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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The House of Representatives voted to pass <u>HB 494</u> today, legislation regarding the removal of contaminants from Coakley Landfill superfund site. **Representative Renny Cushing (D-Hampton),** prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

"The contaminants that have been, for decades, spreading from site groundwater at Coakley Landfill are undoubtedly a public health concern. The passage of HB 494 today is a crucial step in finally creating and implementing a remedy for the clean-up of harmful pollutants that Coakley Landfill Group and the EPA have failed to enact."

"Safe water quality is a human right. The health and safety of New Hampshire residents have been endangered by corporate polluters for far too long and too many lives have been lost to toxic carcinogens in our state."

"Preventing future disease and harmful environmental impact is possible with swift remediation of the contaminants at Coakley Landfill and Berry's Brook. I hope that Governor Sununu will sign HB 494 to protect the health of Granite Staters, our environment, and vital Seacoast industries."

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