To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Judith Main
Address: 421 E Church St. Viroqua WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

There have been many violations. We don't seem to have the ability to properly protect our quite unusual and valuable geology. Karst geology is significantly different here in Vernon County We have been accepting contaminants in soil VOC - Volatile Organic Compounds go thru the liners - pushes VOC into the ground water. We need ERT testing which is NOT being done. There is a history of non compliance in Vernon County We are not a large scale landfill that can offer resource recovery services there are cost effective landfill alternatives in LaCrosse, Monroe and Eau Claire Counties Please DENY the request for landfill expansion here due to lack of adequate monitoring for KARST geology

Signature: Judith L Main **Date:** 9-15-2026

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
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Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Brian Wickert

Address: 309 E. Decker St Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

1) Geology of our area is unsuitable to prevent Large Scale water contamination. If there is a leak the contamination will cover unrelated Large areas because of Karst Geology

2) Vernon County landfill operators are not the brightest people running the Landfill.

3) There are 3-4 options to haul Vernon County waste hauled to; Eau Claire, Rosiedale, Sparta all have landfills that are capable ~~of~~ of Taking Vernon County waste

4) This decision has a LONG term effect. If the new landfill is Built & there is a failure to contain the pollution from the Landfill the damage will Be Catastrophic on our quality of Water.

5) The decision to ~~be~~ build a Landfill is not a time sensitive, meaning if the Landfill is not built today, ~~it~~ ~~can~~ be A Landfill can be built in ~2-3 years. This gives time to do more due ~~diligence~~ diligence to research the dangerous Long term water pollution. Water pollution is often Irreversible.

Please rule to not allow this Landfill in Vernon County to be Built.

Signature: Brian Wickert **Date:** 9-21-26

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Mary Haucke

Address: 15217 Haucke Lane
Viola, WI 54664

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

We Americans need to stop being wasteful of food – either buying or growing too much, then not consuming it and throwing uneaten food in big plastic bags, which of course go then into a landfill (if not in ditches on the sides of roads)!!!

We need to compost fruits and vegetables, scraps from the preparation of good foods. Stop eating fast foods. Composting is a highly delicate and care-giving (to our soils) process.

The education of our young children is utmost in the learning of: Not wasting their food given to them to eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner!! ☺ how and what to compost, and also what it takes to prepare beautiful locally grown foods, and ☺ how the overall effect of composting as well as eating quality foodstuffs is essential for the young child to begin the awareness and later the understanding of REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE (as opposed to depletion of topsoils by inorganic, pesticide, herbicide use on plants such as acres and acres of corn planted in fields with no alternate strips of other plantings, for use on huge FARMS (20,000 cows, etc.)

Signature: Mary Haucke **Date:** Sept. 22, 2026

Dear DNR Waste Professionals,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to express my support for the timely approval of the Vernon County Landfill expansion.

a. We need our local landfill as a check on increasing charges by large private landfills. Vernon County has always been the lowest costs landfill within a hundred miles. I question if DNR is in favor of large mega landfills just to limit their workload. If disposal costs increase citizens may go back to roadside dumping, using back forty dumps and burn piles and burn barrels as was common before the landfill opened.
b. A local Landfill is especially needed in times of a weather disaster. A few examples are the 2005 F2 tornado that almost wiped out the Village of Viola. It was on a weekend, and the total Solid Waste Department provided assistance with the clean-up. In the 2018 floods they also provided clean up service to Coon Valley, Chaseburg, Viola, Readstown and La Farge by providing dumpsters most were without any charge. With the 2026 Westby hailstorm they accepted 6,000 tons of storm damaged materials in May and June. When the need arises, a local landfill is very valuable.
c. The Vernon County Landfill provides many other environmental services that disappear if the landfill closes. Some of these services are free electronics/appliance/paint and battery collections and especially hazardous waste collections that protects the landfill and the local environment. This time of year, the free deer bone collection and disposal is important. Before this program was started deer bones were commonly found in trout streams. Out of the area hunters stopped on a bridge and tossed them in. They had no other option. The landfill also provides dumpsters and services for all municipalities for Spring and Fall Clean Ups every year. The Solid Waste Department also provides waste and recycling collection services to all County Departments and community activities like the Vernon County Fair at a very low or no cost for service. The landfill is a convenient disposal site for citizens to bring household waste and large items that have large pick-up fees on the curb or do not have any other service provided for large items or small remodel projects. This saves them the cost of a large private dumpster.

These are just a few of the reasons that I support the approval of the landfill expansion, and I encourage DNR to act accordingly.

