



MEMPHRÉMAGOG CONSERVATION INC.

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To the information Directors

MCI STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE COVENTRY LANDFILL SITE IN VERMONT

Austin, February 3rd, 2011 : MCI strongly opposes the expansion of NEWSVT's (New England Waste Services of Vermont Inc.) solid waste disposal plant in Coventry, near Newport. The plant expects to receive 1.6 million tonnes of waste. It lies partly in the wetlands of the Black River. This river is the largest tributary of Lake Memphremagog.

President of MCI, Gisèle Lacasse Benoit, said: "MCI urges that the integrity of the marshes of the Black River be respected and that the rules of Vermont, which call for a buffer of 300 feet between waste disposal sites and any waterway or wetland, be upheld."

On 20 January MCI participated in a public consultation meeting held by Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), Division of Waste Management, as part of NEWSVT's Phase V expansion proposal. Subsequently, MCI sent a letter to ANR explaining its opposition to the proposed expansion plan of NEWSVT.

The President also said: "Our position is based on the decision of Jonathan Wood, the former Secretary of the ANR, who in June 2010 refused a permit to expand the site. He said that the company could use the current site for another 10 to 15 years, without requiring an additional phase. It is important to note that the company has 900 acres of land."

MCI also asks that the leachate from the site no longer be treated at the Newport sewage wastewater plant. In fact, at the January 20 public consultation meeting, MCI discovered that thousands of gallons of leachate were being treated at the plant in Newport and this has been occurring since the fall of 2009. These leachates increase the lake's phosphorus loading and are a source of potential contamination to the drinking water reservoir that is Lake Memphremagog.

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About MCI:

Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) MCI is a nonprofit organization, comprised of volunteers, working since 1967 to conserve the environmental health and natural beauty of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed. With a membership of 620 households, MCI is dedicated to ensure that all area residents, whether permanent or seasonal, whether waterfront residents or not, can enjoy a healthy lake for the current and future generations.

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