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2003.0JULY 20033.00: CASELLA IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MRC;
"COMMERCIALIZATION" OF GNP SITE

MRC = Municipal Review Committee, a central Maine consortium of over 160 municipalities who feed trash into the PERC = Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation, a trash-to-energy (at subsidized electrical prices) incinerator in Orrington, Maine. GNP = Great Northern Paper, just up the river from GP - Georgia Pacific, owners of the "Fort James" mill in Old Town, Maine. Apologies to those not more familiar with the "players" please join the club – it has taken us most of our appeal period just finding out who was involved. As we get into the timeline, the various names should become more familiar.

For this earlier idea for converting a mill sludge dump into a multipurpose garbage heap, there is a thumbnail view provided in "Public Private Partnership" section of Proposal submitted by Casella 2003.07.09. The plan apparently was to "commercialize" the Dolby landfill as part of the GNP effort. For some reason that fell through. This was given in the Proposal to be the conceptual origins of the deal achieved in Old Town. The date for this early activity was given as "March, 2003."

[NB Several open questions re: this idea and the unfolding of the landfill deal, beginning with the Georgia Pacific (GP) Old Town mill closure; including why MRC was potentially partnering in the March deal but was not part of the early discussions in the April deal.]

[When Charlie Gibbs saw the original version of this timeline, he asked if "NB" means "no brainer," which was a very good guess on his part and you could read it that way.]