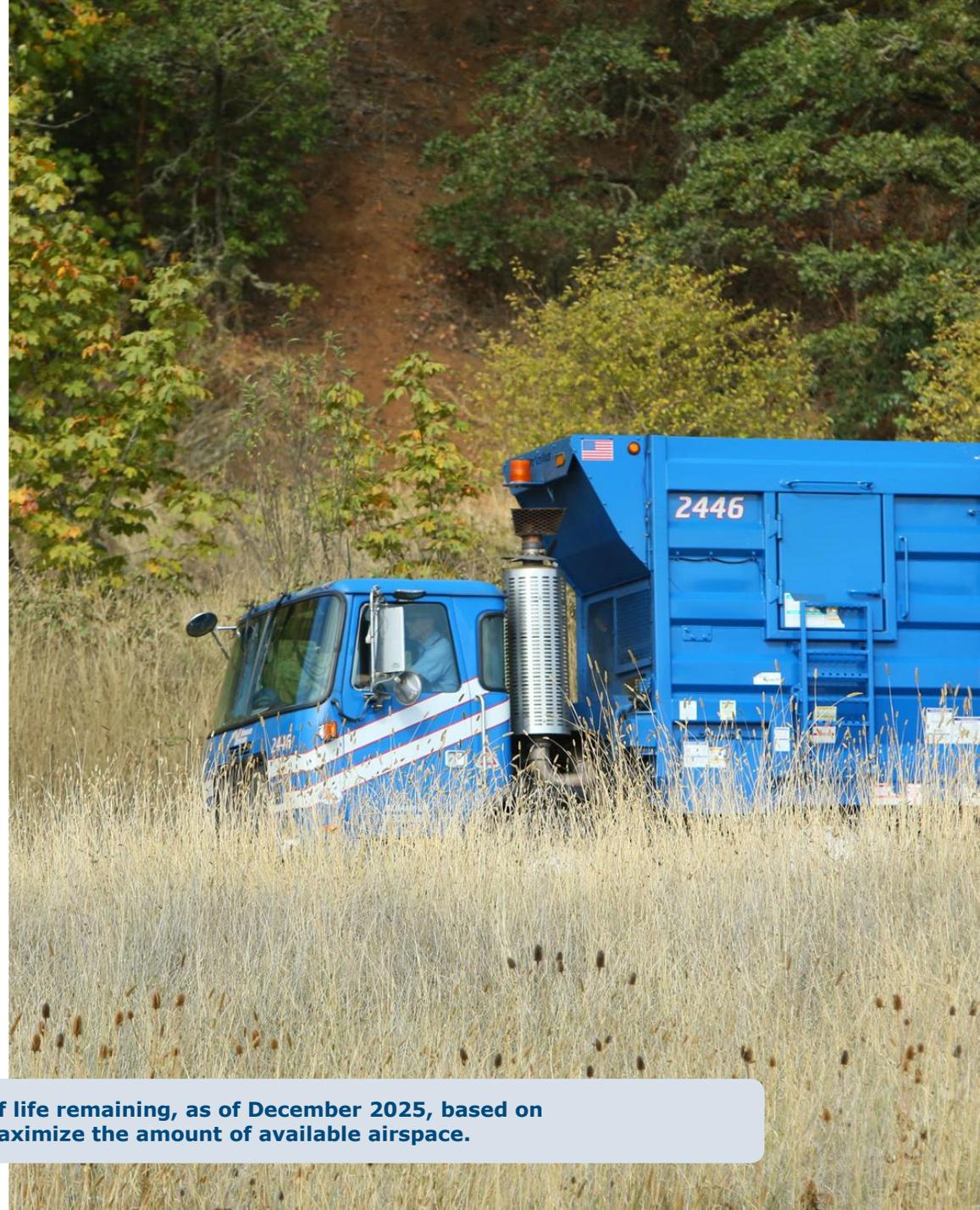
Coffin Butte Landfill has approximately 39,591,002 cubic yards (including what has already been consumed by waste disposal) of permitted airspace. During 2024, the landfill accepted 1,032,214 tons of solid waste. Based on historical aerial flyover data, the average effective density of the in-place waste at Coffin Butte Landfill is 0.98 tons/cy (1,965 lbs/cy – 2023 Operational Density).*

Therefore, an estimated 1,050,120 cubic yards of airspace was used for the year. Approximately 24,479,851 cubic yards has been consumed as of December 31, 2024, leaving a remaining capacity of 14,517,716 cubic yards of permitted air space.

In terms of remaining life at Coffin Butte, we projected the Landfill had 12.9 years of life remaining. About 95 percent of that is in the area known as the Quarry.

We are actively depositing waste in a cell on the north side of the Landfill known as 6A. We estimate that cell will be completely full by February 2026.

*Effective density incorporates the effects of daily and intermediate soil cover usage. It is calculated by measuring the amount of airspace occupied between successive aerial flyovers using photogrammetric maps and dividing that volume into the number of tons of waste received at the gate.



Forward looking statement: The Landfill had approximately 10 years of life remaining, as of December 2025, based on current tonnage volumes. We continue to analyze site operations to maximize the amount of available airspace.

We continually invest in Coffin Butte's infrastructure to ensure we are providing best-in-class service and environmental stewardship to the County.

The following pages summarize work completed through 2024.



Gas Collection System

Between 2019 and 2024, we invested \$9.4 million in the Landfill's gas control and collection system, installing 57 vertical wells and 22,700 feet of horizontal gas collection piping.

Since 1995, Coffin Butte has captured methane gas to generate electricity for 4,000 area homes, via a partnership with PNGC Power.

Forward looking statement: Further investments were completed in 2025, including upgrading 18 horizontal wells and installing 22 vertical wells, at an estimated cost of \$2.2 million.

LANDFILL INFRASTRUCTURE



Cell Construction

In 2024, we placed waste in what is known as Cell 5E. This was the last remaining cell in the main permitted area of the landfill. We also began constructing our first waste disposal cell in the Quarry, an area known as 6A.

Note: We began using this 10.4-acre cell for waste disposal in March 2025. It is expected to last about one year.

Forward looking statement: In 2025, we worked aggressively to construct Cell 6B Part 1 in the Quarry, at a cost of about \$16 million (liner system.) The cell is approximately 7.5 acres, and based on current annual tonnage, will be capable of accepting waste through late Q3 2026.



Leachate Management

Each year we utilize an extensive network of geosynthetic covers to better capture rain and reduce the impact it has on decomposing waste. These covers reduce the volume of leachate that is produced and then must be treated, which saves energy, reduces costs and is better for the environment.

In addition, the Landfill has a robust groundwater monitoring system comprised of 35 wells, which are regularly checked to ensure peak performance and compliance with our regulatory permits.

We continue to invest and apply geosynthetic covers to better divert stormwater, which reduces leachate production.

Republic Services is a leader in the responsible disposal of waste containing PFAS, which is ubiquitous in the products we use.

Coffin Butte Landfill works closely with federal and state regulators on PFAS management.



About PFAS

Coffin Butte does not generate PFAS. It is a passive receiver. Our focus is safely managing PFAS through proper landfill operations.

Little can be done to reduce PFAS in landfill leachate, but manufacturers can reduce future levels by limiting the chemical in their products.

Coffin Butte works closely with the Cities of Corvallis and Salem and their WWTPs, to treat leachate generated at the landfill.

The 43.2 million gallons of leachate generated by Coffin Butte in 2024 is a small percentage of the overall wastewater treated at our partners' facilities.

The Landfill complies with its permits and regulatory requirements.



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Annual Environmental Monitoring Report (AEMR)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT & MONITORING

Valley Landfills, Inc., as owner and operator of Coffin Butte Landfill, is committed to being a good neighbor and steward of the environment.

We prioritize safe and responsible operations, sustainability and collaboration with regulators at the local, state and federal level.



Inspections

- In 2024 Coffin Butte Landfill was inspected 6 times.
- Agencies conducting inspections included the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, DEQ's Division of Material Management, Metro Regional Government, and the cities of Corvallis and Salem.



Reporting

- We submitted annual, semi-annual, quarterly and monthly reports to federal, state and local regulators, in accordance with our operational and environmental permits. [The 2024 Annual Environmental Monitoring Report \(AEMR\) was submitted to ODEQ in March 2025 and is on file with Benton County.](#)



Compliance

- The Landfill was not issued any notices of violation by EPA or the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in 2024. We continue to work closely with state and federal regulators.

Forward-looking statement: The EPA sent the Landfill a Section 114 information request on January 21, 2025, and Oregon DEQ sent Coffin Butte a pre-enforcement notice in November 2025. Coffin Butte is working in cooperation with ODEQ to provide the information and corrective actions requested in the PEN.

What follows is the Executive Summary from the 2024 Annual Environmental Monitoring Report.

During 2024, no significant changes in water quality were observed. Quantifiable volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations were measured in wells along the West Side compliance boundary at wells MW-12S and MW-12D. The tetrachloroethene (PCE) measurement in the sample collected from MW-12S during the Fall monitoring event Exceeded the primary drinking water standard. However, the long-term trend for PCE concentrations continues downward.

VOCs were detected at trace concentrations in other West Side compliance wells, and several inorganic parameters were present above screening levels. As the Fall monitoring event was a 5- year event, VOCs were also analyzed in the sample from well MW-19, and the measured concentrations were similar to historical results.

In wells on the West Side downgradient of the former Closed Landfill (from which the source removal was completed in 2022), Cell 1, and Cell 1A, groundwater quality trends are stable but elevated concentrations of inorganic constituents and metals continue to be measured in samples from wells in this area of the site. West Side Remedial Action Concentration Limits (RACL) were exceeded for chloride, TDS, iron, and manganese in samples from several wells during both monitoring events, and the concentration of PCE measured in the samples from MW-12S exceeded the RACL during both events.

At the compliance boundary for Cells 4 and 5 on the East Side, the primary drinking water standard for arsenic was exceeded in samples from several monitoring wells, but the measured concentrations are similar to natural background conditions.

Sampling results at MW-26 and MW-27 were below statistically-calculated site-specific limits (SSLs) for most of the indicator parameters during the Spring monitoring event. Manganese was marginally above the limit at MW-27. As dissolved metals were inadvertently excluded from analysis by the laboratory, these will be resampled during the Spring 2026 monitoring event.

Other than resampling for dissolved metals during the next monitoring event, no action is required on the basis of these RACL and SSL exceedances. The volume of leachate generated by Cells 1 through 5 for the 2023-2024 water year ending on September 30, 2024, was estimated at approximately 40 million gallons. VLI continues to monitor the secondary leachate collection systems (SLCS) beneath Cells 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The following summarizes the Title V Air Quality monitoring activities at the landfill.

Title V Air Quality Monitoring Report

We discussed our gas collection system earlier in this report, but it's important to talk specifically about our compliance with our air monitoring (Title V) permit. In September 2024, Valley Landfills Inc. notified ODEQ that Coffin Butte Landfill exceeded its threshold for non-methane organic compound emissions (NMOCs), as stipulated in its Title V Air Quality Permit.

On the same day, we sent an explanatory letter to the County. The Landfill's existing permit allows for 49 tons of NMOc emissions during a rolling 12-month period; actual emissions between September 2023 and August 2024 were 51.33 tons.

Coffin Butte Landfill has been working with DEQ since 2013 to update its Air Quality Permit, commensurate with population growth and waste disposal needs in Western Oregon. Our existing Air Quality permit was approved in 2009 and expired in 2014; the Landfill has been operating under an extension since.

Forward looking statement: We continue to have cooperative dialogue with ODEQ and are close to finalizing the Plant Site Emission Limits.





Leachate Treatment Options

Coffin Butte Landfill will no longer send leachate to the City of Corvallis wastewater treatment plant after December 2025. Leachate that was previously going to Corvallis is now headed to a private third-party treatment plant.



PFAS in Leachate

As noted earlier in this report, Coffin Butte Landfill is a passive receiver of PFAS; not a producer. Republic Services is an industry leader in the responsible disposal of waste containing PFAS. We manage this waste and the Landfill's leachate in accordance with all local, state and regulatory guidelines.



Title V Renewal Status

Coffin Butte Landfill continues to work with ODEQ on the requirements for its updated Title V Permit. Valley Landfills recently received a draft Title V permit for review from DEQ and are working closely with DEQ to finalize sometime in 2026.



ODEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice

Valley Landfills Inc., has been working cooperatively with the ODEQ on its findings, providing both requested information and evidence of corrective actions already taken. The PEN does not represent the agency's final determination and is still being adjudicated. VLI has provided all documentation to DEQ regarding the PEN and will continue to submit documentation as it is appropriate.



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Pacific Region Compost facility

PACIFIC REGION COMPOST FACILITY

The Pacific Region Compost Facility helps keep yard and food waste out of the landfill by turning it into nutrient rich compost and closing the organic loop. Compost nourishes soil, promoting healthy plants and reducing fertilizer reliance.



PRC collects nearly 140,000 yards of organic material annually, including food scraps, commercial food waste, yard debris and wood waste.



Both an aerated static system and windrow methods are employed at the site.



120,000 yards of compost are made from materials collected.



Compost goes to area agriculture, local bagging facilities and residential uses.



Over 100 yards of compost are donated annually to local community gardens.



Compost from PRC is OMRI Certified for use on organic crops.





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Federal Regulatory Updates

The following section of the annual report provides a summary of federal regulatory inspections and informational requests.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OSHA inspectors visited Coffin Butte Landfill in October 2023 and again in February 2024. These inspections resulted in three citations and fines totaling \$580.

All concerns were immediately addressed, including OSHA's request that we provide additional respiratory training for our employees. We now provide training once a year/other updates to the team as the need and situation dictates.

Coffin Butte Landfill places the highest priority on worker safety, and we are committed to providing a safe working environment for our employees.

EPA Surface Emissions Monitoring

The U.S. EPA conducted surface emissions monitoring at Coffin Butte Landfill in June 2022 and June 2024.

This report, because it covers Landfill activities in calendar year 2024, focuses primarily on events occurring during that 12-month period. However, a detailed timeline of events dating back to 2022 is included on the following pages. The timeline, which extends into 2025, is provided for clarity. A previous version of the timeline was also included in the 2023 Annual Report.

In June 2024, Coffin Butte Landfill was the subject of a no-notice inspection by the EPA. Inspectors identified 41 surface emissions exceedances. The Landfill immediately took corrective actions, including patching tears in the cover tarps and expanding the Landfill's gas collection and control system.

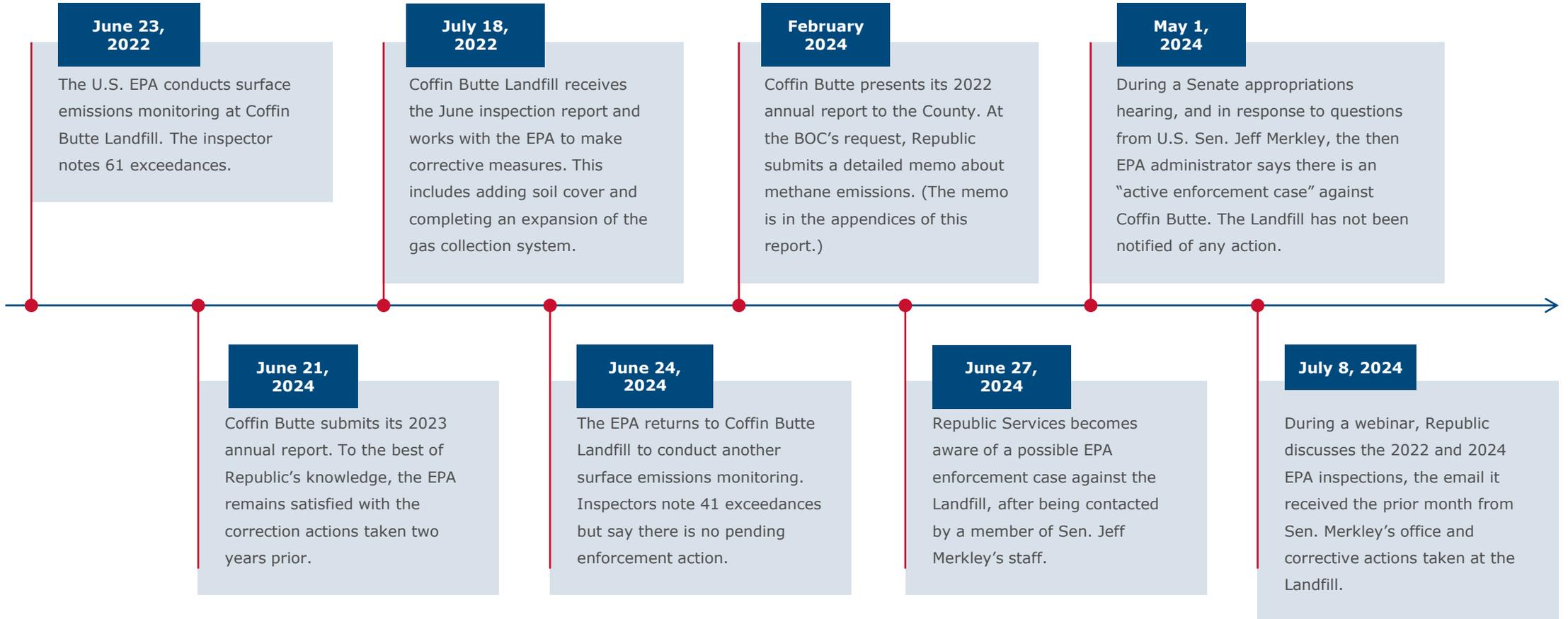
At the time of the June 2024 inspection, the Landfill was told it was not the subject of any enforcement action. However, in November 2025, Coffin Butte

Landfill received a Pre-Enforcement Notice from ODEQ. The Landfill is complying with the notice and has provided the agency with the requested information.

