

Press Release

To: All Media Outlets
From: Roxbury Township Manager
Subject: Environmental Standard for H₂S Citizen Notification/Accommodations
Date: June 11, 2013

Due to the increase of H₂S gas emitted by the Fenimore Landfill and to address the ever increasing concerns of Residents in proximity of the Landfill, the Township will be implementing a notification and accommodations plan for residents in the immediate area around the facility. The Mayor, Council and Township Administration take this unprecedented action to protect the residents from the potential harmful effects of H₂S gas. While this matter may provide temporary relief and respite, the problem remains unabated. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Department of Health and Legislators must come forward to resolve these health issues and properly close the facility. I encourage Residents to continue to notify their State Public Health and Officials from the Department of Environmental Protection and Legislation to resolve this matter.

The attached memorandum details the guidelines established by the Township.

The Township Resident notification provider, Everbridge, will be creating a notification list entitled *Roxbury Fen 1*. This system will be incorporated into the Township air monitoring alarm system. The Township has 3 monitors around the perimeter of the facility. When the monitors reach the prescribed threshold, residents who have signed onto the system will be automatically notified via text message and email. The notifications system will be available on the Township website within the next few days. The Township will utilize the general notification system to notify residents of the monitor readings and when Roxbury Fen 1 is available.

The efforts of Mr. Mark Caputo, Health Director; Mr. Robert Hackett, Director of Emergency Management; Mr. Richard Blood, Director of Public Works and James Simonetti, Chief of Police in organizing and implementing this plan within 48 hours of my direction is appreciated and indicative of how seriously we take this issue.

Questions regarding this program and this press release should be addressed to the Township Manager, Christopher Rath, at rathsc@roxburynj.us or 973-448-2002.