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LD 2070

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, Distinguished Members of the Committee,
My name is Bill Lippincott, I live in Hampden, location of the still leaking Pine Tree Landfill (PTL). Despite closure in 2010 and 15+ years of remediation, groundwater contamination is still increasing in some sectors of the landfill. In a recent test of PTL leachate, results for PFAS were from 1,800 ng/L to 2,700 ng/L.

I'm writing to follow up on my oral testimony at the public hearing in support of LD 2070 on February 11, 2026 in response to a question from Representative Soboleski. He asked if I could present documentation of PFAS stream contamination from the Pine Tree Landfill. I referred him to the Town Of Hampden's website, but also said that I would submit that documentation to the ENR. So I am providing here links to a map and a table from the Town of Hampden's environmental engineer:

On this link, go to the very last map in the presentation given by the Town Of Hampden's environmental engineer, Matt Reynolds, to the Town Council on August 12, 2024:

https://www.hampdenmaine.gov/vertical/sites/{1FCAF0C4-5C5E-476D-A92E-1BED5B1F9E05}/uploads/Drumlin_LLC_Peer_Review_Presentation_to__Council_08-12-2024.pptx

Note how close the landfill is to the Souadabscook Stream and the white and white outline arrows showing PFAS contaminated groundwater flowing directly from the Pine Tree Landfill to the stream. If you enlarge that map, which you'll need to do from the Town of Hampden's link, not from this photograph of the map, you will see to the northwest a small blue meandering line, which is a brook that feeds into the Souadabscook Stream. You can see plainly on the map the white and white outline arrows that show groundwater flowing into that brook.

Above that map is monitoring data:

In a recent test of PTL leachate, results for PFAS were from 1,800 ng/L to 2,700 ng/L.

The link below is to Matt Reynolds August 10, 2024 Pine Tree Landfill –Post-Closure Monitoring Review & Update for the Town of Hampden. The table is on p. 8 of that review:

https://www.hampdenmaine.gov/vertical/sites/{1FCAF0C4-5C5E-476D-A92E-1BED5B1F9E05}/uploads/2023_Drumlin_LLC_Post-Closure_Monitoring_Review__Update_-_August_10_2024.pdf

And the last four sam thousand ples are measurements of conductivity for surface water. Conductivity is a standard way to measure water quality and the minimum standard required is 500 umhos/cm.

For surface water sampling sites SW–D and SW-E, taking two samples a year from 2016 to 2023, conductivity ranges are from 187 to 890 umhos/cm for SW-D and from 241 to 1046 umhos/cm for SW-E.

You can also note the extremely high levels in some test wells in the south / southwest corner of the landfill and in many other wells. After closure of the landfill in 2010, after over 15 years of remediation, most test wells are still above water quality standards.

If neither of the links that I pasted it into this testimony portal work, go to the Town Of Hampden website, then click on Pine Tree Landfill then go to:

Matt Reynolds presentation August 12, 2024
Drumlin report. August 10, 2024