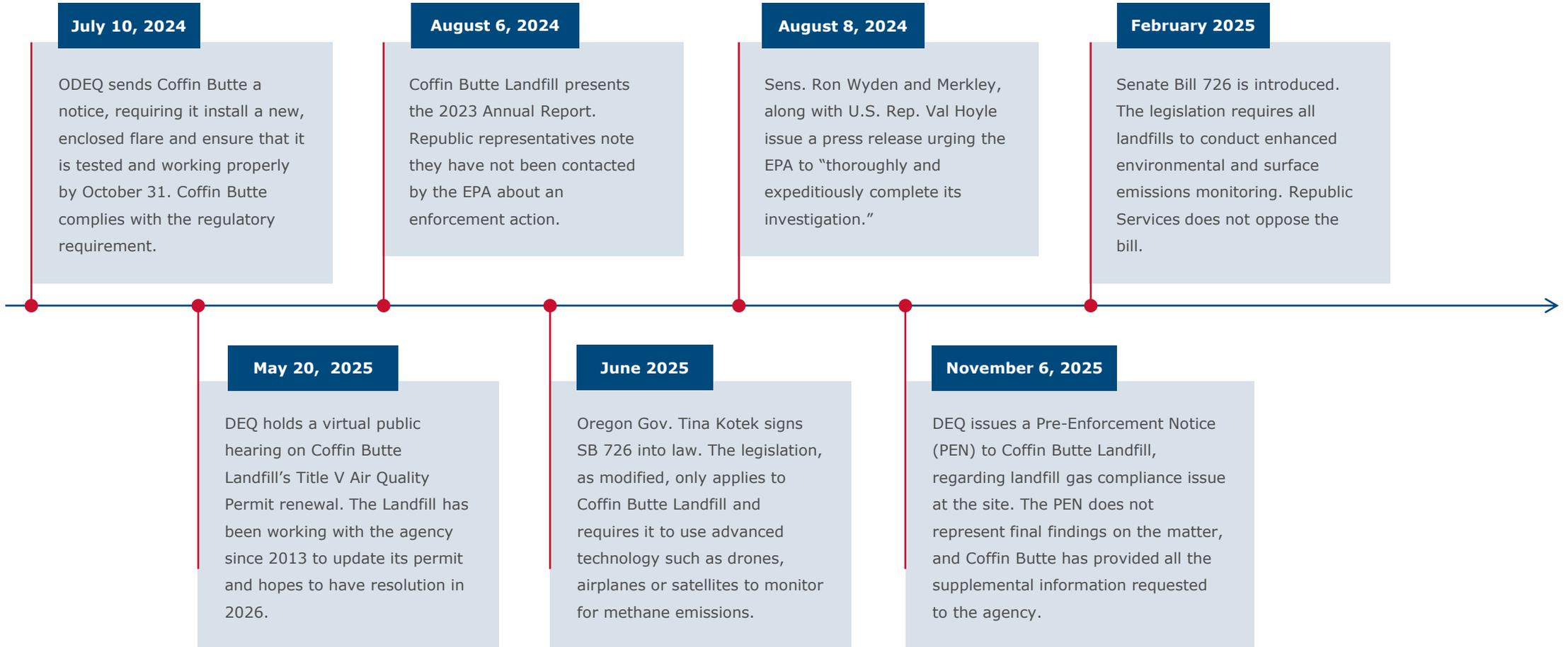
Enclosed Flare

Coffin Butte Landfill utilizes a flare to burn off excess gas as part of its gas collection system. On July 10, 2024, DEQ sent a pre-enforcement warning letter to the Landfill stating that it needed to replace the existing flare system with a new, enclosed flare to meet regulatory requirements. Coffin Butte Landfill completed the work on the new flare in October 2024.

EPA and DEQ Inspections and Action



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Landfill Operational Complaints

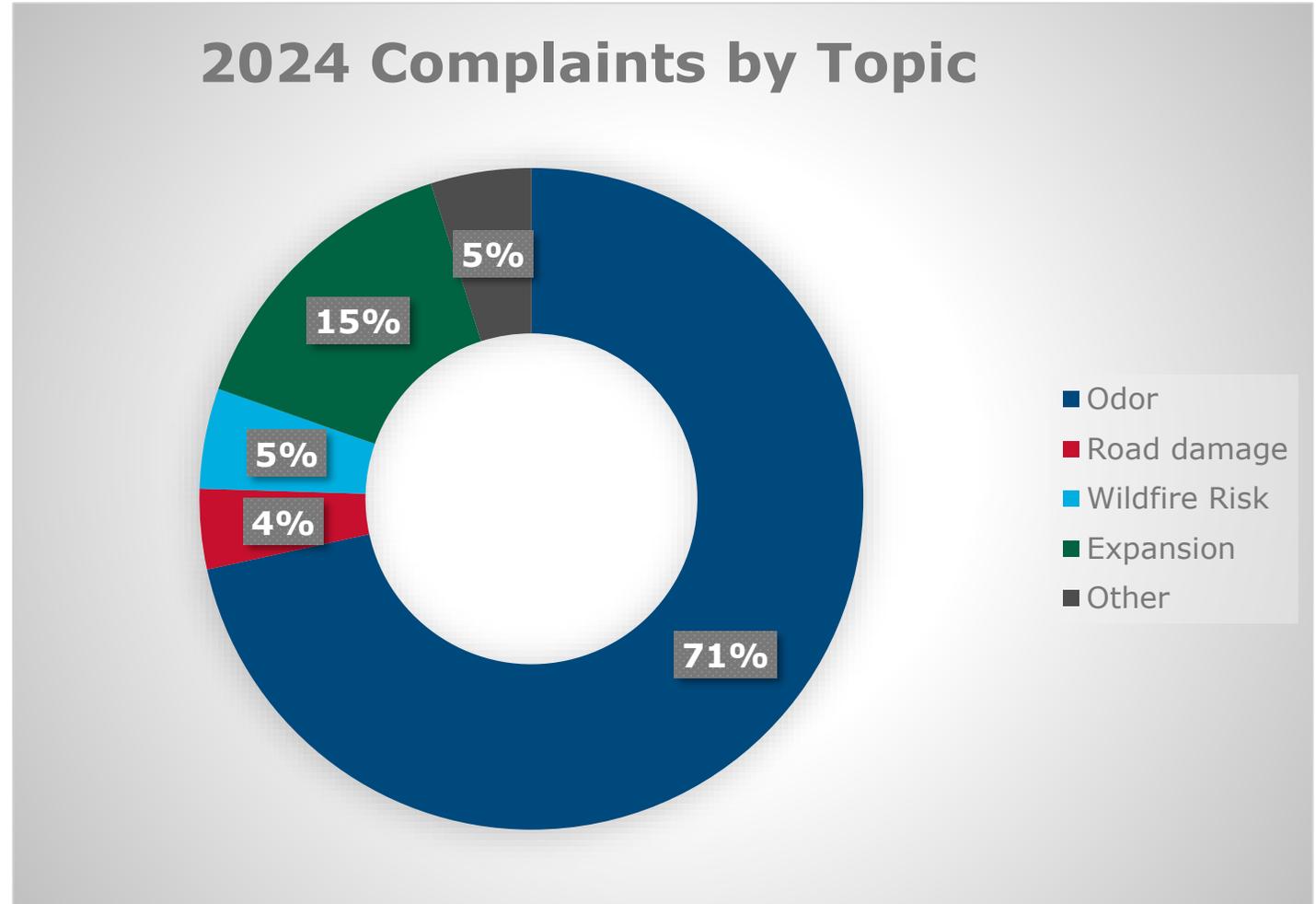
OPERATIONAL COMPLAINTS

The chart at right includes complaints received by the Landfill as well as those sent to Benton County and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

While there is likely some overlap in the complaints between the county and the state's data, we've included all on here out of an abundance of caution.

The "expansion" category includes those complaints received by the county that address topics such as litter and out-of-county waste.

The "other" category includes topics not directly related to landfill operations, including public notice and complaints about the county's meeting structure, worker safety or matters already adjudicated (whether the landfill is permitted to dispose of waste in the Quarry.)





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2024 CUP Application

CUP Application Summary

Valley Landfills, Inc. applied to expand Coffin Butte Landfill on July 18, 2024, after holding a series of community meetings and webinars to explain its proposal.

Benton County deemed the application incomplete a month later and requested additional studies and reports.

Company representatives met repeatedly with the county and its third-party consultants in Fall 2024 to provide more detailed information about potential impacts.

The county deemed the application complete in February 2025, and scheduled Planning Commission hearings in May 2025.





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Environmental and Regulatory Permits

Permit Number	Permit Type	Permit Terms	Renewal Date	Enforcement Actions - 2020	Comments
SWDP # 306	Solid Waste	10 Year	June 30, 2030	None	
# 1200Z	NPDES Stormwater	5 Year	June 30, 2026	None	
#101545	NPDES Leachate Treatment	5 Year	September 30, 2017	None	Renewal Application Submitted-Administratively Extended
#02-9502	Title V Air Quality	5 Year	October 1, 2014	None	Renewal Application Submitted-Administratively Extended
#5	Industrial Wastewater Discharge	2 Year	May 31, 2025	None	City of Corvallis Leachate Disposal
#8679	Wastewater Discharge Permit	5 Year	December 31, 2027	None	City of Salem Leachate Disposal



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Site Map and Well Locations



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Summary of Landfill Users

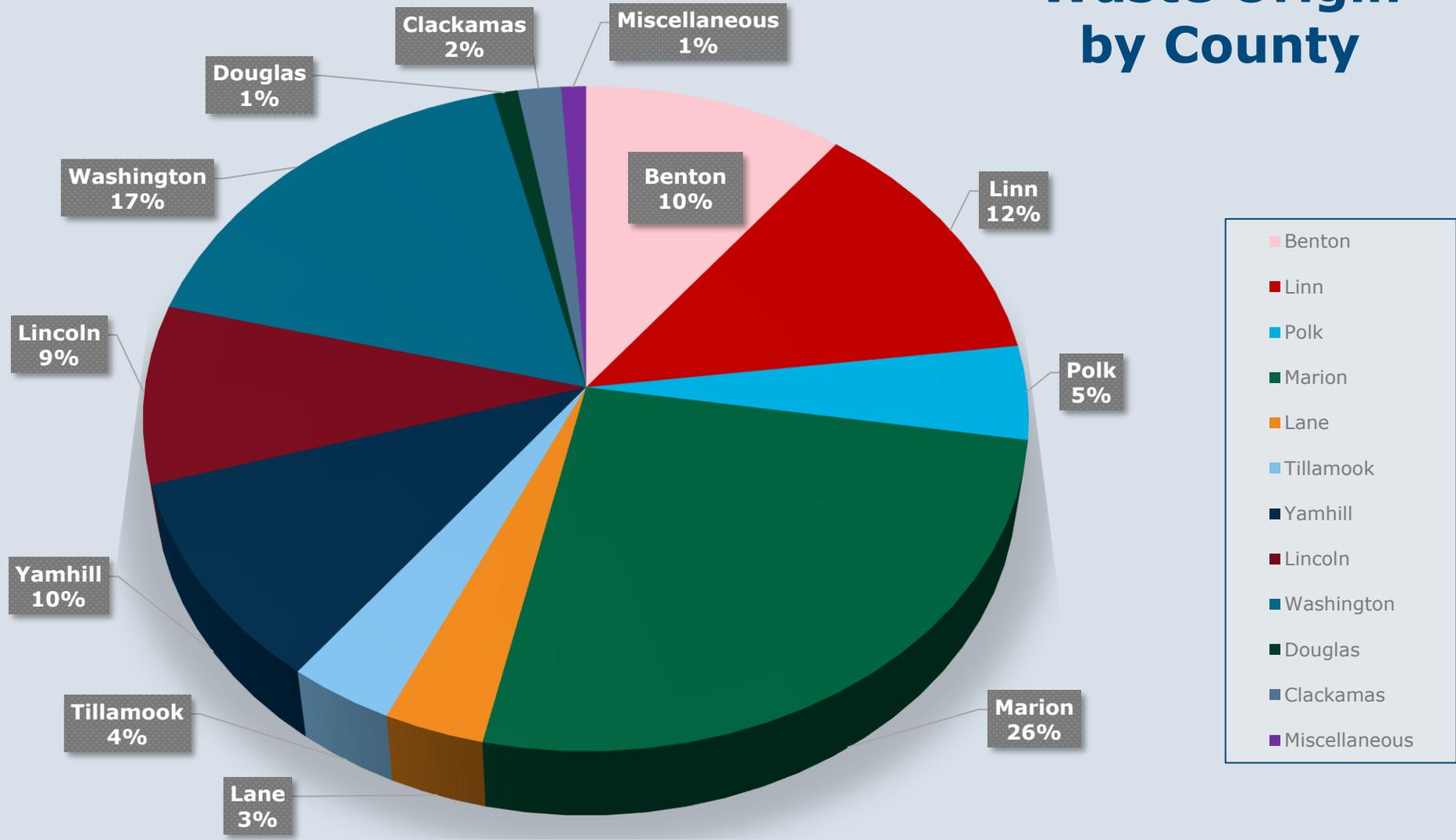


In 2024, Coffin Butte Landfill accepted 1,032,214 tons of waste from approximately 15 counties.

Benton County residents and businesses disposed of 119,160.80 tons of waste at the Landfill during the year. These disposal costs were subsidized by the Landfill's other users.

The miscellaneous category includes all counties whose tonnage equates to <1 percent of total. These included Baker, Lake, Columbia, Clatsop, Coos and Cowlitz, WA.

Waste Origin by County





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March 19, 2024

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Manager, Western Region Materials Management
165 East 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Eugene, OR 97401-3049

RE: 2023 Annual Recertification of Financial Assurance, Coffin Butte Landfill, Benton
County, Oregon, Solid Waste Permit No. 306

Dear Becky Williams:

Enclosed are the updated closure and post-closure cost estimates for the Coffin Butte Landfill. Geo-Logic Associates updated the cost estimates and utilized the current DEQ rate of 5.08% for solid waste disposal sites to incorporate future inflation and discounting in the post-closure estimate. The estimates are provided under Attachments A and B.

Updated bonds of \$19,213,211 to cover the cost to close the landfill and of \$6,115,314 to provide post-closure maintenance for 30 years are provided under Attachment C. The "Annual Recertification of Financial Assurance" is provided under Attachment D in the enclosed Financial Assurance Plan.

Valley Landfills, Inc. respectfully requests that Oregon DEQ provide a written response documenting the receipt and acceptance of the updated closure/post-closure cost estimates. Please contact me at (541) 286-8515 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret Davis".

Bret Davis
General Manager
Valley Landfills, Inc.



Rates for Calculating Financial Assurance Updates

Municipal solid waste disposal site reference rate

This information is intended to assist in calculating costs associated with closure and post-closure activities for those solid waste disposal sites that are required to submit annual financial assurance updates.

This rate combines inflation and discount rates (specified by rule) into a single inflation-adjusted rate for discounting.

For July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 the MSW Reference Rate is -0.20%

Non-municipal solid waste disposal site inflation and discount rates

Inflation Rate: DEQ provides inflation-rate guidance each February based on a three-year moving average. The rate for calendar year 2024 is 5.08%. However, if the discount rate (determined below) is less than the guidance inflation rate, use the discount rate as the inflation rate, as well.

Discount Rate: Non-Municipal discount rate must be taken from Federal Reserve H.15 report issued on Monday of the week when calculations are done. The correct five-year bond rate to use is found in the "Nominal" section. Use the column that shows the average rate for the previous week. Please print and submit a copy of that page of the report with your Annual Financial Assurance Recertification as the figures may change weekly.

- [View the current H.15 report](#)

Applicable Oregon Administrative Rules

- Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Sites: [OAR 340-094-0140\(4\)\(a\) Cost Estimates](#)
- Non-Municipal Solid Waste Sites: [OAR 340-095-0090\(4\)\(a\) Cost Estimates](#)

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INCREASE PENALTY RIDER

BOND AMOUNT \$6,008,515.00

BOND NO. 850409

To be attached and form a part of Bond No. 850409, executed by Evergreen National Indemnity Company as surety, on behalf of Valley Landfills, Inc. as current principal of record, and in favor of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, as Obligee for Post Closure, and in the amount of Six Million Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,008,515.00).

In consideration of the agreed premium charged for this bond, it is understood and agreed that Evergreen National Indemnity Company hereby consents that effective from the 1st Day of April, 2024, said bond shall be amended as follows:

THE BOND PENALTY SHALL BE INCREASED:

FROM: Six Million Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,008,515.00)

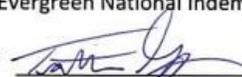
TO: Six Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,115,314.00) Post Closure

The INCREASE of said bond penalty shall be effective as of the 1st Day of April, 2024.

Signed, sealed and dated this 7th Day of March, 2024

Evergreen National Indemnity Company
SURETY

BY



Tatiana Geftter, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



INCREASE PENALTY RIDER

BOND AMOUNT \$17,765,049.00

BOND NO. 850408

To be attached and form a part of Bond No. 850408, executed by Evergreen National Indemnity Company as surety, on behalf of Valley Landfills, Inc. as current principal of record, and in favor of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, as Obligee for Closure Coffin Butte Landfill, and in the amount of Seventeen Million Seven Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Forty Nine Dollars and 00/100 (\$17,765,049.00).

In consideration of the agreed premium charged for this bond, it is understood and agreed that Evergreen National Indemnity Company hereby consents that effective from the 1st Day of April, 2024, said bond shall be amended as follows:

THE BOND PENALTY SHALL BE INCREASED:

FROM: Seventeen Million Seven Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Forty Nine Dollars and 00/100 (\$17,765,049.00)

TO: Nineteen Million Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars and 00/100 (\$19,213,211.00) Closure

The INCREASE of said bond penalty shall be effective as of the 1st Day of April, 2024.

Signed, sealed and dated this 7th Day of March, 2024

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5) Letters and emails to share with
DSAC

13 January, 2026

To: BCDSAC Committee Members

From: David Hackleman, Chair

RE: Meetings

Folks: As you are aware, our meeting for Wednesday, 14 January has been canceled. This was not due to my or other committee members request.

- Some of you have copied me on correspondence lamenting the fact that we truly do need to meet to enable subcommittees to continue their particular tasks with approval of the committee as a whole.
- In addition, while we have a member (Mr. Petersen) who has volunteered to be considered for the vacant position of “Vice Chair”, we have not had the opportunity to either nominate him and/or others nor vote to install the Vice Chair.
- Thirdly, we have determined that two dates (11 March and 13 May) are dates with conflicts for some of the committee members.

Consequently, Mr. Payne and I are assessing dates to hold meetings to resolve these issues.

I believe we all should meet prior to 11 March to enable the subcommittees to perform their tasks and also move the 11 March and 13 May dates to enable attendance. Luckily, the Meeting Date of 14 October seems to be fine for everyone so far...

I want us to be able to use the Holmes and Shipley meeting room at the Kalapuya Building and to have a technician available to operate the video system thereby enabling members of the committee and public the opportunity to interact remotely.

