Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Alexandra Dunn
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Dunn:

We write today regarding the recent letter to Mr. Peter Britz from Mr. Gerardo Millán-Ramos, Remedial Project Manager for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site, formally requesting a deep bedrock investigation at the site. We applaud the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 for formally requesting a deep bedrock investigation at Coakley Landfill, but we would also encourage you and your staff to ensure that this work begins as quickly as possible.

As you are aware, in September 2017, EPA Region 1 released the addendum to the fourth Five-Year Review for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site. In the addendum, EPA identified that "the knowledge about groundwater flow and the fate and transport of site contaminants of concern (COCs) in the deep bedrock is very limited". The recommended action outlined in the addendum was that the Coakley Landfill Group, the potentially responsible party (PRP) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site, conduct a deep bedrock investigation to address the data gaps and possible transport of contaminants from the site. Since the deep bedrock investigation is projected to take approximately two years, it is essential that the EPA avoid delays in completing this critical work.

Protecting the health and wellbeing of our citizens and our environment is one of the most important roles of government. The EPA must continue to work quickly to assess the conditions at the Coakley Landfill Site and ensure that the remedy at the site is protective of both short and long-term health.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts at the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site. We look forward to continuing to work with you and EPA Region 1 to address the public health and environmental concerns of Granite Staters.

Sincerely,

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