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To: Government Oversight Committee

From:   
Peter Schleck, Director

Re: Committee Opportunity to Reprioritize Pending OPEGA Projects

In connection with today's Director-facilitated discussion of pending OPEGA projects, the Committee is invited to consider whether to vote to prioritize the review of the Seed Potato Certification Program over the review of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

An administrative appeal of the State's decision to seek expansion of the Juniper Ridge landfill remains pending in Superior Court, which is itself a type of legal oversight of this important matter. Meanwhile, the Committee may determine that there is some opportunity to address the seed potato certification program concerns sooner, while awaiting the Court decision on Juniper Ridge, which may provide additional insight on areas of risk and focus for the OPEGA review.

Thank you, kindly, for your consideration.