During each month, there are days in which it is previously occupied. So, from the remaining open dates, I would greatly appreciate if you would identify the dates you could attend and we can complete establishing 4 dates for 2026 for us to meet as a whole. Between these dates, subcommittees will have the opportunity to meet and if an emergency arises, I can request an emergency meeting of the whole, however that would be only for one or at most two specific tasks and/or votes.

Bailey will be sending out probably a “Doodle Poll” for us all to identify which of the dates work effectively for you. The time for the meeting shall be 6PM – 8PM on these dates. From your results, we will then re-issue the selected four (4) dates during 2026 which will be our meeting dates.

Thanks very much, and I do apologize for this disruption in our plans.

Sincerely,

David Hackleman

Hi Bailey,

Could you please make sure that the DSAC chair (David Hackleman?) and members sees this information, for their upcoming meeting?

The attached article by Tracy Loew (Statesman Journal) gives some hopeful news about plans for diverting batteries from landfills.

However the mandated "extended producer responsibility program" for batteries isn't scheduled to start until July 1, 2029. So we have 3 full wildfire seasons, maybe 3-1/2 to get through before any real action.

The article also provides some data on frequency of battery-related fires:

"At Short Mountain Landfill alone, there were 51 battery-related fires in 2025, and the landfill has had to increase staffing to ensure round-the-clock monitoring."

That's 1 fire per week of operation, for a much smaller landfill operation than Coffin Butte.

I recall that David Hackleman was pressing VLI/Republic to monitor for fires after hours, but the company has since stated that they won't be doing that.

If VLI is continuing to use compost (or "rejected" compost) as cover material, that increases the risk of an after-hours fire if a damaged battery is in contact with compost.

As a side note, I can't find any information about where or how DSAC is holding their meeting in March 11th. This page on the county website:

<https://cd.bentoncountyor.gov/events/dsac-meeting-march-11-2026/>

just gives the time and date, without any meeting place, link, or agenda.

Thanks,

POLITICS

Battery-sparked fires are a problem. How Oregon bill aims to help



Tracy Loew

Salem Statesman Journal

March 6, 2026, 4:01 a.m. PT

Oregon legislators have passed a bill to address the growing number of battery-sparked fires at garbage and recycling facilities, on garbage trucks and at landfills.

In Lane County, at Short Mountain Landfill alone, there were 51 battery-related fires in 2025, and the landfill has had to increase staffing to ensure round-the-clock monitoring, Lane County Commissioner Ryan Ceniga said.

Two Metro transfer stations had 58 battery-related fires in 2025, Eben Polk, of the city of Portland, said.

“Just last year, a catastrophic battery-ignited garbage collection truck fire here in southern Oregon came perilously close to turning into a wildfire on its route in Jackson County,” said Loren Brown, district manager for Medford-based Rogue Waste.

The Association of Oregon Recyclers estimates that more than 1.4 million pounds of batteries are disposed of in Oregon each year.

[HB 4144](#) creates an extended producer responsibility program for batteries.

Manufacturers will manage and pay for the collection, transport and recycling of single-use and rechargeable batteries.

It excludes some batteries, including lead acid car batteries, electric vehicle batteries and those in medical devices.

At least six states have similar battery recycling laws. Oregon has other producer responsibility organizations, including for paint and for mattresses.

The bill requires battery producer responsibility organizations to submit a plan to the state Department of Environmental Quality by Sept. 1, 2028, and to begin operating the program by July 1, 2029.

It also requires the organizations to develop education resources and conduct public awareness activities to promote battery recycling.

And it makes it illegal to dispose of a removable lithium-ion battery in mixed municipal solid waste.

The bill passed the Senate 20-8 on March 5. It previously passed the House Feb. 27. It now goes to Gov. Tina Kotek for her signature.

Tracy Loew covers the environment at the Statesman Journal. Send comments, questions and tips: tloew@statesmanjournal.com or 503-399-6779. Follow her on X at [@Tracy_Loew](https://twitter.com/Tracy_Loew)



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March 6, 2026

Rachel Purcell, Chair, Disposal Site Advisory Committee
Gary Stockoff, Interim Community Development Director
Benton County
Care of Bailey Payne, bailey.payne@bentoncountyor.gov

Dear Ms. Purcell and Mr. Stockhoff,

Thank you for your Nov. 17, 2025, letter. We have taken your notes in mind as we considered the environmental monitoring plan and I understand that your committee is interested in DEQ's responses to the individual requests in the letter.

- 1. Well Assessment** The letter requests that we have the landfill perform a 'well assessment' and produce a report on well condition. The necessary basic well condition information is noted regularly as part of the Annual Environmental Monitoring Reporting and, if at any time a well has problems, we will work with the permittee to determine if the well should be reconditioned or replaced.
- 2. Additional East Side wells** The idea of needing an additional well on the east side to capture flow paths from cell 5a was considered. Based on my evaluation of the potentiometric surface map, the most likely flow paths from cell 5a (were it to leak) would be very close to MW-27. Regarding the slow recovery at MW-26 and MW-27 and lack of seasonal response at MW-26, we have requested additional explanation and/or changes to the wells. DEQ will evaluate the response from the permittee as part of our complete evaluation.
- 3. E.E. Wilson** DEQ is requesting increased frequency of sampling at MW-9s to monitor groundwater quality to the east. There is no documentation of contamination leaving the site to the east that would be a basis for requesting new wells at the E.E. Wilson Wildfire Area.
- 4. Abandoning Select Wells** While the nested well pairs of MW1d/s and MW-3d/s are not built in the way wells are built today, we do not believe that they automatically need to be replaced. We have, however, requested testing to ensure that the internal seals are effective to ensure that, during sampling, the well construction supports sampling at the intended depths rather than leaking internally.
- 5. Soap Creek Sampling** While we understand that porewater sampling has become much more popular in recent years for understanding groundwater plumes discharging to streams and their impacts on benthic ecological communities, we believe that surface water sampling provides critical information for our analysis. The current surface water



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information to understand any potential impacts from either groundwater discharge or stormwater. DEQ will continue to assess both upstream and downstream surface water quality data as the preferred methodology to evaluate any potential landfill impacts to surface water.

6. **Analytical Program** We understand that people are concerned about PFAS at landfills. DEQ is actively working on its PFAS strategies that will inform any future landfill monitoring.

Thank you for reaching out to DEQ.

Seth Sadofsky

Seth Sadofsky, PhD, RG

Hydrogeologist

Western Region Material Management

Permitting and Compliance

cc: File

Comments in blue text are from Bailey Payne, Benton County

Dear Commissioners and DSAC,

Following your information sharing meeting last week and the discussion on sustainable materials management, I'm submitting this in preparation for the March DSAC meeting. Perhaps Republic's recycling operation doesn't directly fall under DSAC's purview, but understanding if undue recyclable materials are being deposited at the disposal site should be queried by DSAC:

1) City/County Recycling Recovery rates - Is this the responsibility of residents/tenants or Republic? When it is stated that Benton County recovery rates are lower than surrounding areas and/or have gone down - at what point in the collection process is this measured? At point of pick up? At point of disposal? Some other point?

The Oregon DEQ prepares this information each year. It's measured by weighing all of the material that has been collected through curbside programs and industry. Recyclables are also tracked at the facilities that sort commingled recycling. The outgoing bales from these recycling facilities (MRFs) are also monitored. A new program through the Recycling Modernization Act is also measuring contamination in each county by sorting what people mistakenly put in the recycling bins. Here is [a link](#) to the most recent report (2023).

2) Does the County request records indicating how much material collected by Republic is recycled versus sent to the disposal site?

The DEQ does this on behalf of the counties. They survey all haulers as well as industry generated recyclables. It's done annually.

3) Julie Jackson has been quoted saying that at least on occasion glass has been smashed and utilized in roads on the disposal site instead of recycled. Are there other cases where otherwise recyclable material is sent to the disposal site? If so, is sending recyclable material to the disposal site instead of recycling it an undue burden on the County because it's a misuse of airspace? Is it an undue burden on residents who spend time, energy, and water rinsing out and preparing the recycling, expecting it to be handled sustainably?

In the past, the DEQ allowed glass to be considered "beneficial use" and allowed to be used as aggregate in roads, primarily in landfills. This is a form of "downcycling" because glass is infinitely recyclable if turned into bottles/jars but not when it's used in roads. Fortunately for the last few years, Republic has been sending all glass to the Glass-to-Glass facility in Portland. Glass collected is now turned into bottles/jars. The only other exception that I can think of is shredded tires. Occasionally, tires that have been shredded are landfilled at the Coffin Butte Landfill. It's not a large amount.

4) In counties/towns with better recovery, is the same company responsible for collection, recycling & disposal?

Not necessarily. Some counties have multiple collection companies, including the counties with the highest recover. Typically, counties with better recycling rates have funding to support expanded recovery and education programs.

Thank you to the staff and all of the volunteers on DSAC for addressing these matters.

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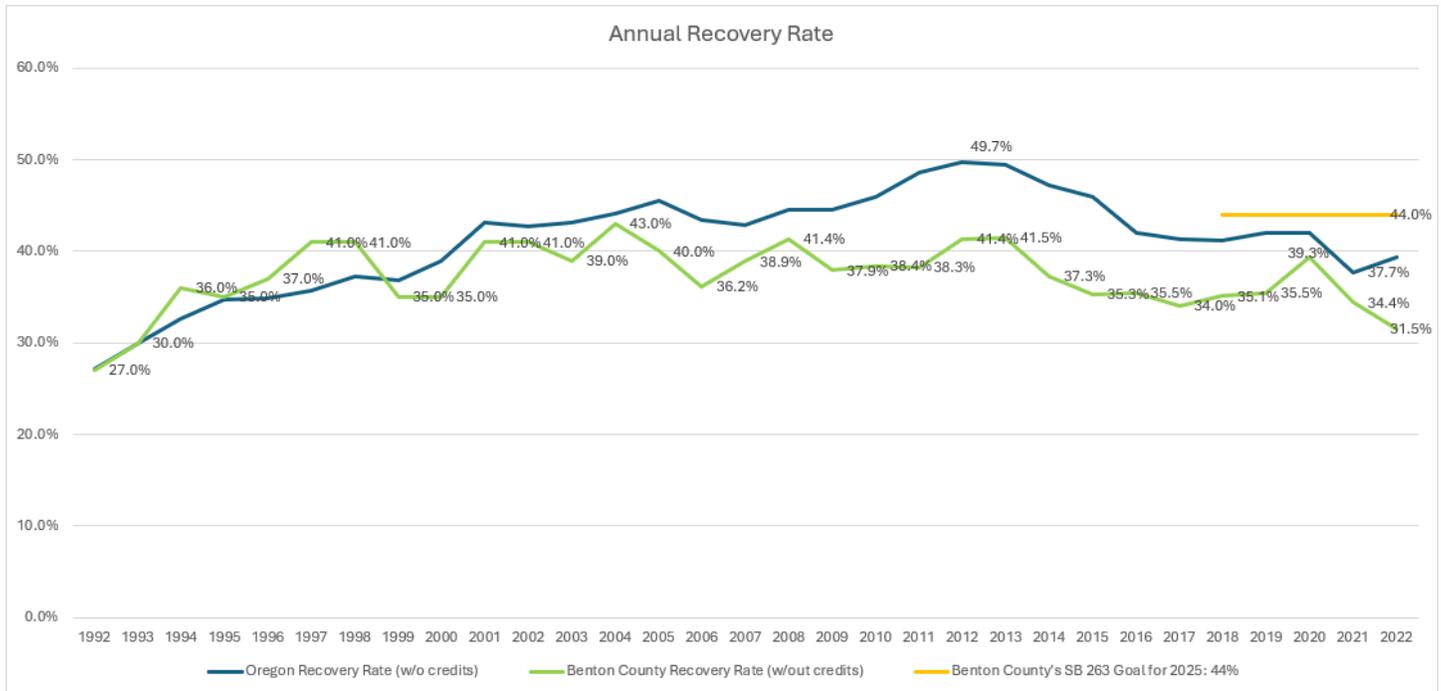
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The recovery rate is the total amount of recovery (recycling, composting, energy recovery) divided by the total amount generated (total recovered + total disposed). This counts disposal from residents and businesses. I'd say that it's the responsibility of everyone to reduce waste and recycle/compost. Ultimately, the local governments are responsible because the DEQ works with cities and counties if their recovery rates are low. Local governments can establish programs and infrastructure to reduce waste and recover more.

2022 is the most recent reporting that DEQ has provided but I expect the 2023 & 2024 numbers to come soon. Benton County recovered 31.5%. You can find the list of all county (aka "wasteshed") recovery rates [here](#) (page 34).

Here's a graph showing Oregon vs Benton County:



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The County doesn't but the DEQ does. Each year, the Department of Environmental Quality compiles data on post-consumer recycling. A survey is sent to all collection service providers and private recycling companies who handle recyclables/compostables. They provide detailed information on materials collected and marketed for recycling, composting or energy recovery. This survey data is combined with

data gathered from disposal sites from quarterly or annual reporting forms. Together, recovery and disposal numbers make up the amount of waste generated by Oregonians each year.

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For many years, Republic Services used glass that was set out for recycling as roadbed within the landfill. This is an accepted form of recovery (for glass) by the DEQ, but it's considered "downcycling" because it's going into a use that is its final application. Glass can be recycled indefinitely if turned back into bottles/jars. I was happy to learn that they began sending all of the glass collected at the curb & depots to Glass-to-Glass in Portland a couple of years ago. This facility separates the glass by color and then sells it to bottle manufacturers. I check on it annually to be sure they're continuing to send it there.

There are some other examples of "beneficial reuse" as "alternative daily cover." An example is using the fluff (upholstery, etc.) from auto recyclers that shred cars which can be used as cover that they're required to put on the open face each day. Previously, they also took ash from the waste-to-energy for this purpose.

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The counties with the highest recovery rates (Lane, Marion, Deschutes, Metro) tend to be larger counties with multiple haulers. Smaller counties like Benton tend to have one or two haulers. I think it's less an issue of who the hauler is and more about how these counties have made investments in education and infrastructure. Local governments can direct their service providers/haulers to add additional recovery programs, but they come with a cost.

Thank you to the staff and all of the volunteers on DSAC for addressing these matters.

Thanks for the questions!

Respectfully,

Bailey's comments in blue text.

Feb 24, 2026

Dear DSAC, On Feb 24, 26, I asked Mr. Payne these two questions:

1. Could DSAC require all BC TitleV Air Contamination Discharge Permit holders invest in, and use DEQ approved, up to date inspected and operational, mobile digital air quality sampling equipment, to use to electrically record, analyses and digitally the same day, report sampled air quality data, back to DEQ on the same TitleV permittee investigated odor site visit date? **DSAC doesn't have the authority to require Republic Services to do anything. The BOC may be able to do this, but as of Jan. 1, 2027, SB 726 will require that they use drones, planes or satellites to monitor emissions. While this is focused on odorless methane, the requirements to prevent and stop leaks will help to reduce odors.**

Currently data for odor reporting is done by humans who could be biased and whom all experience olfactory shut down within seconds of experiencing odor. **Maybe a tool [like this](#) would help to quantify the amount of hydrogen sulfide.**

Oregon DEQ is allowing TitleV ACD Permit holders to investigate odor reports without using DEQ approved, mobile digital air sampling equipment. Digital mobile air sampling equipment would send scientifically factual digital air quality sampled data results, directly back to DEQ from each Republic Service staff, investigation of odor reports and eliminate corporate bias, and olfactory shut down. **I think that this idea warrants further research. Thanks for proposing this.**

The DEQ is receiving invalid data from TitleV ACD permit holders when these companies such as Republic Service, send out their staff to investigate air quality complaints to report back to the DEQ.

The public is being negatively impacted by TitleV permit holders in BC when DEQ allows these permit holders to not investigate air quality reports of odor, using DEQ approved, functioning mobile digital electronic air quality sampling equipment.

The DEQ is failing to protect public health and safety by allowing TitleV permit holders in BC, to continue providing DEQ, invalid air quality data

that is impacted by: length of time between public reporting, from potential investigation bias and olfactory shut down, by Title V ACD permit holders to the Oregon DEQ. [Have you brought this up with the DEQ?](#)

2. Could DSAC also please require Republic Service to: purchase, install and maintain an approved digital weather station for digitally in real time, reporting weather/atmospheric conditions and information from Coffin Butte, back to the DEQ?

DSAC could require Republic Service to digitally/remotely upload Coffin Butte Weather data, hourly, to the CB Republic Service website for factual, real time weather data, at Coffin Butte.

In the Reconsideration hearing testimony, Feb 5, 2026 the public found that Republic Services is referencing off site not at Coffin Butte, weather data to report historic weather conditions back to the DEQ for odor complaint follow up under the Title V ACD Permit. Weather data from Finley NWR was referenced, as weather data, by Republic Service in DEQ public complaint odor investigation.

[Again, the DSAC can't require Republic Services to do anything. This may be something that the DEQ can require. I've seen a weather station at their office at the landfill, but I also recall reading testimony that said the data was coming from a weather monitoring station several miles away.](#)

Does the 2014 DEQ Title V ACD permit require this permit holders to have and maintain a digital up-loadable, weather station(s)? [I'm not sure but the DEQ will be requiring an updated Title V application in the next couple of months. This process will include an opportunity for public comment so I encourage you to make suggestions and inquiries.](#)

Why is Republic Service using off site weather data to follow up on odor reports? Why is the DEQ allowing Republic Services to use off site weather data? If there is no onsite digital weather station, at Coffin Butte? The DEQ Title V permit may be in error or be invalidated if there is no onsite fiber optic or satilight connected to the DEQ, weather station. [I think this and the following would be best answered by the DEQ.](#)

The current Republic Service TitleV ACDPermit 2014 is currently under review from being outdated, and from a Nov 15, 2025 DEQ PEN.

Odor reporting to Oregon DEQ by the public, could be looking at real time, on the CBR Landfill website, Coffin Butte located, Digital Weather station data, to have access to modern, digitally secure(not changeable by landowners), up to the minute site specific and factual weather data, such as: air speed, air direction, temperature, sky cover... to more factually report odor to the DEQ and to Benton County.

The current DEQ digital reporting system for odor is difficult to use, and by requiring Republic Service to have an on site weather station at Coffin Butte, and upload this digital electronic weather data to their website, this will give the public site specific weather facts to support each public's efforts to use the DEQ's poorly designed, odor reporting system, to file at DEQ, a toxic air quality odor problem report in their area. The public is the canary in the coal mine(BC) for air quality issues from TitleV ACD Permit holders.

