

Dear Janice,

I'd like this to get to the public record and to the select board.

Dear Select Board Members:

On Easter Sunday I decided to go out to the Coakley dump for a walk on the public rail trail starting in Greenland and walked south. I was shocked at what I saw. The polluted water from the ponds was overflowing onto the rail trail and flowing directly into the headlands for Little River and Berry's Brook. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

In 2017, the NH DES said the unmitigated pollution of Berry's Brook and others was unacceptable. Five years later, nothing has been done. Every month, thanks to our successful lawsuit in Superior Court (Messmer et al v. Coakley Landfill Group), the Coakley polluter group (CLG) has to hold public meetings which has resulted in the public's awareness of their intentions. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for recent stories about CLG meetings. Here's an excerpt from the seacoast story that shows you what the CLG thinks about their responsibility to stop this:

"Of particular concern were comments made by Portsmouth City Attorney Robert Sullivan, a member of the CLG executive board, who said of House Bill 494 and the pilot program, it "says we have to implement a remedy (it) didn't say the remedy has to work....We paid for it, we implemented it and we're done with that." Seth Jaffe, another member of the CLG executive committee, added fuel to the fire by calling efforts to bring pollution levels down to a zero-detect level: "Very annoying. Really pointless."

The EPA recently blasted the CLG for their inadequate report. The EPA has expressed concerns about migration of Coakley polluted groundwater to the south, including PFAS chemicals, even though earlier regulator comments downplayed this fact.

The CLG continues to drag their feet and delay progress. The continued unmitigated pollution of the Little River and Berry's Brook is unacceptable. I'd like to address the board at your earliest convenience to answer any questions.

Thank you.
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