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This bill OUGHT NOT TO PASS. It wrongly prioritizes incineration, attempting to move it from the bottom of the state's solid waste management hierarchy to the top, above recycling and composting.

Burning is near the bottom for good reasons. Some of the toxic horrors released by incinerating trash include:

Dioxins and furans, persistent toxic chemicals, released from burning plastics

Particulate matter, entering lungs

Nitrogen oxides, contributing to smog and air pollution

Sulfur dioxide, exacerbating respiratory illness (Maine already has a higher-than-national-average asthma rate for adults and children)

Heavy metals, (mercury, lead, cadmium), accumulating in ecosystems, especially from toxic ash leftover after incineration.