With an onsite at Coffin Butte weather station which digitally reports to their website and to DEQ, DEQ staff could reference digitally factual, stable, not changeable by Republic Service staff, onsite weather data. The DEQ would then have digital weather data, to look at in combination with public odor reports, to make factual determinations for each public odor report, in relation to an existing TitleV ACD permit or existing PEN.

The BC public spends their quality time, reporting on air quality issues such as odor back to DEQ. The public should have site specific weather data as non-biased, valid digital air sampling data for each odor report, to support their air quality reporting efforts to the DEQ. The DEQ should require onsite at TitleV permit holder addresses, maintain a digital weather stations at these permit addresses, and that mobile Digital electronic air sampling data be collected and uploaded to the DEQ by TitleV ACD Permit holders/DEQ staff public reported air quality investigations.

Thanks, 

2026.02.11 Summary of Odors, Methane and PFAS Subcommittee meeting:

Drs. Field and Hackleman meet on 11 February 2026 via ZOOM (Benton County). The video and audio were recorded.

In preparation to apply for funding from a national granting agency, a graduate student in Dr. Field's laboratories at OSU with the assistance of an OSU EnvE student was able to take some exploratory air samples adjacent to the PRC (Composting facility located on Camp Adair Road adjacent to the Railroad tracks approximately one mile East of the Coffin Butte Landfill) and the CBL (Coffin Butte Landfill) In addition, "blanks" and a reference sample (near the Ag Sciences complex at OSU) were acquired. These samples were examined using standard analytical chemical techniques as found in EPA and other analysis procedures.

As had been predicted in prior meetings of the subcommittee and offered in commentary at the BCDSAC meeting in November, these samples were adequate to demonstrate that the "fingerprint spectra" of organic compounds in the ground level atmosphere is different at each of the sites: Additionally, detectable limits were adequate to enable identification of several organic compounds present in the samples.

Data (both raw and with background suppression) was presented to the subcommittee.

This confirms that such a testing method has the capability of measuring the concentration and identifying those compounds abundant locally to the two Disposal sites. Further, it appears that the "fingerprint spectra" (the concentration and compound distribution) shows promise to be site specific.

This information will be utilized in the preparation of a major grant proposal for more complete studies of this nature at these sites as well as other sites of interest, such as industrial sites to provide BCDSAC, the landfill, composting site operators and local residents key information regarding source and composition of air borne emissions.

Other news:

1. We have been informed that the interim manager responsible for Benton County Environmental management does not wish to act on our request for modest funding to enable further studies.
 1. In the opinion of the chair of the BCDSAC, a delay of this nature is inappropriate as it delays operations toward the safety of Benton County residents and monitoring of existing landfill and composting operations as expected by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. If the acting manager does not wish to make a decision, that manager should request their superior make the decision.
 2. If the county does not wish to or does not have adequate funds to support the work or does not respond soon, it will be assumed that the county is not going to support the work financially.
2. We have not received a response as to whether the pre-proposal sent into the national funding agency has been granted the opportunity for a full proposal submission. This was scheduled to happen in January, so should take place soon.

In order to proceed further with this project, funding from the County is quite important, but if not forthcoming, other sources will be explored.

6) Community concerns received from 1/1/26 – 3/20/26

Does not include public comments on LU 24-7 which are being tracked separately.

1	1/1/26			Smells like the dump immediately as I walk outside.	DEQ	
2	1/5/26	Oodr & Litter	Odor, litter and roads	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Yesterday (Sunday, January 4th) was the Airlie-Albany Christmas Bird Count, which includes all of northwestern Benton County from Lewisburg north and Dunn Forest east. Once again, volunteers on this count had to deal with stench from Coffin Butte landfill. As you know, this is a chronic problem, just about every year at this time.</p> <p>Despite DEQ's pending enforcement action, the landfill operators still aren't demonstrating an ability to comply with the requirement to secure daily cover at the end of the working day on Saturday. So on Sunday, volunteers who came out to count bird were exposed to the stink that local residents have to deal with year-round. I've attached the incident report that I submitted to DEQ. This doesn't include the photos of exposed garbage that I took from up on Tampico Ridge and later from Soap Creek Road. I'll be happy to send those separately if you're interested.</p> <p>On a related note, while driving out to call for owls before dawn, I noticed that the asphalt on Camp Adair Road has become rutted from truck traffic. After overnight rains the ruts were filled with water, causing my Toyota Prius to hydroplane in multiple spots.</p> <p>I believe this is a Benton County road, so maintenance is the responsibility of the County. There have been crews out several times in the past few years to patch cracks, but that doesn't address the problem of ruts in the pavement creating a safety hazard, particularly for</p>	Bent on County - Email	<p>Thanked him for the information. Forwarded to PW director and asked him for the photos that he mentioned. Photos were received and complaint registered.</p>

				<p>drivers of small cars in wet weather.</p> <p>I'll appreciate if you could bring the poor condition of Camp Adair Road to the attention of your Public Works Department.</p> <p>Oh, and by the way, the trash out in fields along Independence Hwy south of Camp Adair Road all the way to Hwy 20 is worse than ever. Wasn't the landfill company supposed to fund additional crews to clean up that stretch of road?</p>		
3	1/5/26			<p>Family member complained of unpleasant odor. When I went out in my yard to check, I noticed a smell like methane that we frequently get from Coffin Butte.</p>	DEQ	
4	1/5/26			<p>While driving southbound on Hwy 99W near Robison Rd at 07:30, I began to smell the landfill stench (inside my car, with the windows rolled up). The stink got worse as I passed the Coffin Butte trailhead, and stayed in the car for half a mile afterwards until I opened the windows to clear it out.</p> <p>Later on the same day, as part of a bird survey (Airlie-Albany Christmas Bird Count), I hiked up Tampico Ridge with permission from neighboring property owners. From up on the ridge at 09:45, I saw that a large area of garbage was uncovered on the working face in cell 6 (first photo). More than 100 gulls and dozens of ravens were circling above the exposed garbage. After continuing my hike on OSU lands, when I returned at 14:30 the exposed garbage was still visible from Soap Creek Road just southwest of Tampico Rd (2nd and 3rd photos).</p> <p>This was on Sunday when the dump</p>	DEQ	

				<p>was closed, so this garbage must have been left uncovered (or else tarps used in place of daily cover were not adequately secured, which amounts to the same thing) when the dump closed on Saturday evening.</p> <p>The wind (variable speed but mostly a light breeze) was from the south to southwest all day, so I did not smell the dump during the 8 hours that I spent hiking to the south and southwest of Coffin Butte. However other volunteers who were responsible for counting birds on Coffin Butte and areas to the north commented on the stink. At the post-count gathering in Adair Village, one volunteer from Corvallis commented that he had changed clothes to get rid of the smell (not sure if he was joking or serious, but it speaks to how strong the stench was).</p>		
5	1/10 /26			the smell from the landfill is overwhelming today. not even possible to be outside	DEQ	
6	1/13 /26	Odors		<p>Hello all - I just arrived at my home from an afternoon in Corvallis to the sickly smell of the dump.</p> <p>Was planning to finish up some outside yard work that I started this morning, but apparently the air stagnation event will prevent me from getting that work done.</p>	Bent on County - Emailed to BOC, DEQ & State sman Journal	

7	1/13 /26	Odors		<p>Fog bank recently rolled into Soap Creek Valley from the north (as substantiated by multiple Weather Underground weather stations in the area). Bringing with it horrible dump stink, which is getting even worse by the minute. We finally have beautiful sunny weather in January, but CANNOT be outside to do cleanup yardwork NOR be outside to exercise during this rare winter dry opportunity. Coffin Butte Landfill has been PROVEN to be out of compliance with landfill gas capture - this is not simple a nuisance, these odor plumes bring dangerous and toxic chemicals and fumes with them. How is this affecting the health of our residents, outdoor farm and wildlife, and soil?</p> <p>https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA374</p>	Bent on County - Email to BOC & DSA C	
8	1/13 /26	Odors		<p>Dear Bailey, I'm sorry to bother you, but I can't seem to find the link at the Coffin Butte Landfill website to report an odor complaint directly to Republic Services. I used the link a couple months ago, but now I'm not seeing it. I only report when the odors are at my house, which is tucked behind a knoll and doesn't get the odors as frequently. The odor is so strong it is keeping me from going outside. Since I can't find their link, I am reporting to you and DEQ to document the incident.</p>	Bent on County - Email	<p>Provided the link to use for reporting issues to Republic Services. I recommended that they be contacted first so that they can (hopefully) address the odor. Today was an inversion, so the landfill odor was much more noticeable.</p>

9	1/13 /26	DSAC	<p>The Disposal Site Advisory Committee meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow, January 14th, has reportedly been cancelled on short notice.</p> <p>According to the information I received, this cancellation came at the direction of management under your direction. As you know, DSAC is mandated by state statute (ORS 459.320), with responsibilities that include "Providing a forum for citizen comments, questions and concerns about the regional disposal site" (ORS 459.325(2)). In establishing this mandate, the Legislature recognized that residents living near a regional disposal site need such a forum to ensure that problems arising from the operation are addressed in a timely manner.</p> <p>Four specific problems of immediate concern are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The landfill's continuing failure to cover exposed garbage at the end of the working day on weekends, documented most recently on January 4, 2026, in violation of DEQ requirements. 2) Landfill stench events, most recently yesterday (January 12), likely related to the multiple noncompliance issues raised by DEQ in their pre-enforcement notice last November, in combination with typical winter weather patterns. 3) Appalling amounts of trash in ditches and out in fields along roads used by trucks hauling trash to the landfill, in particular Independence Hwy, Camp Adair Road and Hwy 99W. Although inmate cleanup crews from the Benton County Sheriff's department regularly work along Hwy 99W, they miss the smaller pieces, they stop at the Polk 	Benton County - Email	
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			<p>County line, they rarely clean up along Camp Adair Road, and never clean up along Independence Hwy. Besides being a visual eyesore, this roadside trash poses a hazard to bicyclists, wildlife, and livestock.</p> <p>4) Contaminated sediments being tracked off the landfill by trucks leaving the "working face" (dumping area). This is seen as an accumulation of grayish (on wet days) or whitish (on dry days) dust along the west shoulder of Hwy 99W for over a mile south of the landfill (all the way to Adair Village), and similarly along the east side of Hwy 99W for more than a mile north of the landfill (nearly to Sver Junction). This has been documented in past winters but has never been addressed by the landfill operators (for example, by providing wheel-washing stations for trucks exiting the dumping area).</p> <p>I had hoped to bring these issues to the attention of DSAC tomorrow so that they can be addressed in a timely manner. Supposedly the DSAC meeting will be rescheduled for March, but that means at least two more months without any remedy for these ongoing problems.</p> <p>The problem of interruptions in DSAC's schedule is not a new one. The continuation of this problem into 2026 does not give confidence that our Benton County government has either the interest or capacity to do more than the bare minimum required by state statute, in terms of oversight of Coffin Butte landfill, despite that Benton County receives significant revenue from the landfill franchise.</p>	
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10	1/13 /26	DSAC	<p>Mr. Stockhoff: The committee has been informed that our scheduled meeting for 14 January 2026 has been canceled through request to Mr. Payne from yourself and/or others in the County Offices.</p> <p>This letter is to inform you of my and many other members of the committee's disappointment in that decision and to encourage you to advise members of the County offices of the ramifications of such.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the Mandate ORS 459-320-330, Benton County established this Committee. • Residents of Benton County have volunteered to participate on this Committee • As stated in Article 2 “Function” of this committee, paraphrased below, it is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review of issues with permittee including but not limited to siting, operation, closure, and long-term monitoring of the regional disposal site ◦ Providing a forum for community comments, questions and concerns and to prompt a open dialogue between community and permittee ◦ Preparation of an annual written report summarizing concerns and manners of operation which is to be submitted to Oregon DEQ and Benton County Board of Commissioners. <p>In order to accomplish these goals, the committee, composed of volunteers sought and appointed by the County Commissioners has established subcommittees focused on these elements. Since each of the committee members are volunteering their time, and since all have other responsibilities aside from this committee involvement, it is no small</p>	Benton County - Email	
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				<p>task to identify dates in which the majority are able to meet.</p> <p>This meeting was specifically to receive reports from the three subcommittees and determine our path forward on three major topics, that of review of accomplishments by the permittee, operation monitoring opportunities, public comment mechanisms and feedback, and in this case the election of a Vice Chairman. The timing of this meeting was independent and prior to a recently established Board of Commissioners meeting.</p> <p>Sadly, by canceling this meeting soon after the recent announcement of the Commissioner's new meeting, many in the public may perceive it as eliminating their opportunity to communicate in a forum specifically intended to receive public commentary regarding operations of the disposal site. Yet far more at issue is that this cancellation now impacts the committee's ability to carry out its primary functions. Mr. Payne and I shall endeavor to seek times for which the committee as a whole can meet in the near future. Kindly refrain from cancellation of our meetings for no apparent justifiable reason.</p>		
11	1/13 /26	Odors		<p>This morning as fog blanketed Soap Creek Valley, the dump stench was a double XL at my home on Writsman Creek, it was also apparent at the barn 37072 Soap Creek. Just returned home from errands in Corvallis and the stink is still lingering even though the fog has lifted and the sun is shining.</p>	Benton County - Email	

12	1/13 /26	Odors	<p>Today I visited the elderly parent of friends who live in the Soap Creek Valley, at about the 37300 block of Moss Rock Drive. The parent, whose 95th birthday is a few weeks away, is given exemplary care in my friends' home. Sadly, my visit today coincided with her first end-of-life hospice visit. By the time I left, at 1:06 pm, the low fog had burned off, and the day was beautiful, crisp but with blue, blue skies. It was a rare clear, sunny January day in the Willamette Valley. There was no wind.</p> <p>I arrived at friends' home and got out of my car at 11:43 a.m. Immediately on exiting my car, I was assaulted with the melange of foul odors that are distinctive to the landfill. The main note was of organic decomposition, with a trace of some odd sweet top note intermingled with the overwhelming odor of rot and decay. I did not detect hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg odor), but the other odors were overwhelming. I couldn't believe how overpowering the smell was so far away from the landfill; their home is more than five miles distant from landfill operations. "Is that actually the dump?" I asked, after going in. My friend had already smelled it that morning when he was trying to work outside. "Yep," he said. The smell was staggering; I tried not to breathe as I hurried inside. "Close the door quickly," my friend said.</p> <p>A new wheelchair had arrived for my friends' parent. But she wouldn't be enjoying the fresh air outside today, in her new wheelchair, with blankets keeping her warm. The air was unbreathable, and she doesn't breathe as easily as she used to. And she may</p>	Bent on County - Email addressed to DEQ. BOC & I were cc'd.	Bailey thanked the complainant for their input. BOC may have responded directly.
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			<p>not have many beautiful Oregon days left to her.</p> <p>By the time I left, the odor was still as strong, although at that point the fog had burned off. I noticed as I got into my car that the smell had permeated the interior of my vehicle, and maybe it's my imagination, but it seems like even now as I write this a whiff of garbage lingers in my clothes. I tried calling Republic Services to report the issue, but after almost ten minutes on hold, I gave up and ended the call. Today, landfill operations kept an elderly woman from enjoying the air and the sunshine in her own home. She may not have many days left.</p>		
13	1/13 /26	Odors	<p>I live on Zeolite Hills Rd in the Soap Creek Valley, 5 + miles from the Coffin Butte Landfill. Today, a cloud of putrid smelling "fog" (smog) visibly rolled up the Soap Creek Valley from Coffin Butte Landfill, mid-morning. I first went outside around 11 to take a midday walk. The smell was unbearable, so on this gorgeous sunny day, no walk. It is now almost 3, and the stench is still unbearable, so no working in the garden either. I had planned to prune the fruit trees. This is unacceptable...over the 11 years I have lived on Zeolite Hills Rd, I cannot possibly enumerate the many, many times we have been unable to be outside on our property due to the disgusting, and toxic, odors and gases emanating from Coffin Butte Landfill.</p> <p>My husband and I are encouraged that you will reconsider the decision in favor of the landfill's expansion. Republic Services has clearly demonstrated that it cannot mitigate the burden to the</p>	Bent on County - Email	

				community as it operates even now, much less if it is allowed to expand.		
14	1/13 /26	Signs		<p>I am keeping this short. We moved to Benton County just over two and a half years ago. It was a very negative experience from day one with a fraudulent real estate deal and one of the parties that played into the deal having worked for the City of Corvallis and the forestry department.</p> <p>We were able to leave rather immediately, due to harassment, without selling our Corvallis property first. We do need to sell it. Problem is- ALL the roads to our property are lined with signage such as: 'Stop the dump', 'Stop trashing our neighborhood', 'Stop the Mega Dump', etc. Some properties have four signs in their yard! It is absolutely impossible for a realtor or potential buyer to our property to not see the overabundance of signs. This has negatively affected our ability to sell our home.</p> <p>Please do something about all the ridiculous signs lining Soap Creek Road. We are gone and would like our property to be gone also.</p>	Bent on County - Email	
15	1/13 /26	Noise	38581 Soap Creek Rd., Corvallis	<p>Every morning the loud back-up horns of earth-moving equipment begin at the landfill at 5AM. They can be heard through closed windows and doors and wake us up. Sometimes they abate after a few hours but yesterday, Jan. 12th, they persisted for a long while.</p> <p>Not only is Republic in violation of operation starting hours but also of noise nuisance laws. Alternate back - up horns that work just as effectively but which can not be heard for such distances are available but Republic refuses to install them despite</p>	Bent on County - Email	

				<p>promises to the contrary.</p> <p>I have made repeated complaints over the years to them and to your agency and have never had a response. Tax payer dollars at work???</p>		
16	1/13 /26	Odor	27069 Forest Springs Lane, Corvallis	<p>I live at 27069 Forest Springs Lane in Corvallis, near where Sulphur Springs turns into Soap Creek. My husband and I moved here this past summer with our baby in part to live in nature with fresh air. We have been sorely disappointed and concerned with the frequency in which we are able to smell the Coffin Butte landfill.</p> <p>This is my first time writing. Today specifically I got out of work early and wanted to take my daughter for a walk outside on one of the many nearby trails. However, I chose not to because of the stench today and concern for pollutants in the air from the Coffin Butte landfill.</p> <p>I am concerned about raising my daughter here, especially with the possible expansion of the landfill. Already the unexpanded landfill affects our home and surrounding area routinely. I fear the expansion will destroy this beautiful area and make it an unhealthy place for us to live - possibly even forcing us out of the area and to head back east where we are originally from.</p> <p>Please vote AGAINST any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill. Thank you for considering my concern.</p>	Benton County - Email	
17	1/13 /26			Dump odor ongoing at time of submission.	DEQ	
18	1/13 /26			Odor source is Coffin Butte Landfill	DEQ	

