

## Point of Clarification

Dear Chairperson and Committee members,

The email sent 12 minutes ago should have said "near monopoly", not simply "monopoly here in Vermont" in sentence one of paragraph two. Thank you.

Henry Coe, DUMP Advisory Board member

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 8:27 AM Henry Coe <[henrycoevt@gmail.com](mailto:henrycoevt@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Good Morning Committee Chairperson and Members,

My name is Henry Coe, a founding member nearly three years ago of DUMP, (Don't Undermine Memphremagog's Purity) in an effort to shine light on, and provide public accountability to Vermont's only permitted landfill in Coventry, at the time of its 51 acre expansion request. In short, after thousands of hours of work on the part of a dozen active volunteers, including getting a four year moratorium on the "treatment of toxic leachate" in Newport's waste water treatment facility (WWTF), it has come down to what do we now do with the disposal of landfill leachate, extremely high in concentrations of toxic PFAS. Our volunteers would welcome your guidance and suggestions, as this is a statewide problem, given that WWTF's are incapable of removing or filtering out the family of forever chemicals known as PFAS. This is the Achilles heel of the waste industry, as landfills produce thousands of gallons of these poisons every day of the year. and it is conducted into our State's surface waters as untreated effluent. It has taken two and a half years for the officials in DEC/ANR to admit to this reality.

As for today, I respectfully request your Committee not to concede to the chemical companies ,to the powerful waste industry ( a monopoly here in Vermont), nor to the Dept. of Defense and Vermont National Guard in weakening your bill to clean up our environment of PFAS and to prevent further poisoning of our surface waters. Specifically, the bill should require flourine-free fire fighting foams only, and without exception, to be used. Should the Committee desire to go further, we in the Northeast Kingdom feel carpeting and upholstered furniture and bedding with Scotch Guard, clothing and footwear with Goretex, and other bulky items covered with PFAS chemicals must be required to be separated by the Coventry landfill operator/owner, and sequestered in a site not immediately adjacent to wetlands, the Black River, and an international lake which is a drinking water reservoir to 175,000 Canadian neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Henry Coe, DUMP Advisory Board member