Respectively submitted,

Dan Martin

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To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Kathleen Kroska

Address: 416 Willow St. Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

Vernon County
I oppose the Landfill expansion.

It makes much more sense with our geology to send contaminated waste to a Badger landfill that has resource recovery services that we don't have. We should have recycling and compost collection but not toxic waste.

Signature: Kathleen Kroska **Date:** 9/15/26

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Jenny Cain email – livingart.jen@protonmail.org

Address: 212 S. East Ave Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I do not support the Vernon County Landfill expansion. I am very concerned about the multiple non-Compliance Violations.
The DNR has expressed in it's July 28th, 2026 enforcement Conference Summary letter "Concern that issues are becoming persistent" & that many of these issues had been going on for years."

I live in Viroqua & Drink the Water. I am worried that serious concerns are being allowed to continue & will contaminate/pollute our water. I am concerned about the people & animals that are drinking water from wells that may be contaminated.

I do not understand why the DNR is not following up on these violations & making sure that myself and fellow Viroquans are not being put at risk.

Signature: Jenny Cain **Date:** 9/14/26

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Karen Bezu
Address: S6794 BL Lane, Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

It is losing money every year and is forced to accept uninspected, harmful products (waste) from outside municipalities in order to meet tipping fees

Because of Karst geology it is not possible to test everywhere for leaking of leachate.

There are preferable alternatives for Vernon Co. residents to send their waste to better managed landfills in the state that can convert waste to energy in a way that the Vernon Co. Landfill cannot.

Signature: Karen Bezu **Date:** Sept 15, 2024

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Jane Keeley

Address: 308 E Linton St, Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

Its leaking Data shows
Karst makes the source untraceable
Neither the clay nor the liner is holding

Signature: [signature] **Date:** 9/15/26

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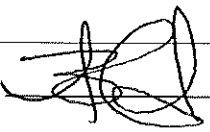
Name: Aurora Boyd
Address: 321 Willow St. Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:
I'm concerned for the future health of my children, who are 10 and 12 years old, and I'm also concerned for my own health, and that of those I love.

We are so lucky to live in such a special part of Wisconsin, which generally has had incredibly clean waterways. In 1996 my mom moved us here from California because it was safe and clean. Wisconsin, especially the Driftless area, is a haven for fresh water and wildlife. I have loved living here, moving back after college, in order to raise my kids where we don't have to worry about drinking clean water. Unfortunately, it seems that that period of time to feel safe is at risk.

Please, do not approve Vernon County's proposal to expand the landfill. We live here, we love it here, and we deserve to live in a safe place now and for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signature:  **Date:** 9/15/20

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Caroline M Glover

Address: E4682 HWY 56 Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I oppose the expansion of the Vernon County Landfill because of the outright superfluous nature of the idea, itself. There is no need to expand the landfill, as there are a handful of alternatives in La Crosse Monroe and Eau Claire all of which offer resource recovery services that are outside of the scope of the VC landfill. The overtly poor management of the VC Landfill has led to a number of repeat non-compliance violations including accepting twice as much petroleum-contaminated soil as statute allows. Contamination of landfill leachate is already happening regardless of the lack of adequate testing to establish exactly the nature of the damages already done.

Expansion would be a waste of money, time and other resources considering the landfill is already failing to meet required tipping tonnage necessary to make it worth the effort to preserve for years now.

Signature: Caroline M Glover **Date:** 9/15/2026

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: noelle wade

Address: 101 Western ave Viroqua, WI, 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I am 16 and I have lived in Viroqua, Wisconsin my whole life. One of the things I love the most about this town is how the community prides itself on taking care of the land and eachother. This landfill represents the opposite of those values and I think its important to keep the community alive and take care of eachother by closing the landfill.

Signature: Noelle Wade **Date:** 9.15.26

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Eric Grover

Address: E4682 State Hwy 56

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I am a father of three children, I hear and see what is happening in Vernon Co. I do not wish to see my children grow-up in the type of enviroment that is heading this way.

Signature: [signature] **Date:** 9/15/26

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Maggie Wellette

Address: 219 Marshall Ave Apt 1 Viroqua, WI

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

With regards to Power pts I would like to oppose the expansion of the landfill.

First is in regards to the damage that has been done to our karst geology & water quality. At all costs, the quality of water must be protected.

Secondly there are many alternatives to a landfill. Here,

Third I do not believe this landfill is financially feasible according to the statistics.

Fourth we could develop alternatives & our landfill can be part of this. Composting, education to reduce, recycling are just a few.

Please protect our precious waters & land.