19	1/13 /26			<p>Fog bank recently rolled into Soap Creek Valley from the north (as substantiated by multiple Weather Underground weather stations in the area). Bringing with it horrible dump stick, which is getting even worse by the minutes. We finally have beautiful sunny weather in January, but CANNOT be outside to do cleanup yardwork NOR be outside to exercise during this rare winter dry opportunity. Coffin Butte Landfill has been PROVEN to be out of compliance with landfill gas capture - this is not simple a nuisance, these odor plumes bring dangerous and toxic chemicals and fumes with them. How is this affecting the health of our residents, outdoor farm and wildlife, and soil?</p> <p>https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA374 https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA330/graph/2026-01-13/2026-01-13/daily</p>	DEQ	
20	1/13 /26			<p>I live near the Coffin Butte Landfill and the odor today is horrid, I cannot be outside without getting a headache. This is maybe the 4th time this month I've noticed such a horrible smell.</p>	DEQ	
21	1/13 /26			<p>The thick stink in the air related to and coming from Republic Services is intolerable today. I am 12 weeks pregnant and feel like this is putting my health at risk and the health of my unborn baby at extreme risk. I have been nauseous all day which is unusual to me, the stink has put undue stress on me and my family as we cant go outside due to the smell so I can't finish work related to my small business which has also cost my financial income and undue financial stress today. This is abhorrent and the dump expansion cannot be allowed.</p>	DEQ	

22	1/13 /26			Every time I step outside, I can smell the odor emanating from Coffin Butte Landfill. It reeks!!	DEQ	
23	1/13 /26			Noticeable landfill gas odor outdoors for the past 48+ hours. Today faint landfill gas odor is present inside my home. I have resided in this home for over 40 years - this is the first time I have noticed landfill gas odor inside my home. Over the years, occasional landfill gas odors occurred. Now, the noticeable unpleasant presence of landfill gas odors are a regular/ongoing occurrence. I appreciate any and all DEQ efforts to hold Republic Services which manages the Coffin Butte Landfill accountable for resolving this ongoing issue per DEQ regulations.	DEQ	
24	1/13 /26			I am working on Tampico Road and can smell the methane from the dump while outside. It is so noxious I started getting a headache.	DEQ	
25	1/13 /26			A fog bank rolled in from the north-northeast, and brought in the chemical-y smell of the landfill (which I've smelled before and have learned to recognize). This incident follows a similar incident yesterday (January 12, 2026), which followed similar incidents on December 23, 2025 (Soap Creek Schoolhouse); November 21, 2023 (Wiles Road and Military Road); November 14, 2025 (Soap Creek Road at Tampico Road and various other locations around the landfill); October 3, 2025 (Soap Creek Road, Tampico Road, Adair Village); October 3, 2025 (Arnold Dr/Adair Village); August 4, 2025 (Soap Creek Road); July 31, 2025 (Soap Creek Road at Boundary Road); April 24, 2025 (Soap Creek Road at Tampico Road and others); February 2025 (I didn't write down the exact day, but it was foggy) in Soap Creek Valley; January 21, 2025 (Moss Rock Drive and	DEQ	

				Writsman Creek Drive) and a similar number of incidents in 2024.		
26	1/13 /26			There was a significant fog this morning and no wind. When I went outside to do everyday chores and feed our farm animals, the dump smell was overwhelming and made me feel sick to my stomach. When the fog lifted in the afternoon, the smell lessened, but was still present.	DEQ	
27	1/13 /26			A cloud of putrid smelling “fog” (smog) visibly rolled up the Soap Creek Valley from Coffin Butte Landfill mid-morning today. I first went outside around 11 to take a midday walk. The smell was unbearable, so on this gorgeous sunny day, no walk. It is now 2:30, and the stench is still unbearable, so no working in the garden either. I had planned to prune the fruit trees. This is unacceptable...over the 11 years I have lived on Zeolite Hills Rd, I cannot possibly enumerate the many, many times we have been unable to be outside on our property due to the disgusting, and toxic, odors and gases emanating from Coffin Butte Landfill.	DEQ	
28	1/13 /26			Drove out to an entrance to the OSU MacDonald Forest just south of the intersection of 99 and Tampico, to go for a hike. When I got out of the car there was a distinctive, unpleasant smell in the air, as characterized above. Did not want to hike in it, so decided to go to a different trailhead (Lewisburg Saddle) that was farther from the Coffin Butte landfill, hoping the air quality would be better there. En route, I stopped at (1) the 99-Tampico Rd	DEQ	

				<p>intersection and (2) the Soap Creek Schoolhouse on Soap Creek Rd and the odor was even stronger at both of those locations. When I reached the Lewisburg Saddle on Sulphur Springs Road, however, the strong odor was gone.</p>		
29	1/13 /26			<p>Coffin Butte Landfill emits offensive stench that affects the air where I live. One thing to note, I was a victim of covid in July 2022 and lost my sense of taste of smell, which confirms how awful the smell is because I can smell it and it's bad!</p>	DEQ	
30	1/13 /26			<p>Coffin Butte Landfill is affecting my life in a very negative way</p>	DEQ	
31	1/13 /26			<p>The morning of 1.13.26 our house was surrounded by dense fog. I couldn't even see the other end of our property. I walked out of my house at 10:10 am. I made note of a slight smell in the air. I drove to town and returned at 12:10 pm. When I got out of my car at the top of my Soap Creek Rd driveway, I was shocked at the smell. It was pungent, toxic, and unavoidable. I was physically startled by the impact of taking my first breath and each breath after that! I needed to take care of a short task at a neighbor's house, but I consciously hustled to reduce the amount of time I was outside. Then I parked further down my driveway. I was grateful to be in my house with my air filters running. I checked to see if I could smell that smell anywhere inside my house - I didn't this time. Then I needed to venture outside again to remove perishable items from my vehicle. I put on a N95 mask in hopes of protecting my lungs --- it smelled THAT bad! Although I could still smell the landfill through my mask, it was slightly less pungent. I accomplished my task as soon as possible.</p>	DEQ	

			<p>I tried to let my dog out two times this afternoon (12:30 and 2 pm). Each time I opened the door the landfill stench was just too strong to let her out. I had hoped to take her for a walk this afternoon given the clear skies, but that was not going to happen today given the stench.</p> <p>Then I had to prepare for and join a Zoom business meeting at 2:00, so I do not know precisely when the toxic smell lifted.</p> <p>***Relevant Data Collected***</p> <p>Dense Fog Advisory in Effect last night (night of 1/13/26)...and again tonight until Wednesday 1/14/26 noon.</p> <p>There's an Air Stagnation Advisory in effect until 4 pm Friday (1.16.26).</p> <p>The text of Air Stagnation Advisory included the following sentences in quotes: "According to state air quality agencies, *****prolonged periods of stagnant air can hold pollutants close to the ground where people live and breathe*****." "Deteriorating air quality may cause issues for people with respiratory problems."</p> <p>My question: Where is this toxic landfill air when not being held close to the ground? It's got to be somewhere. Where is it traveling? Who is being impacted?</p> <p>"State air quality agencies highly recommend that no outdoor burning occur and that residential wood burning devices be limited as much as possible"....</p> <p>My question: How do we limit the toxicity of the landfill, which is likely far more concerning than outdoor burning?</p> <p>Tonight as I was writing up this odor complaint, I checked my air quality app</p>		
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			<p>- Plume AQI - which shows that there have been periods of Moderate to High air quality issues starting Jan 11 through Jan 13 and is expected to continue overnight into Jan 14. Moderate 40s = certain health concerns for people with specific sensitivities High 50s = more serious health effects. Long term exposure is a real health risk.)</p> <p>I do not know the precise location of the Northwest Soap Creek Rd sensor, but this corroborates that the air quality on Soap Creek Rd has resulted in higher than usual readings during this period.</p> <p>Undue burdens - painful to breathe, need to put on a N95 mask to take groceries out of my car, being unable to let my dog out for several hours, unable to take a walk, 3 days of moderate to high air quality issues that have health impacts.</p> <p>NOTE: Odor Frequency Question above - the frequency of toxic days varies by season, so the question options you provide make it difficult to answer. Weekly/monthly depending on the season</p>		
32	1/13 /26		<p>I got out of work early today and wanted to take my baby for a walk but was unable to because of the stench and concern for pollutants in the air from the Coffin Butte landfill</p>	DEQ	

33	1/14 /26	Odors	38987 Arena Rd.	<p>You might want to drive anywhere near the dump today to notice the SIGNIFICANT smell that is overwhelming North Corvallis today. I am attaching my DEQ complaint, and would like to let you know that each time I file a complaint, the Republic Services investigator and Environmental Manager, Paul Koster, who responds said that no odor is detected, sometimes even driving to the location, getting out of his car, and then saying "Nope, can't smell anything" and that is the extent of the response. I want to let you know that the smell and the effects of the smell and whatever chemicals are floating around in the air are significant-I have nausea and a major headache today that started when I was breathing in the air right outside of my house. I am located off Tampico Rd., approximately 2 miles from the landfill. Please smell it for yourself, especially when your reports take the word of Republic Services saying that there is nothing to smell here. Even DEQ is starting to realize that Republic's response is inadequate and untruthful- I received this response from DEQ employee Laura McWhorter last week, "Both DEQ and the landfill received multiple odor complaints at around the same time, and the Republic Services investigator apparently went out within a fairly short period of time. Even though he still claims he didn't smell anything, the multiple complaints from a variety of neighbors tell a different story."</p>	Bent on Coun ty - Emai l	
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34	1/14 /26	Odors & Expansion		<p>I've been encouraged to write this email to inform you of the conditions at my home today. However, given the proclivity you demonstrated in November for approving the CBL expansion, I remain skeptical this'll do any good. For the life of me, I cannot understand your inability to exercise judgment in this matter. Commission Wyse, you complained that you were "forced" to approve Republic's request for expansion. Seriously??? That is a shameful dodge. Grow a backbone! Commissioner Malone, your readiness to favor Republic and your inability to weigh the mountain of evidence provided demonstrate how unfit you are for this position.</p> <p>I have already submitted an odor complaint to both Republic Services and to the ODEQ. This sunny, cloudless day has been wrecked by CBL stink. It reeks!</p>	Benton County - Email	
35	1/14 /26	Odors & Expansion	27069 Forest Springs Lane	<p>I live at 27069 Forest Springs Lane in Corvallis, near where Sulphur Springs turns into Soap Creek. My husband and I moved here this past summer with our baby in part to live in nature with fresh air. We have been sorely disappointed and concerned with the frequency in which we are able to smell the Coffin Butte landfill.</p> <p>This is my first time writing. Today specifically I got out of work early and wanted to take my daughter for a walk outside on one of the many nearby trails. However, I chose not to because of the stench today and concern for pollutants in the air from the Coffin Butte landfill.</p> <p>I am concerned about raising my daughter here, especially with the possible expansion of the landfill.</p>	Benton County - Email	

			<p>Already the unexpanded landfill affects our home and surrounding area routinely. I fear the expansion will destroy this beautiful area and make it an unhealthy place for us to live - possibly even forcing us out of the area and to head back east where we are originally from.</p> <p>Please vote AGAINST any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill.</p>		
36	1/14 /26	Odors & Expansion	<p>Once again, my nose is assaulted by the stench of CBL. My home is 5 miles SW of the dump but the smell is unmistakable and exceedingly unpleasant.</p> <p>Please exercise your administrative discretion and deny Republic's bid to expand and prolong their nightmare of unchecked capitalism. If the evaluation of CUP's were simply a matter of matching absurdly ineffective solutions (eg, two fences will prevent windblown garbage) to identified risks, then what's the point of having county commissioners? Your citizens voted for you to use your judgment fully in such matters.</p> <p>If you can't get on the right side of this issue, step aside!</p>	Benton County - Email	

37	1/14 /26	Odors	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I know that my email subject line is silly, but it is EXACTLY what I feel like I am living in. if you are unfamiliar with the name, it comes from a movie that I watched as a child called the Labyrinth. in the movie, the bog of eternal stench is basically a big body of water that smells absolutely terrible, and produces high amounts of gas. This is what I smell at least four days out of the week, living in Adair village. I have decided to send you an email because the last few days, January 10-14th have been exceptionally terrible. Some of the fog that we receive is partially being caused by the chemicals that are being sprayed on the grass seed fields on Ryals and Independence highway. I say this because there are NUMEROUS days that the ONLY place that I see fog or smell the fertilizer stench is when Im driving down Ryals or Independence highway. It's even worse when the natural fog rolls in because it traps the fertilizer AND the gasses and garbage stench that is coming from Coffin Butte. but when there is no fog, all I smell, is the stench coming from the dump. On January 2, I was going to go outside to take down the Christmas lights that I had put up in my yard, and I immediately went back in the house when I came outside and smelled that stench. It interferes with my daily walks through the neighborhood to keep my health up, and it prohibits me from being able to open my windows in my house when the weather is nice. I have dealt with this since we moved into our home on barberry Drive in Adair village eight years ago. And believe it or not, when we lived in Corvallis, over off of conifer Boulevard near good Samaritan</p>	Bent on Coun ty - Emai l	
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				<p>Hospital, we could also smell the dump, and it is almost 9 miles away! I allowed a nonprofit organization to come and put a device on the outside of my house so that it could measure the toxic air particles that are being released by the dump. I am hoping that they have already shared this information with you because the numbers are pretty telling of the fact that we are consistently breathing toxic air because of the dump. It does affect our quality of life and my husband, who is asthmatic, has to use an inhaler way more than he did before we moved to the area. Expanding this landfill is an absolutely terrible idea because it is affecting the lives of thousands of people. Why is it OK for landfill expansion when coffin can't even manage the stench and toxic gases for the landfill that we have now?! I have also filled out a DEQ form to bring more awareness to this issue. I know I am not the only person to be frustrated with this, and I am hoping that something can be done about it.</p>		
38	1/14 /26			<p>Strong odor emissions from the landfill is a frequent occurrence, especially during atmospheric pressure inversion, which is very common in the soap creek valley where the landfill is located.</p>	DEQ	
39	1/14 /26			<p>The dump odor is preventing me from going out for exercise. I am concerned with what is in the air I am breathing. Yesterday, I drove another 5 miles away from the dump to get to a location where I could not smell the dump and felt it was safe to exercise.</p>	DEQ	
40	1/14 /26			<p>The smell is so strong you can taste it. It's the smell of methane coming from the landfill.</p>	DEQ	

41	1/14 /26			This morning I woke up inside my house to the smell of landfill garbage, giving me a headache. I am often offended when I go outside in the past couple of years but waking up to it inside my house is new and awful.	DEQ	
42	1/14 /26			Foul methane smell coming from the dump.	DEQ	
43	1/14 /26			Landfill stench	DEQ	
44	1/14 /26			Landfill stench	DEQ	
45	1/14 /26			The significant smell from the landfill continues today. It was overpowering when I went outside this morning at 7 AM at my house, 2 miles from the landfill. The fog was heavy and the odor was very intense. The smell was stronger as I drove to work, past the landfill and through Polk County. The smell was intense for at least 5 miles after passing the landfill on 99 going north. My stomach felt sick and I developed a headache.	DEQ	
46	1/14 /26			When the air is cold or foggy, the odor of landfill gas spreads far from Coffin Butte, and it was distinctly noticeable today on Tampico Rd near Adair Village. It is recognizable as the same strong smell detectable from highway 99 near the Coffin Butte landfill.	DEQ	
47	1/14 /26			Very thick and heavy odor that results in stomach aches, head pain. Unable to use property and utilize it for business purposes.	DEQ	
48	1/14 /26			While going to work and getting coffee at the local coffee shop in adair village, there was a strong and nauseating smell in the air coming from the landfill.	DEQ	
49	1/14 /26			My house is 5 miles SW of the dump and there is a slight breeze. Same conditions and same smell as yesterday!	DEQ	

50	1/14 /26			Fog causing an inversion of air from the Coffin Butte dump. Concerned about quality of this air.	DEQ	
51	1/14 /26			Odor from the coffin butte landfill is filling the area with noxious odors that keep me from letting my kids outside.	DEQ	
52	1/14 /26			Very strong, objectionable odor in air from Benton County's Coffin Butte landfill.	DEQ	
53	1/14 /26			Landfill odor is an ongoing problem and happens weekly, at times for days at a time. Dense fog is a guarantee to trap the toxic odors.	DEQ	
54	1/14 /26			I opened my front door to retrieve a package and the smell was overwhelming. The landfill smell is very specific and the last two days it has been terrible! Enough that I won't go walk outside. It is a shame to live in such a beautiful area and not be able to breath clean air!	DEQ	
55	1/14 /26			The air smelled rancid. We always smell strong odor when we have fog/air stagnation, but this was horrific. I only came home from work to grab something at lunch; my determination of how long the odor lasted is likely inaccurate. It was a faint smell on my run at 5am, I left Adair at 7am, and I won't be home again until 6pm.	DEQ	
56	1/14 /26			I could not list a specific name because I don't know the name of the numerous grass seed farms around Adair village. But I can at least name coffin Butte. The stench coming from coffin Butte is very strong and is always a continuous problem numerous days a week. there have been numerous times where I wanted to do an activity in the neighborhood outside, or work in my yard and gardens, but I can't because the smell is too bad. I can't open my windows to the house on nice days and I can't drive with my windows down in my car because I primarily drive to	DEQ	

