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Mr. Bryan Olson
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Re: State Concurrence with EPA’s Record of Decision Amendment, Winthrop Landfill Superfund Site, Winthrop, Maine

Dear Mr. Olson:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“MEDEP”) has reviewed the draft September 2019 Record of Decision Amendment (“2019 AROD”) for the Winthrop Landfill Superfund Site located in Winthrop, Maine (“Site”). Based on that review, the MEDEP concurs with the 2019 AROD, which amends the selected remedy in the 1985 Record of Decision (as modified by Explanation of Significant Differences in 1993 and in 2007) to add a cleanup remedy for contaminated sediment. The major components of the 2019 AROD are:

1. A cover system was constructed as part of a pilot study in 2015 at the Hoyt Brook seep area where arsenic contaminated sediments presented an unacceptable risk to human health. This also addressed any unacceptable ecological risk.
2. Surface water and sediment monitoring.
3. Maintenance of the cover system.
4. An institutional control (IC) to be placed on the cover system to prevent any excavation or other disturbance.

Current long-term monitoring activities and Five-Year Reviews will continue at the Site to ensure that the amended cleanup approach remains protective of public health and the environment.

Additionally, regarding the pilot study cover system work, MEDEP concurs with EPA’s determination that a) “there was no practicable alternative to conducting work in these wetlands”; b) “there is no practicable alternative to occupancy and modification of the floodplain in the Hoyt Brook Seep Area”; and c) wetlands and floodplain impacts due to the pilot study work at the Hoyt Brook seep area “are minimal and do not require wetland compensation or creation of additional flood storage.”

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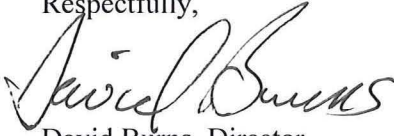
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MEDEP looks forward to continuing our collaborative approach on this and other Superfund sites in the State. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Rebecca Hewett at Rebecca.L.Hewett@maine.gov or 207-287-8554.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Burns". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Burns, Director
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