



Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry
Atlanta GA 30333

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Fred S. Hall
Mayor of the Township of Roxbury
Ledgewood, New Jersey 07852

Dear Mayor Hall:

Thank you for your October 23, 2013, petition to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing your concern about community exposures to hydrogen sulfide emissions from the Fenimore Landfill in Roxbury, New Jersey. As described in our December 12, 2013, letter, ATSDR consulted with the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and gathered and reviewed the available environmental sampling data and site information.

On April 16, 2014, ATSDR sent a letter to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) expressing our concern that hydrogen sulfide emissions from the Fenimore Landfill may impact the health of the nearby community. We reviewed the February 4, 2014, Letter Health Consultation (LHC) to the Township of Roxbury which was prepared by the NJDOH. Based on our review of the LHC and our experiences with similar sites involving hydrogen sulfide exposures in Ohio and Florida, we would consider the exposures to some residents near the Fenimore Landfill, that occurred in the Summer and Fall of 2013, to present a public health hazard. ATSDR concurs with the recommendation in the NJDOH LHC that corrective actions need to be taken to prevent future community exposures to hydrogen sulfide emissions from the Fenimore Landfill. In addition, we requested that NJDEP meet with ATSDR representatives to discuss the current situation at the landfill.

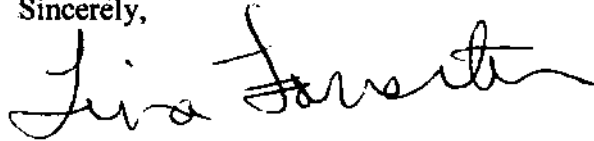
ATSDR has accepted your petition; therefore, we will continue to review the Fenimore Landfill air monitoring results and provide our public health evaluation and recommendations to NJDEP, NJDOH, the Township of Roxbury, and the public. In the near future, ATSDR will engage with the community near the Fenimore Landfill. This will include small group discussions and health education activities. We will coordinate these efforts with the community, the Township of Roxbury, NJDEP and NJDOH.

Please note, as a non-regulatory agency, ATSDR does not evaluate regulatory decisions conducted by other agencies. Additionally, our evaluations will not be able to link any disease or medical condition experienced by any individual or the community as a whole to the contaminant emissions from the Fenimore Landfill. We will only be able to indicate whether emissions may impact the health of the nearby community.

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If you have any questions on how your request was reviewed, please contact Sven E. Rodenbeck, Sc.D., P.E., BCEE, acting Petition Coordinator, Division of Community Health Investigations at (770) 488-3660, or e-mail at SRodenbeck@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Forrester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tina Forrester, Ph.D., M.S.

Acting Director

Division of Community Health Investigations

cc:

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