				<p>Adair Village from independence highway.</p> <p>This has been an ongoing problem and after eight years, I have finally reached a breaking point. We spend a lot of money to live here and it's ridiculous that we have to continuously deal with the stench coming from the Farmer fields and the dump.</p> <p>This week has been even worse because there has been a fog in the area that is trapping these toxic gases and other unknown particles in the air. By this past week, I mean January 10 through the 14th, which is today..</p>		
57	1/14 /26			Nw Corvallis	DEQ	
58	1/14 /26			Horrible ordor from the dump.	DEQ	
59	1/14 /26			The smell was awful when I got out of my vehicle this evening. It was at least a 7. It was a little better by 7:08. It was still a five on the scale. I now have a headache.	DEQ	
60	1/14 /26			With the fog this week, there has been a very strong smell of rotting garbage and landfill odors. It has limited how much I've wanted to be outside because the smell is terrible and I do not want my toddlers around the smell.	DEQ	
61	1/15 /26			The smell associated with the landfill interrupted my daily activities and I did nto evercise outside or do outside yard work.	DEQ	
62	1/15 /26			The smell obviously was coming from the Coffiin Butte Landfill. When I opened my from door, I could smell a pungent smell dominated by a strong rotten-egg smell combined with notes of ammonia, strong cleaners and a smell from volatile organic compounds. This odor caused me to change my day from working outside to staying in my home until it subsided.	DEQ	

63	1/15 /26			Landfill odor was very strong	DEQ	
64	1/16 /26	Odors & Methane		<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>This is to inform you of another morning with bad stench coming from the badly managed landfill in north Benton County. As you know, this landfill has been cited by DEQ for multiple Class I violations regarding their failure to reduce landfill gas emissions. You are also aware that landfill gas, besides being a major driver of global climate change due to the high methane content, contains compounds that are hazardous to the health of your constituents, including carcinogens such as PFAS. Adair Village is a rapidly growing community with many young families, whose children are being exposed to landfill gas almost every time the wind is from the north. Please include share this complaint with your Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC).</p>	Bent on Coun ty - Emai l	
65	1/16 /26	DSAC		<p>Ms. McEneny:</p> <p>In the official Order documenting the Board of Commissioners' decision on LU-24-027 (Appendix A, Board Findings, P. 7), the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) is specifically identified as the entity responsible for providing oversight of the Coffin Butte landfill:</p> <p>"Currently, County monitoring of Conditions for all approved conditional use permits relies on complaints, Applicant self-reporting, and, for landfill activities, DSAC Disposal Site Advisory Committee oversight."</p> <p>With almost no advance notice (less than 12 hours), the DSAC meeting scheduled for Jan. 14, 2026 was canceled without explanation. Over the past year DSAC meetings have</p>	Bent on Coun ty - Emai l to BOC	

			<p>been reduced from once per month (in the Jan. - May 2025 period), to once every two months (Jun - Nov 2025), to indefinitely suspended (current state; no definitive date has been provided for the next meeting).</p> <p>Question 1: During the period in which DSAC is not meeting and is not scheduled to meet, what is the mechanism for oversight of the landfill in terms of monitoring of Conditions? Question 2: During the period in which DSAC is not meeting and is not scheduled to meet, what is the correct procedure for the filing of citizen concern/complaints regarding the landfill?</p> <p>I am aware of some citizens filing complaints directly with the Board of Commissioners, however Commissioners themselves have stated publicly that during periods in which a landfill land use decision is pending (as is the case now, again) they deliberately do not read emails that in any way relate to the landfill, very likely completely nullifying this communication path. Complaints lodged in this manner are likely to be completely ignored and fail to be logged in any sort of permanent record.</p> <p>Additionally, per ORS 459.325 (2). duties of the Disposal Site Advisory committee SHALL INCLUDE "Providing a forum for citizen comments, questions and concerns about the regional disposal site and promoting a dialogue between the community in which the regional disposal site is to be located and the owner or operator of the regional disposal site."</p>		
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			<p>Seriously restricting the meeting frequency of and/or indefinitely suspending DSAC is counter to this duty.</p> <p>Question 3: During the period in which DSAC is not meeting and is not scheduled to meet, what is the forum for citizen comments, questions and concerns about our regional disposal site, including questions or concerns that would best be addressed directly to the operator/franchisee?</p> <p>I myself have utilized DSAC meetings in the past to obtain (grudging) cooperation from the franchisee on detailed operational questions. Given that the franchisee to my knowledge has not yet filed the Coffin Butte Annual Report for CY 2024, given the initiation of operations in the the very large Cell 6, and given the emissions compliance issues recently documented in the ODEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice of Nov. 6, 2025, it is reasonable to expect that citizens will have a number of questions that would be best addressed by the operator directly. This seems a very unfortunate time to chose to effectively eliminate DSAC as a forum for such questions and dialog. And make no mistake: given the dynamic nature of landfill activities, a serious and/or indefinite delay in providing this forum is tantamount to eliminating the forum, in terms of its effectiveness in addressing many of the issues related to the operation.</p>		
66	1/16 /26	Mark Lindgren	<p>Landfill stink, as usual. Putrid odor with a whiff of chemicals. Not the PRC which smells more like silage.</p> <p>Wind is currently from due north, light breeze. See attached screen shot from</p>	DEQ	

				Weather Underground as confirmation of this wind direction.		
67	1/16 /26	Cynthia Clapp		During the past week, landfill odor events associated with Coffin Butte have occurred repeatedly at Redacted per ORS 192.355(4) Confidential Submissions preschool location, demonstrating a pattern rather than isolated incidents. The odors have varied in intensity but have consistently been strong enough to interfere with normal business operations, disrupt outdoor activities required for early-childhood programs, and cause discomfort among children in care. Parents have communicated concerns regarding these repeated exposures, creating an ongoing operational and economic impact. This pattern of off-site odor intrusion reflects a continuing nuisance condition and suggests that current odor control measures required under Republic Services' operating permits are not effectively preventing impacts beyond the landfill boundary.	DEQ	
68	1/16 /26			I reported this complaint directly to Coffin Butte this morning. In a previous response, they showed a photo of my house and said they only "smelled chemicals, not dump smells." This is the odor we smell too and it is what I smelled at Samaritan on Elks Dr. on 1-13-2026. It's what I have smelled in downtown Albany and Corvallis. Denying that those chemical smells are coming from the landfill is like calling the sky green. It's pervasive, we smell the odor in our house with the windows closed today.	DEQ	

69	1/16 /26		<p>FYI I am caring for my (now dying) mother-in-law in our home (Soap Creek Valley, about five miles south of the landfill), and so only get outside intermittently. So when notified by neighbors that the landfill was stinking again, I stepped out on my deck to see if I could smell it too - and I could! NOT pleasant to smell that from my home!!</p> <p>Way worse for me than the icky odor though is the not-knowing of what all toxics are accompanying that odor - odor being the telltale indicator that I'm breathing in landfill gas (LFG). No way to know what I'm taking into my body by breathing it, or what is settling out of that gas and into the soil and waterways (in addition to fouling the air). It is truly disturbing, in light of what all we've learned the last year or so about the toxic elements of landfill gas. One thing we know LFG contains is PFAS (those toxic forever chemicals)... which means every time we all smell the dump, that's more PFAS accumulating in the soil and water (as well as our bodies). So it is not merely that the dump "stinks"... that stink is the bellwether of far worse substances entering our bodies and the environment.</p> <p>Even though I do not smell the dump often, it does not mean it is not stinking often - it only means I don't happen to be outside when it is stinking. But I have many neighbors who are outside more often, and they DO smell it often. This is really getting untenable.</p> <p>I wasn't going to file this complaint originally, because I am literally spending most of my day caring for my mother-in-law in her last hours/days (I</p>	DEQ	
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			<p>am not making this up). But I DID smell it, and so I felt an obligation to join others in raising our voices to let you know this happens A LOT. And it happens more often than you know, because not everyone who smells it has the time to log in and file a complaint. People are busy with jobs and families. So I am doing this on their behalf.</p> <p>These “dump days” happen most consistently on stagnant air days in the winter, commonly when the fog rolls in. I am not looking forward to more of this!</p>		
70	1/16 /26		<p>while walking on Wiles Road, just north of the bridge we spotted a large blue pipe pumping water out of the old quarry/landfill. We are curious if this is in compliance with the stormwater permit which regulates industrial stormwater discharge associated with specific SIC codes and requires effective stormwater pollution control. Valley land fills public submission record from November 4, 2025 report zero discharge at all six of its monitoring sites and this does not appear accurate. I believe the water discharge we observed is pumped from the old quarry site even on non-rain days such as we observed. We believe this is unauthorized or definitely inadequately controlled stormwater discharge leaving the permitted facility. the amount of potentially polluted water entering soap Creek just upstream from us is very concerning. We respectfully request that Deq review compliance with the facilities 1200 - Z stormwater permit. conduct a site inspection, if appropriate and evaluate stormwater controls, discharge points,</p>	DEQ	

				<p>and receiving areas. The attached video clearly shows that this pipe outlet from a pumping operation in the old quarry cell is pumping water into soap Creek. There is simply no other way that this pipe could be pushing out so much volume. There does not appear to be any publicly available specifics on whether these activities are included in the permit, but that given the amount of water being pumped into surface waters. It is important for DQ to review. Please let me know if additional information would be helpful. We are willing to provide further detail, documentation, photographs, or dates of observation upon request. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing work to protect Oregon's water resources.</p>		
71	1/26 /26	Odor		<p>Benton County Commissioners, As this email is only and solely regarding a resident health complaint and not any ongoing land-use processes, please ensure you review the message within your capacity of being stewards of the health and safety of your constituents. This is of utmost importance, because the January DSAC meeting was cancelled short-notice, and the next one will not be held until March 11th. The cold, stagnant air we experience in the winter exacerbates these health concerns, and your constituents need these issues to be acknowledged and addressed sooner than later.</p> <p>----- -----</p> <p>I just submitted the attached DEQ Odor Complaint. My submission is included via PDF, but I pasted the verbiage here if there is a problem opening the PDF (and included the screenshots that were submitted, but don't show in the</p>	Bent on Coun ty - Emai l	

				<p>PDF):</p> <p>Stepped outside to get some sunshine on what will be our last sunny day for quite a while. Hit in the face with rotting, toxic garbage odors. Not taking my children outside and not getting exercise.</p> <p>Please see attached photos of weather report from Rifle Range Rd & Soap Creek Rd. They clearly show winds out of the NNW & NNE, blowing landfill gases directly down Soap Creek Valley. The incident is ongoing, unknown how long it will last today. Referenced Weather stations available here: https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA330/graph/2026-01-26/2026-01-26/daily https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA290/graph/2026-01-26/2026-01-26/daily</p>		
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73	1/26/26			<p>Hello all - since the DEQ site is regularly inaccessible and extremely cumbersome, I am writing to you about the dump stench today - January 26, 2026.</p> <p>WHERE: First smelled at 9th and Polk in Corvallis, then stronger while driving on Highland near Crescent Valley High, and then again when I arrived home in south Soap Creek Valley (Helm Drive).</p> <p>WHEN: 3:30 pm in Corvallis (I went inside a building), then heading along Highland Dr in Corvallis ~4:30, then when I arrived home at 4:50.</p> <p>It was definitely odor from the landfill - there is nothing that compares, and I have experienced it many times while overlooking the dump.</p> <p>I have reported this stench in north Corvallis many times before. Heavy air, slight breeze out of the north, settles in areas of lower elevation (like near</p>	Bent on County - Email to BOC, DEQ	

				CVHS). Gotta love those air stagnation (suffocation) days.		
74	11/13/26	Odors & DSAC		<p>Benton County Commissioners,</p> <p>I just submitted this DEQ Odor Complaint. My submission is included via PDF, but I pasted the verbiage here if there is a problem opening the PDF:</p> <p>Fog bank recently rolled into Soap Creek Valley from the north (as substantiated by multiple Weather Underground weather stations in the area). Bringing with it horrible dump stink, which is getting even worse by the minute. We finally have beautiful sunny weather in January, but CANNOT be outside to do cleanup yardwork NOR be outside to exercise during this rare winter dry opportunity. Coffin Butte Landfill has been PROVEN to be out of compliance with landfill gas capture - this is not simple a nuisance, these odor plumes bring dangerous and toxic chemicals and fumes with them. How is this affecting the health of our residents, outdoor farm and wildlife, and soil?</p> <p>https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA374 https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORCORVA330/graph/2026-01-13/2026-01-13/daily</p> <p>Commissioners, Please also note the public's specific frustration at the last-minute cancellation of the DSAC meeting schedule for 1/14/26. There have been recent revelations as to the accuracy of data provided by Republic that should be addressed by DSAC as well as preparations for the upcoming Fire Season, which will no longer have a long lead-time during which to discuss</p>	Bent on County - Email	

				and implement. The landfill is not being properly run and now the public's main access to assistance with those problems (DSAC) has been prevented from addressing these issues. Unacceptable.		
75	11/15/26	Odors		<p>Hi Bailey (with cc to Laura at DEQ), following up to your recommendation about reporting directly to Republic Services. This is the response I got, which is once again completely contrary to my experience. Republic Services Odor Patrol is a joke. Paul needs to use a mechanical device to detect odors. Even Winterbrook Consultants acknowledged anosmia (smell blindness) by staff constantly exposed to the dump stench and the need for a more reliable monitoring device.</p> <p>It is frustrating to get this kind of CYA he said/she said report, which is what I have received every time I have reported directly to Republic Services.</p>	Benton County - Email	
76	11/16/26	Odors & Expansion		<p>I want to register an air pollution complaint about the Coffin Butte landfill. Yesterday it was very foggy here in the valley. I live on the NW side of Corvallis in the city limits and the smell was really bad here, so bad that I didn't even want to go outside. I had an appt with DMV in NE Corvallis at 11:00 am. The smell from the dump was disgusting there. After that I drove north on Hwy 99 out to Lewisburg and the smell was overwhelming at that point. It got worst the closer you got to Coffin Butte.</p> <p>How can this be allowed?? Republic has consistently not followed the environmental rules and laws. Their "testing" and "monitoring" is absolutely flawed and worthless. This puts all of</p>	Benton County - Email	

				<p>our health and safety at risk. Our water table is being polluted, including the Willamette river, as well as the air we breath. This is a serious health issue. Republic has proven that they cannot be trusted to monitor themselves.</p> <p>Coffin Butte needs to be shut down and an environmental clean up needs to be started. The health of Benton county residences is at stake. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE EXPANSION!!</p>		
77	1/16 /26	Odors		<p>I've been encouraged to write this email to inform you of the conditions at my home today. However, given the proclivity you demonstrated in November for approving the CBL expansion, I remain skeptical this'll do any good.</p> <p>For the life of me, I cannot understand your inability to exercise judgment in this matter. Commission Wyse, you complained that you were "forced" to approve Republic's request for expansion. Seriously??? That is a shameful dodge. Grow a backbone!</p> <p>Commissioner Malone, your readiness to favor Republic and your inability to weigh the mountain of evidence provided demonstrate how unfit you are for this position.</p> <p>I have already submitted an odor complaint to both Republic Services and to the ODEQ. This sunny, cloudless day has been wrecked by CBL stink. It reeks!</p>	Bent on County - Email to BOC	
78		DSAC		<p>Thank you for the information that the scheduled DSAC meeting of Jan. 14 has or will be postponed - I did see that this morning in the "PRR" email thread and wanted to take a little time to consider my response.</p>	Bent on County - Email	Forwarded the email to CD Director and County council. Replied to the complaintant

				<p>As a citizen I must say it certainly appears that the state-mandated pathway for comments and complaints about the landfill in our county is being sidelined and nullified at a critical time in which this pathway could be serving to provide our county government with important feedback as they potentially reconsider their decision on LU-24-027.</p> <p>The failure of Republic Services / VLI to deliver copies of their reports in response to the ODEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice of Nov. 6, 2025 as well as the failure to provide the 2024 Coffin Butte Annual report during the entirety of calendar year 2025 certainly appear to constitute violations of the Landfill Franchise Agreement of 2020 (Sections 7 (c), and 7 (a) and (b), respectively). You may want to check with County Counsel to see if he has a differing opinion. With DSAC indefinitely suspended, what means exists to formally lodge a complaint regarding these apparent contractual violations?</p> <p>I also was wondering how DEQ would react to Republic flat-out declining their recommendation. My sense from this is that if/when Benton County has to become the enforcer of Conditions (i.e. if LU-24-027 is approved with conditions) that we can expect less than 100% cooperation from the franchisee. In fact, we are already seeing that with the existing cells. I do not envy your job.</p>		<p>and explained that we'll still be meeting the ORS requirement with 4 meetings in 2026 but that I understand his concerns.</p>
79	2/11 /26	Expansion, Odor, Litter		<p>The stench from the landfill has been intolerable over the last few weeks. It has been growing worse by the day. I am writing to you as a deeply frustrated and concerned resident to</p>	<p>Emailed to DSA C</p>	

			<p>express my profound disappointment about the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.</p> <p>Many days, the stench and toxic gases from the landfill are unavoidable in my neighborhood. We are forced to breathe this air in our own homes and yards. It makes it difficult to go outside, to let children play, or simply to enjoy a basic quality of life. This is not just unpleasant—it feels dangerous.</p> <p>Knowing that these gases and liquids are leaking without adequate monitoring or accountability from Republic Services is frightening, and it leaves residents feeling ignored and unprotected.</p> <p>What adds to this frustration is the garbage scattered along Highway 99, Independence Highway, and Camp Adair Road. Trash lining our roadways is not only an eyesore; it is a safety hazard and a daily reminder that the impacts of this landfill are being pushed onto the surrounding community. We are left to live with the consequences while those responsible fail to take meaningful action.</p> <p>Supporting an expansion of this landfill under these circumstances sends a painful message to residents: that our health, our environment, and the value of our homes matter less than convenience or profit. We deserve clean air, safe roads, and the ability to live without constant concern about what we are breathing or what damage is being done to our land.</p> <p>I urge you to listen to the people who live here. Our community deserves better.</p>	
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7) Relevant News Articles

