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County of Middlesex

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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

Mr. Hemma,

As I stated during our meeting yesterday, I appreciate your response to investigate the cause and mitigation of a chemical odor in part of a residential neighborhood known as Inwood Estates, consisting of portions of Michelle St., Lori St., and Lani St., close to the above-referenced Landfill Site. However, I am writing today to express my concern regarding subsequent incidents that have occurred since our meeting yesterday, and further stress the urgency of identifying and eliminating this problem quickly.

Just a short two hours after the relevant parties met and inspected the site yesterday on September 23, the odor returned to the same portions of Michelle and Lori Streets as previously discussed. The intense odor prompted an emergency response by the Township Utility Department and Township Engineer. Our officials again identified a significant increase in flow rate and flow duration from the Landfill Site into the Township's sewer collection system. The timing of this intense flow from the Landfill Site again directly correlated with resident complaints on September 23, as you can see from the attached printout from the Utility Department's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") system. A video was also taken of the substantial flow from the Landfill Site on September 23, which we already shared with Republic's consultants and operators. The event and video were also witnessed by Patricia Seppi, Community Involvement Coordinator at the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), who was also notified and quickly responded to site.

The odor again returned today during the morning hours of September 24 and was again related to a high flowrate and duration. Our professionals think there may be a direct correlation between the operation of "Sump A" at the site and the subsequent duration and flow rate of landfill leachate that enters the Township sewer collection system, causing the odor. These are issues which Republic must confirm and rectify immediately. Until this mitigation is accomplished, it is critical that Republic take all actions necessary to prevent recurring incidents within Inwood Estates, including the consideration of shutting

down direct discharge into the Township's sewer collection system and initiating a pump and haul operation with tanker trucks to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") certified wastewater treatment facility.

It is critical that Republic, as well as the EPA and the DEP, work immediately to alleviate this problem for our residents. As I am sure you can imagine, it is incredibly troubling to the Michelle and Lori Street residents. They are understandably concerned, particularly about the well-being of their children, including an infant, in this part of Inwood Estates. I look forward to your resolution to this urgent matter.

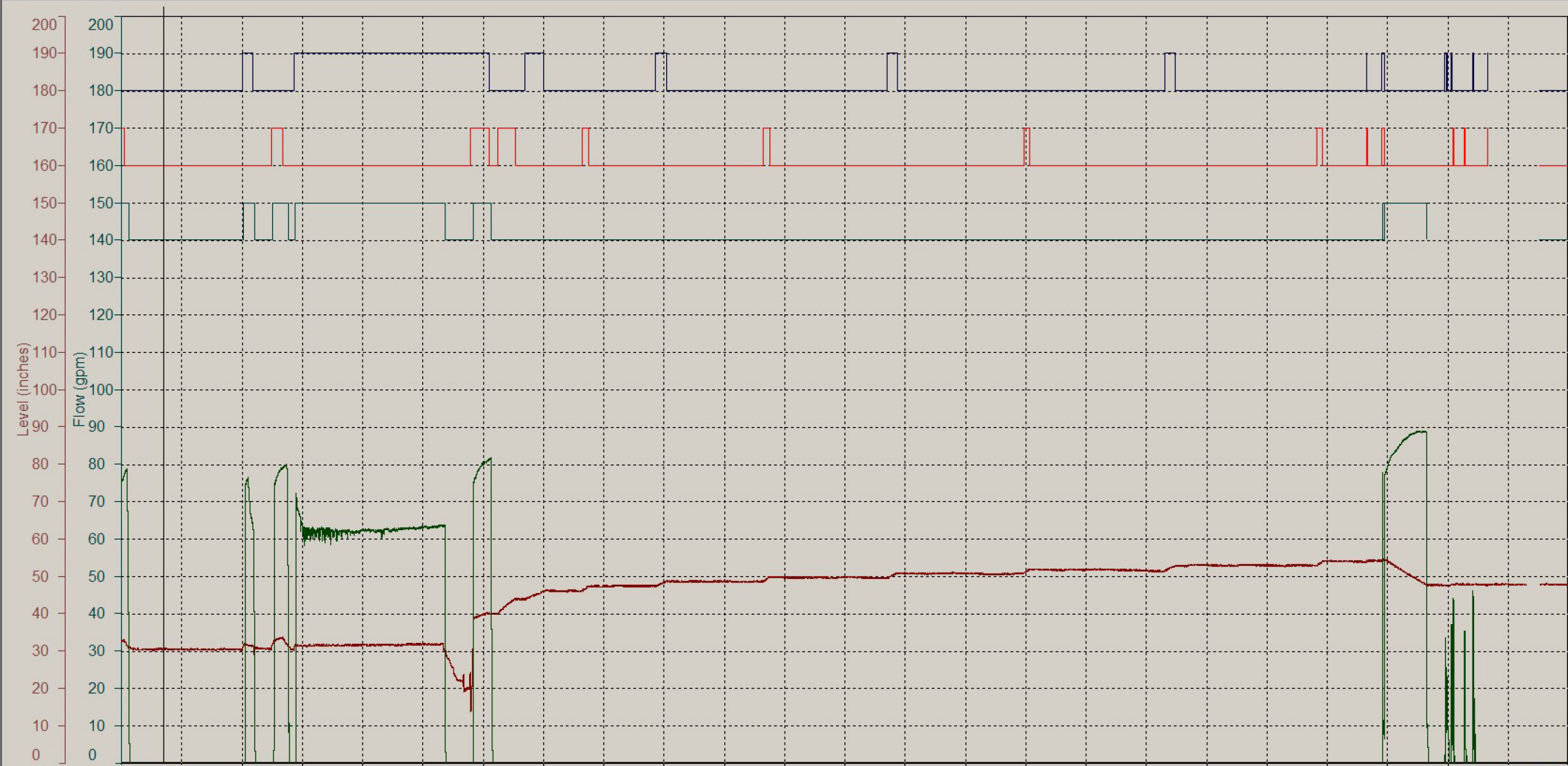
Sincerely,



Gerald W. Tamburro
Mayor, Township of Monroe, Middlesex County

CC: (by Electronic Mail)

- Peter D. Lopez, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
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John Osolin, Remedial Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Patricia Seppi, Community Involvement Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency
The Honorable Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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Pump #2	0	Pump RUN Indicator	BFI Storage Tank Level	30.45	PS BFI Storage Tank Level
Pump #3	0	Pump RUN Indicator			

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