

Richard Ryan
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LD 1604

My name is Richard Ryan and I reside at 212 Emerson Mill Rd. in Hampden, Maine. I, and my wife Lynn, are registered abutters to the Pine Tree Landfill (Casella Waste Management) located at 358 Emerson Mill Rd. in Hampden, Maine. There is no public water supply in my neighborhood. We are all on drilled wells. We are very concerned about PFAS in our water wells.

I have recently sent inquiries to my local town council, my State Representative, and my State Senator asking for their position and future plans concerning PFAS in and around this closed facility, which, by the way still operates on site sorting materials not far from the Souadabscook Stream.

The responses were not comforting.

Testing is expensive. An expense that Pine Tree apparently has been requesting to reduce, which is why Maine, in conjunction with Pine Tree need to agree to testing. Otherwise, as PFAS contamination spreads into our wells and our waterways, Hampden, and it's homeowners, will unfairly bear the expense in testing, remediation, as well as the impact of future health concerns.

We ask that this LD 1604 move forward.