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**Attention Publicity directors**

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## **NEWSVT and DUMP Reach Accord**

COVENTRY, VT — New England Waste Services of Vermont Inc. (NEWSVT) and Don't Undermine Memphremagog's Purity (DUMP LLC), an Orleans County volunteer environmental group, have reached an agreement for the withdrawal and dismissal of DUMP's appeal to the Vermont Superior Court Environmental Division in connection with the issuance of a solid waste permit to NEWSVT for a 51-acre expansion of the Coventry Landfill.

NEWSVT has agreed to implement additional conditions on managing Coventry landfill leachate, enhancing odor controls, and providing copies of NEWSVT's official reporting to VT ANR.

NEWSVT will not dispose of its leachate in the Lake Memphremagog watershed or at the Newport, Vermont sewage treatment facility prior to January 1, 2024 unless State or Federal regulations require NEWSVT to amend its current leachate treatment practices prior to that date. Further, NEWSVT will not dispose of leachate in the Lake Memphremagog watershed or at the Newport, Vermont sewage treatment facility except pursuant to a treatment system designed to comply with all applicable Vermont standards, including PFAS surface water standards, once they are established by the State of Vermont. NEWSVT has also agreed to hire an independent, third party engineer to review odor control measures at the landfill facility and coordinate with DUMP, LLC regarding the engineer's findings and recommendations with a goal of reducing off-site odors and improving air quality issues for area residents.

Both parties hope that this future collaboration will ensure that the air and water environment for Vermonters, as well as for their Canadian neighbors who depend on Lake Memphremagog for their safe drinking water supply, remains clean and safe.

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### **About MCI:**

Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to working for the protection, conservation and improvement of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed for the benefit of current and future generations.

MCI works in concert with the various governmental and other organizations, as well as with private citizens to carry out concrete actions.

MCI relies mainly on its scientific knowledge to inform, raise awareness and empower the various actors to ensure the environmental health of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed.

**Source**

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