

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDED*

***This Notice of Public Hearing amends the January 8, 2024, Notice of Public Hearing.**

The State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services (“Bureau”) will be holding a public hearing to accept public comments as required when certain changes are proposed to an operating services agreement between the Bureau and its contracted operator of a state-owned solid waste disposal facility. The Bureau determined to change the public hearing date from January 25 to **February 15, 2024** (details below).

- Statutory Authority

Pursuant to 07-105 C.M.R. Chapter 480 (the “Rule”), the Bureau of General Services shall accept public comments and conduct a public hearing before certain changes to a Solid Waste Disposal Facility Operating Service Agreement (“OSA”).

- Nature of Changes

The Bureau is seeking to extend the Juniper Ridge Landfill OSA termination date from February 5, 2034, to February 5, 2040, because of the proposed expansion at the Juniper Ridge Landfill. The Juniper Ridge Landfill requires an expansion of its capacity due to a shortage of waste disposal options for the Eastern Maine Region. Separately, the Bureau is working through requirements of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to seek and obtain approval of the Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion. The operator, Casella Waste Systems, Inc., seeks an extended OSA termination date before investing the resources required for the Juniper Ridge Landfill expansion. This proposed change to the OSA will cause changes in the facility’s operation to occur in such a way as to impact traffic, odor, noise, or public safety as described in the Rule, section 2.

Time, Place, Format

The Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, February 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Eastern and Veterans room at Jeff’s Catering, at 15 Event Center Way, Brewer Maine, 04412.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments regarding amending the current OSA by extending the termination date. Comments pertaining to other topics will not be accepted at the time of the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in the following format: there will be a brief introduction, background on the Public Hearing purpose, followed by the opportunity

for members of the public to give comment. There will not be an opportunity to attend virtually.

Please note questions and comments, both written and oral, will be received by the Bureau but not responded to during this Public Hearing. Instead, as required by the Rule, Section 3(2), the Bureau will complete its review of comments within 45 calendar days from the closing date for public comments. The Bureau will respond to comments in writing and make those responses publicly available (details below).

- **Copies of OSA plus amendments**
Current copies of the OSA and amendments can be found on the BGS website using the link below:
[Juniper Ridge Landfill | Bureau of General Services \(maine.gov\)](#)
- **Submission of Comments**
Written questions and comments received as a result of this notice prior to the hearing, during the hearing, and until deadline for submission can be submitted to the address below. Copies of all comments as well as the Bureau's responses to questions and comments will be available on the BGS website in using the link below.
[Juniper Ridge Landfill | Bureau of General Services \(maine.gov\)](#)

All comments must be received by the Bureau in writing no later than 5:00 pm EST, **Monday February 26, 2024.**

Submission by mail, send to:

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