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7/9/2024	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/landfill-methane-satellite-flyover-epa-wm-ghg/719796/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue%202024-12-27%20Top%20Waste%20Trends%20%5Bissue:68914%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20%20All%20Subscribers%20%2B%20Weekender	Landfill - Satellites	Satellite and flyover tech advances for landfill methane as industry seeks more clarity
11/29/2024	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2024/government-catchup-black-friday-and-the-benton-landfill-expansion-city-fee-increases-flag-freakout-imagining-a-civic-campus/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Government Catchup: Black Friday and the Benton Landfill Expansion
12/5/2024	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2024/12/05/brooks-oregon-reworld-incinerator-waste-garbage-services/76736917007/	Covanta & Coffin Butte	Brooks incinerator to stop taking garbage from Marion County soon. What happens next?
12/10/2024	Corvallis Advocate	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page-a1/page_1d8bc879-111e-5e28-8a2d-4ce1294358ff.html	Coffin Butte - Title V Air Permit	Coffin Butte: Thougher Standards - Landfill seeks expanded federal air pollution permit
12/10/2024	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/landfill-methane-satellites-ghgsat-carbon-mapper-launch/734953/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue%202024-12-10%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:68593%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfill - Satellites	GHGSat and Carbon Mapper satellites take flight as landfill gas monitoring tech matures
12/16/2024	Statesman Journal	https://www.oregonlive.com/environment/2024/12/brooks-incinerator-to-close-dec-31-sending-salems-trash-to-coffin-butte-landfill-for-now.html	Covanta & Coffin Butte	Brooks incinerator to close Dec. 31, sending Salem's trash to Coffin Butte Landfill for now
12/18/2024	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/coffin-butte-titlev-application-input-extended/article_3904c5c6-9116-50e7-a0a9-cc5ef13b360c.html#tncms-source=login	Coffin Butte	Thoughts about air pollution at Coffin Butte Landfill? Still time to express them
12/20/2024	Salem Reporter	https://www.salemreporter.com/2024/12/20/marion-county-commissioners-extend-contract-for-brooks-incinerator-through-june-increase-garbage-rates/	Covanta / Reworld	Marion County Commissioners extend contract for Brooks incinerator through June, increase garbage rates
12/21/2024	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2024/12/21/brooks-incinerator-has-six-months-to-finish-burning-trash/77113867007/	Covanta / Reworld	Marion County approves increased garbage collection prices, incinerator extension
12/24/2024	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/corvallis-speaks-up-letters-to-the-editor-for-the-week-of-dec-27-2024/collection_a52e48b7-a3f2-5575-93f7-2046c2f847c3.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Letter to Editor: We must do what we can to stop expansion
12/31/2024	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/benton-county-obscures-process/article_1c540515-b578-5994-b5aa-ec6eac6ba8f6.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County obscures process
1/7/2025	OPB	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/01/07/marion-countys-move-from-incineration-to-landfill-illustrates-the-problems-with-both-methods-of-trash-disposal/	Coffin Butte & Covanta/Reworld	Marion County's move from incineration to landfill illustrates the problems with

				both methods of trash disposal
1/10/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2025/01/10/oregon-coffin-butte-landfill-air-quality-permit/77600880007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte	Oregon regulators pause Coffin Butte Landfill air quality permit process
1/7/2025	OPB	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/01/07/marion-countys-move-from-incineration-to-landfill-illustrates-the-problems-with-both-methods-of-trash-disposal/?utm_source=Salthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20Weekly%20Roundup%20Waste%20Dive%20Daily%20Dive%2001-11-2025&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20Weekender	Coffin Butte	Marion County's move from incineration to landfill illustrates the problems with both methods of trash disposal
1/18/2025	OPB	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/01/18/epa-inspection-coffin-butte-methane-leak/	Coffin Butte	EPA inspection uncovered methane leaks at Benton County landfill
1/18/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2025/01/18/reworld-marion-garbage-incinerator-sale-marion-county/77699762007/	Covanta/Reworld	Is Marion County trying to buy the Reworld Marion garbage incinerator in Brooks?
1/17/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/environment/2025-01-17/epa-inspection-uncovered-methane-leaks-at-benton-county-landfill	Coffin Butte - GHG	EPA inspection uncovered methane leaks at Benton County landfill
1/21/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page-a2/page_0f9e05ca-78c4-590e-9632-587fd3bf0a6b.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Timer starts on expansion application
1/21/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2025/landfill-expansion-owners-file-new-paperwork-county-has-150-days-to-decide/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill Expansion: Owners File New Paperwork, County has 150 Days to Decide
1/23/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page-a8/page_93d6f541-2feb-564f-9ac4-6621bafab9db.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte and perils of privatization
1/23/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/benton-county-has-abdicated-doing-its-job/article_c851c562-ebc0-5a71-9855-83ed0b8c14fe.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Coffin Butte	Benton County has abdicated doing its job
1/28/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page-a2/page_cba27c31-1a2d-54ce-b8cd-989293d656d6.html	Coffin Butte - Title V Air Permit	Landfill application trips review
1/27/2025	WBUR	https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2025/01/27/robot-dog-methane-landfill?utm_source=Salthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-01-28%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:69888%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfills - Methane	Robot dog sniffs out methane at California landfill
1/30/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page-a7/page_cba7062a-8617-53fa-8d89-06ac60fed679.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Expanding Coffin Butte is Wrong
2/25/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2025/02/25/oregon-senate-bill-726-landfill-monitoring/79433732007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Landfills - Methane	Oregon legislation would require aerial, drone or satellite landfill monitoring
2/19/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/02/19/oregon-legislature-bill-composting-food-waste/78656411007/	Landfills - Food	Oregon may require farms, producers, hospitals, schools others to compost food waste
3/4/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_aa2946ad-33f8-5d79-a5df-b4b88216aba8.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill application deemed complete

3/5/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/colorado-landfill-methane-rule-proposal-public-meetings/741641/?utm_source=Mailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue%3A202025-03-05%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:70995%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfills - Methane	Colorado's proposed landfill methane rule may include first-ever provisions
3/6/2025	Gazette Times	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2025/03/06/oregon-landfills-methane-monitoring-loophole-study/81163394007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Landfills - Methane	Oregon corporate landfills using loophole to avoid methane monitoring, study finds
3/13/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_f59399ad-9df2-5a85-abd5-5c38523fe865.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County wields bureaucratic weapon
3/15/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_92456d1f-046f-53e3-936f-307d76da8497.html	Landfill - Coffin Butte	Time to Make a Switch? Electric company looks to transition to renewable gas
3/17/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2025/biogas-company-hopes-coffin-butte-stays-open-pitches-to-county-commissioners/	Landfill - Coffin Butte	Biogas Company Hopes Coffin Butte Stays Open, Pitches to County Commissioners
3/21/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_90f417e5-3b28-5810-8e25-9fcef5041807.html	Landfill - Coffin Butte	Coffin Butte hearing schedule posted, public comment open
3/23/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/03/23/hearings-set-on-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-as-epa-investigates/82578305007/	Landfill - Coffin Butte	Hearings set on Coffin Butte landfill expansion as EPA continues investigation
3/25/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_b58a1c56-5549-5613-8e6f-75c431965675.html	Landfill - Coffin Butte Expansion	This 'limited' expansion is another ruse
3/24/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/epa-deregulation-impacts-landfill-waste-facilities/743283/	Landfills	Breaking down what deregulation means for landfills
3/27/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/polk-county/2025/03/26/polk-county-solid-waste-franchise-rehub-polk-rickreall-dairy/82672940007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Rehub	Polk County awards solid waste franchise for proposed Rickreall facility
3/29/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_f5896f84-fac6-5bea-8142-9080a9fc7207.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Opposed to Coffin Butte Expansion
3/29/2025	San Diego Union Times	https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2025/03/28/eye-in-the-sky-california-spending-100m-to-track-methane-emissions-with-satellites/	Landfills - Satellites	Eye in the sky: California spending \$100M to track methane emissions with satellites
3/29/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/california-landfill-methane-rule-update-preview/743576/?utm_source=Mailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20Weekly%20Roundup-%20Waste%20Dive%20Daily%20Dive%2003-29-2025&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20Weekender	Landfills - Satellites	California poised to ramp up landfill emissions regulations
4/2/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2025/coffin-butte-landfill-spurs-bill-from-corvallis-state-rep-finger-mcdonald/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill Spurs Bill from Corvallis State Rep. Finger-McDonald

4/3/2025	Canary Media	https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/methane-stat-e-landfill-emissions-rules?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-04-03%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:71922%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfills - Methane	States lead on landfill methane emissions as federal action stalls
4/9/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2025/04/09/willamette-valley-garbage-crisis-oregon-legislature-task-force/8297736507?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	SMMP Task Force	Oregon Legislature may fund study of Willamette Valley garbage woes
4/8/2025	OSPIRG	https://pirg.org/oregon/updates/bill-to-tackle-food-waste-advances-in-the-oregon-legislature/	Food Waste	Bill to tackle food waste advances in the Oregon legislature
4/4/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2025/04/04/marion-county-opposes-senate-bill-1067-giving-local-control-over-solid-waste/82602098007/	Landfills	Marion County opposes bill giving local control over solid waste
4/11/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_1c608ec9-436-57fa-9793-5632034cbf48.html	SMMP Task Force	Task force for Coffin Butte coming?
4/12/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_eea34bfa-44e2-5ef7-8575-6b91ac63a44.html	Coffin Butte - Revenue	Facts about Coffin Butte's revenue
4/10/2025	ProPublica	https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-epa-greenhouse-gas-reporting-climate-crisis?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8Y6stuJH61Ue7LYmraq1F8zE4FSwAwGmGdQqvlkbAzul0BmmCtmx7FJPEiukoFeCfyd-U9fbtAFMHcctwx2vDHTYx0cYA0sKdORpTrWcUGnk&_hsmi=356301798&utm_content=356301798&utm_source=hs_email&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfills - Methane	Trump's EPA Plans to Stop Collecting Greenhouse Gas Emissions Data From Most Polluters
4/17/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_8c1ed001-955e-5060-8c0f-1887430824a6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Game over for expansion? If only
4/21/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/colorado-draft-landfill-methane-regulation-remote-monitoring/745858?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-04-21%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:72428%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfills - Methane	Colorado draft landfill emissions rule features faster well installation, remote monitoring
4/24/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_a94a54dc-9aac-59c5-9902-b768beaccda.html	Landfills - Coffin Butte	Benton recommends denying expansion
4/26/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_022ac52b-92b3-5ec6-b8ab-b56024894203.html	Landfills - Coffin Butte	In Opposition of Expansion - Residents deluge Benton County with opinions about landfill
4/29/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/oregon/2025/04/29/coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-county-staff-recommend-denial-on-application/83325918007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County staff recommend denying Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
4/30/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/politics-government/2025-04-30/benton-county-begins-hearings-on-proposed-expansion-of-coffin-butte-landfill	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County begins hearings on proposed expansion of Coffin Butte landfill
4/17/2025	OSU	https://youtu.be/uUs8v_FP2Vw	Lecture by Dr. Jennifer Field	PFAS Lecture
5/6/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d111034a-65d4-5065-affb-aeecda650537.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Public has the chance to speak

5/6/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_b1d86dc0-abc3-5e9a-bb29-024429398328.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Finger McDonald to talk Coffin Butte
5/8/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/05/07/benton-county-urged-to-reject-republic-services-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion/83332592007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20list%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Overflow crowd urges Benton County to reject Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
5/13/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_b15eb70e-0b68-532f-9146-36aa8046036e.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Discussing the Dump
5/15/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/oregon/2025/05/15/coffin-butte-landfill-air-pollution-permit/83519524007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20list%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Title V Air Permit	Coffin Butte Landfill seeking air pollution permit renewal as expansion decision nears
5/26/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_fe42bf58-939f-586f-af33-f1ebf7bbef8e.html	Coffin Butte - Title V Air Permit	State extends deadline to weigh in on Coffin Butte's air pollution permit
5/26/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/politics-government/2025-05-26/lane-county-asks-lawmakers-to-step-in-after-recycling-food-waste-project-faces-zoning-trouble	CleanLane	Lane County asks lawmakers to step in after recycling, food waste project faces zoning trouble
5/31/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_95b3153d-fcb1-5d62-e215-90dc75cf4052.html	Intermodal	Here's an alternative to Coffin Butte
5/30/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/oregon/2025/05/30/benton-county-hearings-on-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion/83926880007/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	More hearings set on Coffin Butte Landfill expansion request: How to give public testimony
6/3/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_f147e94a-d726-5f85-8f95-1b73bd79ea81.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Decision on Coffin Butte Landfill expansion pushed back again
6/1/2025	High Country News	https://www.hcn.org/issues/57-6/where-the-garbage-goes/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Where the garbage goes
6/5/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_51aa2c2e-b77c-5235-afbf-8f9ba1cd642c.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Why landfill expansion is inevitable
6/6/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2025/corvallis-statehouse-delegation-scores-win-for-strict-landfill-monitoring/	Coffin Butte - Methane	Corvallis' Statehouse Delegation Scores Win for Stricter Landfill Monitoring
6/4/2025	Register Guard	https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/politics/2025/06/04/coffin-butte-landfill-methane-monitoring/83898992007/	Coffin Butte - Methane	Oregon to require advanced methane monitoring at Coffin Butte Landfill
6/5/2025	Environmental Health News	https://www.ehn.org/locals-challenge-oregon-landfills-toxic-reach-and-corporate-control	Coffin Butte	Locals challenge Oregon landfill's toxic reach and corporate control
6/4/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2025/06/04/coffin-butte-landfill-methane-monitoring/83898992007/	Coffin Butte - Methane	Oregon to require advanced methane monitoring at Coffin Butte Landfill
6/10/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_1ad698cf-fe4b-55c0-97f0-368b9aeb150.html	Coffin Butte - Methane	Bill orders landfill to watch its methane

6/10/2025	Hasso Herring	https://hh-today.com/what-happens-when-coffin-butte-gets-full	Coffin Butte - Expansion	What happens when Coffin Butte gets full?
6/14/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_dbe794a3-275b-5153-9e6f-68c8d49bd413.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	County commissioners will talk a little trash June 17
6/26/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_de592733-f593-5280-aeb8-52e051c4c9db.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Time to replace the monopoly with competition
6/29/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2025/06/29/oregon-willamette-valley-garbage-study/84334016007/	SMMP Task Force	Oregon Legislature votes to study Willamette Valley garbage woes
6/24/2025	Resource Recycling	https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2025/06/24/oregon-bill-could-expedite-a-mrfs-troubled-permit-process?oly_enc_id=4468A707134D2X	CleanLane	Oregon bill could expedite a MRF's troubled permit process
8/5/2025	OPB	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/08/05/weeks-after-launching-new-statewide-recycling-program-oregon-sued-by-wholesalers/	RMA	Weeks after launching new statewide recycling program, Oregon sued by wholesalers
7/23/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.kezi.com/news/local/benton-county-denies-application-to-expand-coffin-butte-landfill/article_1638eff6-f51b-4fa3-bee0-6c53157b7905.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill Expansion Rejected by Benton County Planning Commission
7/28/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/coastal-waste-ai-powered-robot-facility-fires-battery/754159/	Fires	Coastal Waste pilots AI-powered robot to stop facility and fleet fires
7/21/2025	PIRG	https://pirg.org/articles/studies-shows-how-microplastics-from-packaging-get-into-our-food/	PFAS	Studies shows how microplastics from packaging get into our food
7/20/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/opinion/column/article_c198e2c2-06c3-5a23-8295-12f5e0b02da5.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	As I See It: Coffin Butte Landfill owners' last-minute data dump
7/23/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/07/23/rep-public-services-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-denied-benton-county-oregon/85314506007/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill expansion denied by Benton County Planning Commission
7/30/2025	High Country News	https://www.hcn.org/articles/an-oregon-law-tries-to-tackle-garbage-gases/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	An Oregon law tries to tackle garbage gases
7/30/2025	Oregonian	https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2025/07/ne-portland-glass-recycling-plant-will-shut-down.html	Glass	NE Portland glass recycling plant will shut down
7/30/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_7bd3a49c-991a-5628-8b4f-a21c4c3ff277.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County planners formally dump Coffin Butte Landfill (expansion)
7/23/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_feb290bf-2285-561e-a99b-50124afaad4d.html#tracking-source=in-article	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County planners reject Coffin Butte Landfill expansion and don't mince words
7/30/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_1bd67ba4-5f1d-5121-9eb2-cae776f802c1.html#tracking-source=in-article	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Public speaks out against Coffin Butte Landfill's expansion

8/5/2025	Waste 360	https://www.waste360.com/landfill/visiting-landfill-long-term-costs-pay-now-or-pay-more-later	Landfill Closure	Revisiting Landfill Long-Term Costs: Pay Now or Pay More Later
8/8/2025	KGW8	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbQgXOSQFzg	RMA	Law change in Oregon aims to make it easier to recycle statewide
8/6/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2025/oregon-launches-its-new-recycling-program-wholesalers-sue/	RMA	Oregon Launches It's New Recycling Program, Wholesalers Sue
8/7/2025	CCC News	https://columbiacommunityconnection.com/the-dalles/wind-driven-blaze-near-the-dalles-landfill-sparks-evacuations-at-530-pm	Fires	Wind Driven blaze near The Dalles Landfill sparks evacuations at 5:30 p.m.
8/13/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/prairie-robotics-tacoma-ai-camera-technology-expansion/757521/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-08-13%20Waste%20Dive%20Recycling%20%5Bissue:75895%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20Recycling	Technology	Prairie Robotics expands its AI truck tech to more North American cities
8/14/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/republic-offers-tennessee-landfill-settlement-wm-appeals-arkansas-odor-sui/757691/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-08-14%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:75930%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfill Odors	Republic offers Tennessee landfill settlement; WM appeals Arkansas odor suit
8/13/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/08/13/republic-services-appeals-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-denial/85314562007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074S)-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic Services appeals denial of Coffin Butte Landfill expansion near Corvallis
8/14/2025	OPB	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/08/14/oregons-new-recycling-program-faces-lawsuit/	RMA - Lawsuit	Think Out Loud: Oregon's new recycling program faces lawsuit
8/19/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_2b1cccf5-18f9-536d-8f59-49f3ef986fd8.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic Services is not trustworthy
8/19/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_2b1cccf5-18f9-536d-8f59-49f3ef986fd8.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic Services seeks to wear people down
8/19/2025	Waste 360	https://www.waste360.com/industry-insights/august-fire-report-the-summertime-spike-rears-its-ugly-head?utm_campaign=IC_WST360DLYWRNWL_R_News_Waste360%20Daily%20Wire_News_NL_20250819&utm_emailname=IC_WST360DLYWRNWL_R_News_Waste360%20Daily%20Wire_News_NL_20250819&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eloqua&utm_MDMContentID=&utm_campaigntype=Newsletter&eM=8bb4c36492afe9b45479f31a358fc9d2621510791ae41e08fc10ad8852fe9f90&eventSeriesCode=ES_WASTE36&eventEditionCode=WST00WAT&sessionCode=S_WST360DLYWRNWL_R&sp_eh=8bb4c36492afe9b45479f31a358fc9d2621510791ae41e08fc10ad8852fe9f90	Fires	August Fire Report: The Summertime Spike Rears Its Ugly Head
8/20/2025	Benton Clean & Strong	https://www.cleantstrongbenton.com/about	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Website in favor of expansion
8/21/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/trendline/future-of-landfills/520/	Landfills - Technology	Technology Shaping the Future of Landfills
8/26/2025	FluxLab SIMFLEX	https://fluxlab.ca/simflex/	Landfills - Methane	SIMFLEX is a landfill in St. Francis Xavier University, FluxLab has a model landfill they use to test different methane detection technologies

