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By Electronic Mail and First-Class Mail
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RE: Landfill Superfund Site in Monroe Township ("Landfill Site"), Block 148, Lot 37, EPA ID# NJD980505671

Commissioner LaTourette,

I am writing today to follow up on my letter to you dated January 26, 2021. At that time, six weeks ago, I requested a status report from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), the lead agency for the above-referenced Landfill Site, detailing: (1) all measures being taken to prevent future spill incidents at the Landfill Site; and (2) progress toward a final procedure and action plan to resolve the underlying issues that created odor problems near the Landfill Site in August/September 2020. I have not received that NJDEP status report, and I would appreciate its receipt within seven days of this correspondence so I can share it with the Township Council and our residents.

As you know, the Landfill Site is under the control of Republic Services ("Republic"), the responsible party, and regulated by the NJDEP and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") as a Superfund Site. The Township Council and I are looking to you as the lead agency, as well as the EPA, to oversee that all measures being taken by the responsible party will effectively prevent any future odor incidents near the Landfill Site, and mitigate the ongoing trucking operation which is a nuisance for our residents. The health and safety of our residents is the highest priority, and the regulatory agencies sharing information with the residents is imperative. As I am sure you can understand, the Council and I, along with our residents, are growing increasingly impatient for this six-month endeavor to finally conclude, in a way that assures this problem will not resurface.

In addition to the status report requested above, I also ask that NJDEP host a virtual public meeting to provide our residents another opportunity to ask questions, and to understand the (hopefully) final phase

of this project. I request that you please schedule that public meeting within the next month, and the Township will assist you in communicating the meeting details to the public any way we can. The residents deserve transparency and communication.

Thank you for your anticipated attention and response to these two requests.

Sincerely,
Stephen Dalina



Mayor, Township of Monroe, Middlesex County

Cc: (by Electronic Mail)

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