Signature: Maggie Wellette **Date:** Sept 15, 26

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Kathleen Lofton
Address: 217 E Court St, Viroqua WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I oppose the expansion of the Vernon County landfill for the following reasons:

1.) Pure, clean water uncontaminated by leaching that can occur in our Karst geology is extremely important to my health, life and recreation.

2.) I want our landfill to be the depository of the local area and not serve other cities that have their own landfills.

3.) I believe local control of our landfill will be more effective at containing dangerous substances, as long as we are not profiting financially by non-local landfill users.

4.) The recreation available in Vernon County from swimming, boating, fishing, and the wildlife attracted to this environment, could very likely be affected as well as our health and the vitality of our economy.

Signature: Kathleen M Lofton **Date:** Sept 15, 2026

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Paula Grenier

Address: 801 E Decker Street Viroqua WI 54665-

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I am concerned about the well being of all the people who live in this area — we must have healthy water - specifically for our future — our children for years to come. I just become a grandmother + my grandson lives in this area — We must be responsible stewards of the land + water for this community!!! PLEASE!!!

On that note, these are my many concerns!

1) KARST COUNTRY is where we live - Vernon County is the center - it is highly susceptible to contaminants!

2) I am concerned that the County is asking for "Multiple exemptions to WIS Adm. Code that pertain to geotechnical testing requirements - Nos. 100, 100. We must have proper + thorough testing!!

3) Poor mgmt. of the Vernon Cty is A CONCERN - Repeat non-compliance violations - are not OK!! Even the DNR has expressed concern back in July 2026 — that they are concerned that issues are becoming persistent + that many of these issues had been going on for years. It is how to manage the DNR EVEN considering this expansion - PLEASE look at the facts!!

4) Contamination from Landfill Leachate is happening NOW! That is not OK!! Well #18 shows real Arsenic health advisory exceedances — what? Why would you even consider keeping this landfill open at all. An expansion is absolutely not the answer when there are modern large-scale landfills in neighboring counties (La Crosse, Monroe, Eau Claire) offer true resource recovery service (VC Landfill does not!)

Thank you for considering the NO vote on expansion!!

Signature: Paula Grenier **Date:** 9-15-2026

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Re: Vernon County Landfill East Expansion — License #3268

Name: Mark Kowalw

Address: E5118 Hornby Road, Viroqua WI 54616

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

~~I~~ appose the Landfill Expansion.

The Geology of Vernon County and surrounding Counties is called Karst Topology, and may have other names also.

This Geology will never be able to be cleaned up — once contaminated - it is contaminated forever. Anything put in the Karst will never be ~~Flushed~~ Flushed out - It is there for-ever. This not meant to insult you personally — But why are you denying Fact that have been presented to you. and others in decision making positions.

Please dono't deny Fact's

I appose the landfill Expansion.

Signature: Mark Kowalw **Date:** 9-15-2026

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Julia Buskirk
Address: 110 S. Maiben St, Readstown, WI

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

The current management has not proven reliable in their practices, and our unique geology ~~& geography~~ exacerbates this poor management by making it difficult to monitor leakages and provide any sort of proper remediation because karst geology can carry contaminates in water to unpredictable places in the bedrock groundwater, and our surrounding waterways. I write as a concerned citizen of Vernon County, as well as a graduate of UW-Madison's Conservation Biology program who is particularly engaged in water issues, from working on flood issues w/ The Nature Conservancy, covering local environmental issues for the local paper, and continuing to learn and advocate for proper water stewardship. I am alarmed by the persistent non-compliance issues — 15 in five years, and the ~~apparent~~ ongoing debates on the geology of the area when it is apparent just by walking or hiking our beautiful valleys that this landscape has been shaped by millions of years of erosion of sandstone & limestone, creating caves and conduits throughout where this landfill is proposed to be expanded. The risk is not worth it, especially when there are perfectally viable options that many villages — including where I live — already go to. Thank you for reading.

Signature: JuliaBuskirk **Date:** 9/15/2026

To: Mark Peters, Wisconsin DNR
Email: Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov
Mail: 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Name: Kathy Doerfer

Address: 219 S East Ave Viroqua, WI 54665

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the Vernon County Landfill Expansion proposal because:

I am very concerned about ground water contamination from the current landfill + its expansion only exasperates (increases) these concerns. Vernon County is located in the heart of the Driftless region. The landfill is built on Karst geology where the rock beneath it is fractured and permeable to contaminates from the waste deposited in it. Our water is a precious resource and it is our responsibility to protect. The DNR is tasked enforcing the rules + regulations set in place to keep our water safe. I am urging you to deny a permit for the expansion of the Vernon County Landfill.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Signature: Kathy Doerfer **Date:** 9/15/20