8/28/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d2afabc4-af39-59c7-81ab-fedb39eef691.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Albany mayor's opinion about Coffin Butte
8/28/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d2afabc4-af39-59c7-81ab-fedb39eef691.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte owners are good neighbors
8/28/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d2afabc4-af39-59c7-81ab-fedb39eef691.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Expanding landfill gives us breathing room
8/30/2025	Albany Democrat Herald	https://democratherald.com/opinion/column/article_58e25ae67-4685-46e9-8aa0-07d857b9ce5d.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	As I See It: Why Republic Services is desperate to expand landfill
9/2/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_412eca04-f440-5dad-8514-53298317959f.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Beware the landfill's astroturf campaign
8/31/2025	Ainvest	https://www.ainvest.com/news/republic-services-strategic-reliance-coffin-butte-pacific-northwest-landfill-challenges-2509/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic Services' Strategic Reliance on Coffin Butte Amid Pacific Northwest Landfill Challenges
9/4/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_45857ba0-f140-504c-a7fc-2ba9a58cb8c9.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Expanding landfill is about buying time
9/4/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_45857ba0-f140-504c-a7fc-2ba9a58cb8c9.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	County, Republic Services have failed us
9/3/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2025/09/06/coffin-butte-landfill-exempts-most-of-surface-from-methane-monitoring/8589480007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Methane	Coffin Butte Landfill exempts most of surface from methane monitoring
9/9/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_fb801162-552b-510a-b000-92422eef38a6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill should be approached like farming
9/11/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d3fb73df-b771-58b3-bacf-9cd1e6f27dc0.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Expanding landfill makes financial sense
9/13/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_a6097d36-e4b0-5069-a907-45095f740e27.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic turns to PR firm for appeal
9/15/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/environment/2025-09-15/lane-county-could-soon-among-the-first-in-oregon-to-inspect-its-landfill-with-drones	Technology	Lane County could soon be among the first in Oregon to inspect its landfill with drones
9/15/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/epa-greenhouse-gas-reporting-program-repeal-impact/760107/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-09-16%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:76896%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Landfill - Monitoring	EPA releases formal proposal to end Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program
9/16/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/09/16/hearing-scheduled-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-covallis/86179112007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Hearing scheduled on controversial Coffin Butte Landfill expansion near Corvallis
9/20/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_b8fcf9be-dc9e-57b6-a83c-ad91be828f1e.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic Services' tired talking points
9/20/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_b8fcf9be-dc9e-57b6-a83c-ad91be828f1e.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill expansion just kicks the can

9/19/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/opinion/letters/article_a4549b6-5d74-542d-b519-72a66acd03a1.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Letter: A regional burden disproportionately on us
9/16/2025	Philomath News	https://philomathnews.com/commissioners-to-hear-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-appeal-in-october/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Commissioners to hear Coffin Butte Landfill expansion appeal in October
9/23/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/clean-harbors-pfas-incineration-999999-destruction-test-epa/760856/?utm_source=Saillthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20Weekly%20Roundup%20Waste%20Dive-%20Daily%20Dive%2009-27-2025&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20Weekender	PFAS	Clean Harbors achieves up to 99.9999% PFAS destruction in EPA test
9/30/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_db68be2a-2919-55e2-843e-84f614df906a.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic Services works to get Albany buy-in
10/2/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_282bfb36-8ab4-58db-ac38-33bb361ff4d6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte plan, it's just not worth it
10/5/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2025/10/05/salem-may-double-amount-of-coffin-butte-landfill-leachate-in-sewer-system/86355078007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SJE-NLETTER6	Coffin Butte - Leachate	Salem's sewer system could see double amount of leachate taken from Coffin Butte landfill
10/7/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_74e36b3b-c05b-52b1-83dc-ab93a9236a83.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	We have 15 years to find alternative
10/7/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_74e36b3b-c05b-52b1-83dc-ab93a9236a83.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Making landfill larger ups the poisoning
10/7/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_74e36b3b-c05b-52b1-83dc-ab93a9236a83.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Lincoln County recycler touts Coffin Butte
10/9/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_3f3f51de-827b-5b14-a23e-8bc4641e30f6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	See how they're running this PR campaign
10/10/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_3f3f51de-827b-5b14-a23e-8bc4641e30f6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic will lobby for rate increases
10/11/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d28a38d2-4655-59ee-8350-f5a8a7218c97.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Denying expansion is fiscally responsible
10/14/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_9e629224-4a5b-5b6b-b549-edd938410c21.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte is essential to the community
10/16/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_3758ea10-48c4-5d00-9029-96afdea519d6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte is an eyesore and liability
10/16/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_3758ea10-48c4-5d00-9029-96afdea519d6.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Seek better answers than expansion
10/16/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/10/16/benton-county-staff-say-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-should-be-approved/86550422007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SJE-NLETTER6	Coffin Butte - Expansion	County staff say Coffin Butte Landfill expansion should be approved

10/1 8/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_29820e1b-0768-5e11-bb97-1bf6917406bd.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Republic is following Fox News playbook
10/2 1/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_73649eab-18cc-535e-96cd-ec41bbb1cf8e.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Grange opposes Coffin Butte expansion
10/2 2/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_092bbe23-cc3e-572f-a719-d32a116a25d0.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill Expansion Appeal Starts
10/2 1/20 25	Gazette Times	https://corvallisadvocate.com/county-planners-favor-landfill-expansion-hearings-start-wednesday/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	County Planners Favor Landfill Expansion, Hearings Start Wednesday
10/2 3/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_a4d760db-1e63-5b07-9486-4ad62f48100a.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill expansion is fair and sustainable
10/2 3/20 25	Gazette Times	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/10/23/proponents-argue-for-expansion-at-coffin-butte-landfill-hearing/86819004007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SJ-E-LETTERS	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Proponents argue for expansion at Coffin Butte Landfill hearing
10/2 3/20 25	KEZI	https://www.kezi.com/news/local/coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-appeal-heads-to-benton-county-commissioners/article_be3d83a7-a569-410b-8072-2d02ca94ce4c.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill expansion appeal heads to Benton County Commissioners
10/2 3/20 25	Trash Town USA	https://youtu.be/3al6tsM4tQ	Coffin Butte - Expansion	15 Minute Video about the Coffin Butte Landfill
10/2 3/20 25	KKCO	https://www.kkco11news.com/2025/10/21/mesa-county-landfill-implements-new-gas-monitoring-technology/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-10-22%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:78045%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Technology	Mesa County landfill implements new gas monitoring technology - Meerkat monitoring system, designed by Grand Valley Instrumentation
10/2 4/20 25	KEZI	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nl1-R6CX4Xc	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion Appeal Heads to Benton County Commissioners
10/2 5/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_1460ffc-5962-5945-910e-ac06b809ffe7.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Expansion hearing draws hours of testimony
10/2 3/20 25	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/stinging-testimony-against-landfill-expansion-from-corvallis-state-senator-and-house-rep/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Stinging Testimony Against Landfill Expansion from Corvallis' State Senator and House Rep
10/2 4/20 25	Philomath News	https://philomathnews.com/benton-county-extends-record-period-for-landfill-expansion-appeal/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County extends record period for landfill expansion appeal

10/24/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/10/24/opponents-blast-proposal-to-expand-coffin-butte-landfill/86820213007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SJE-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Opponents blast Coffin Butte Landfill expansion proposal at county hearing
11/1/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_c6a719fa-2341-5408-95ac-30d3de11c660.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	As I See It: Facts argue for closing Coffin Butte
10/31/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_c6a719fa-2341-5408-95ac-30d3de11c660.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Letter: Stick to plan to close landfill by 2040
11/1/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_c6a719fa-2341-5408-95ac-30d3de11c660.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Community's testimony powerful, compelling
11/4/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/politics-government/2025-11-03/benton-county-commissioners-to-vote-on-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion?utm_source=Saltthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202025-11-04%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:78479%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County Commissioners to vote on Coffin Butte landfill expansion
11/5/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/11/04/coffin-butte-landfill-can-expand-benton-county-commission-decides/87011476007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20list%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJE-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill can expand, Benton County Commission decides
11/5/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/environment/2025-11-04/benton-commissioners-approve-coffin-butte-expansion	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County Commissioners approve Coffin Butte expansion
11/5/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_ae2a343c-1831-56e3-a5d7-2ddce70e3b42.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County approves Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
11/5/2025	DEQ	https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sustainable-food-systems/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2025.1634747/full	PFAS	Reining in plasticulture from land to sea: Pacific Northwest (USA) perspectives on agriculture and aquaculture
11/6/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_530cc1b6-dc66-51a4-8364-15bdcb1325f8.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Expansion Approved
11/8/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_2f3a4ba8-4712-564b-a5d2-d76e573985b6.html	Coffin Butte - Methane	DEQ calls out Coffin Butte over methane
11/9/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_f92e10a1-5063-5ad6-a389-8d1765d8dcaf.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Letter: Dumps should not be in high rainfall areas
11/10/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_516659d7-71ae-5549-8c97-0358988ee896.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Prepare to deny the dump again
11/7/2025	Gazette Times	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/11/07/coffin-butte-landfill-oregon-environmental-violations/87146322007/	Coffin Butte - Methane	Oregon identifies serious environmental violations at Coffin Butte Landfill
11/5/2025	KEZI	https://www.kezi.com/news/top-stories/benton-county-greenlights-coffin-butte-expansion-despite-opposition/article_a94d0e22-d061-484c-b0e9-f2d3b74cc48e.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County greenlights Coffin Butte expansion despite opposition

11/1 2/20 25	OPB	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/11/12/oregon-deq-coffin-butte-landfill-enforcement/	Coffin Butte - Methane	Oregon DEQ announces enforcement action against Coffin Butte landfill
11/1 4/20 25	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/podcast/oregon-on-the-record/2025-11-13/king-of-the-coast-king-tides-make-for-a-fantastic-and-dangerous-show	Coffin Butte - Expansion	King of the coast: King Tides make for a fantastic, and dangerous show
11/7/ 2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_785a0772-c342-5559-a823-03055f9f55b5.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	DEQ notifies Coffin Butte of pending enforcement action over methane
11/1 7/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_384f0396-27e6-501e-b039-5be487a0cfd8.html?utm_source=gazettetimes.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletter-templates%2Fedition-afternoon&utm_medium=cio&utm_term=.a823-03055f9f55b5	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Boos ring out as Benton County finalizes Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
11/1 7/20 25	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/11/17/coffin-butte-landfill-near-covallis-gets-final-approval-for-expansion/87320380007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLEITER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill expansion gets final approval from Benton County
11/1 8/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_a6845c40-d7bf-5a6a-bde5-f2ff3c311f8d.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Boos ring out as Benton County finalizes Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
11/1 8/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_9e167ab2-7997-551b-a2ae-e1be15596768.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill OK is responsible governance
11/2 0/20 25	Waste360	https://www.waste360.com/landfill/scs-engineers-unveils-robot-dog-to-boost-methane-monitoring?utm_campaign=IC_WST360DLYWRNWL_R_News_Waste360%20Daily%20Wire_News_NL_20251120&utm_emailname=IC_WST360DLYWRNWL_R_News_Waste360%20Daily%20Wire_News_NL_20251120&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eloqua&utm_MDMContactID=&utm_campaigntype=Newsletter&utm_term=.a823-03055f9f55b5	Landfills - Methane	SCS Engineers Unveils Robot Dog to Boost Methane Monitoring
11/2 2/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_9607babe-49a9-5bd3-a5e4-785e6c05f2a4.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	As I See It: An open letter to Benton County commissioners
11/2 1/20 25	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/california-landfill-methane-rule-update-adopted/806206?utm_source=Salthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20Weekly%20Roundup.%20Waste%20Dive.%20Daily%20Dive%2011-22-2025&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20Weekender	Landfills - Methane	California adopts most stringent landfill gas rules in the country
11/2 5/20 25	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_76e64ccb-8509-5b5b-b59b-bf1e4ef5ab62.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Vote was irresponsible, gullible or worse
11/2 5/20 25	TNL	https://www.thenewlede.org/2025/11/landfill-pfas-air-emissions/	PFAS	US landfills emit nearly a ton of airborne PFAS a year, study finds
12/2/ 2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2025/12/02/polk-county-approves-waste-transfer-facility/87488573007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLEITER65	Rehub Polk	Polk County approves waste transfer facility in Rickreall
12/2/ 2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/editorial-the-landfill-expansion-will-be-appealed-tomorrows-children-need-you-to-support-that-heres-how-and-why/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Editorial: The Landfill Expansion will be Appealed,

12/8/2025	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/landfill-gas-pfas-release-survey-study/807288/?utm_source=Salithru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202025-12-08%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:79603%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive	PFAS	Landfill gas may release as much PFAS as leachate, study finds
12/9/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2025/12/08/coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-opponents-start-oregon-luba-appeal/87449732007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill expansion opponents start Oregon LUBA appeal
12/9/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/landfill-opponents-unite-appeal-officially-filed-and-theres-legal-fund-news/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill Opponents Unite, Appeal Officially Filed, And There's Legal Fund News
12/17/2025	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2025/12/16/coffin-butte-landfill-benton-county-withdraws-expansion-approval/87801418007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County withdraws expansion approval of Coffin Butte Landfill
12/18/2025	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_e5196070-7327-51b2-8e4b-efe3584bbc23.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton pulls landfill decision
12/18/2025	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/county-officials-withdraw-landfill-expansion-approval-will-reconsider-in-january/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	County Officials Withdraw Landfill Expansion Approval, Will Reconsider in January
12/18/2025	KLCC	https://www.klcc.org/environment/2025-12-18/benton-county-commissioners-will-reconsider-their-approval-of-the-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County Commissioners will reconsider their approval of the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
12/26/2025	Tillamook Headlight Herald	https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-approval-buys-tillamook-county-time/article_5fed85dc-5357-4b19-9122-e75096eed3b7.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte landfill expansion approval buys Tillamook County time
1/7/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2026/01/06/benton-county-postpones-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-decision/87973855007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County postpones Coffin Butte Landfill expansion decision
1/7/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_5a42d572-3b25-5bc3-a961-e4650259cc23.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County sets new hearing on Coffin Butte expansion
1/9/2026	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/the-landfill-expansion-and-the-trash-monster-heres-whats-next/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	The Coffin Butte Expansion and The Trash Monster, Here's What's Next
1/10/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2026/01/10/coffin-butte-landfill-methane-monitoring/88069245007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=hero&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill says drone monitoring for methane not feasible
1/14/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2026/01/15/coffin-butte-landfill-expansion-may-be-halted-by-methane-violations/88070916007/?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SI-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Methane violations could halt Coffin Butte Landfill expansion

1/21/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2026/01/20/benton-county-opens-7-day-comment-period-on-coffin-butte-landfill-expansion/88217865007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20list%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	County opens 7-day comment period on Coffin Butte Landfill expansion
1/21/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_391204eb-700a-552b-9121-00b966fddddd.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County reopens landfill expansion process, limited to one item
1/23/2026	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/new-deadline-for-landfill-expansion-comment-and-evidence-tuesday-jan-27/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	New Deadline for Landfill Expansion Comment and Evidence; Tuesday, Jan. 27
1/29/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_d747c5e7-36da-5c39-a2b7-e0b966fddddd.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	A cautionary trash tale from New York
1/31/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2026/01/31/coffin-butte-expansion-approval-based-on-flawed-odor-study/88285542007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20list%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte expansion approval based on flawed odor study, report says
2/4/2026	Waste360	https://www.waste360.com/pfas-pfoas/what-new-pfas-research-on-landfill-gas-means-for-owners-and-operators?utm_campaign=IC_WST360DLYWRNWLRL_News_Waste360%20Daily%20Wire_News_NL_20260205&utm_emailname=IC_WST360DLYWRNWLRL_News_s_Waste360%20Daily%20Wire_News_NL_20260205&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eloqua&utm_MDMContactID=&utm_campaigntype=Newsletter&EM=8bb4c36492afe9b45479f31a358fc9d2621510791ae41e08fc10ad8852fe9f90&eventSeriesCode=ES_WASTE36&eventEditionCode=WST00WAT&sessionCode=S_WST360DLYWRNWLRL&sp_eh=8bb4c36492afe9b45479f31a358fc9d2621510791ae41e08fc10ad8852fe9f90	PFAS	What New PFAS Research on Landfill Gas Means for Owners and Operators
2/19/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2026/02/18/coffin-butte-landfill-disputes-odor-complaints-cites-reddit-poll/88496768007?utm_source=psal-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-briefing&utm_term=Content%20list%20-%20Stacking%20-%20Optimized&utm_content=1074SJ-E-NLETTER65	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill disputes odor complaints, cites Reddit poll
2/19/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_ab2902f1-2bac-5ea5-b2b6-59314e33d342.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill owner offers final word on expansion plans
2/19/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_0c0b3006-178a-5591-b1f40-267b4c0f99e4.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Give Coffin Butte decision another look
2/24/2026	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2026/02/24/benton-county-says-coffin-butte-landfill-should-not-expand/88780813007/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Coffin Butte Landfill should not expand, Benton County says
2/24/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/article_a2486843-0dda-5321-bca1-7b5c7d03004d.html?utm_source=gazettetimes.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletter-templates%2Fedition-afternoon&utm_medium=cio&ctg=c8f30701e9029aed101&tm_email_eh1=8bb4c36492afe9b45479f31a358fc9d2621510791ae41e08fc10ad8852fe9f90	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County staff now not in favor of Coffin Butte expansion — again
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3/2/2026	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/edition/page_2ea8afd1-bbf5-5dfe-b04b-3ec2bad73b76.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	COFFIN BUTTE SAGA AS TOLD OVER TIME
2/27/2026	Corvallis Advocate	https://corvallisadvocate.com/landfill-reversal-revised-county-report-says-to-reject-coffin-butte-expansion/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Landfill Reversal, Revised County Report Says to Reject Coffin Butte Expansion

