



BFI Waste Systems of New Jersey, Inc.
18500 North Allied Way
Phoenix, AZ 85054

September 22, 2020

Via Electronic Transmission and First Class Mail

Hon. Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor
Township of Monroe
Municipal Complex
1 Municipal Plaza
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Re: Township of Monroe Landfill

Dear Mayor Tamburro:

On behalf of BFI Waste Systems of New Jersey, Inc., which is now a subsidiary of Republic Services ("BFI"), I write in response to your September 18, 2020 letter sent to Mr. Peter D. Lopez, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2. As a good neighbor, we are committed to working cooperatively with the Township, County, State, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and resolve recent odor concerns observed by residents living on Michelle and Lori Streets near the Township's closed landfill.

As your letter recognizes, BFI has been addressing environmental concerns at the Township's landfill site for more than three decades. Over that extended period, BFI has employed its expertise and expended its resources to make sure the Township's landfill was closed in an environmentally compliant manner and to maintain the landfill's closure through proper post-closure maintenance. Among other things, those efforts led to the delisting of the landfill as a Superfund site in 1994 and, in the ensuing quarter century, have encompassed the continued maintenance of the landfill and monitoring of its impacts.

Like the Township, BFI is concerned by the odors recently detected by those living in proximity to the Township landfill. Based on the information that BFI has received to date, it appears clear that the odors are not emanating from the landfill itself. Rather, as your letter suggests, it is our current understanding that the odors are emanating from that portion of the Township's sewer collection system that receives wastewater from the landfill as well as other sources.

Also like the Township, BFI believes that this situation requires a careful investigation capable of developing an understanding for why these odors are occurring and the measures needed to combat them. As the Township is aware, BFI has been discharging wastewater from the Township landfill into the municipal sewer system for a very long time. Moreover, the flow volume experienced on September 16th and 17th (which was related to a maintenance event at the landfill) has been experienced on other occasions as well. We do not have a current understanding for how the flow rates on September 16 and 17 may have contributed to an odor



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problem while similar discharges to the Township's wastewater system do not appear to have created an odor problem in the past.

To develop the required understanding, BFI intends at its cost to procure the services of an engineering firm with specialized expertise in this area to investigate the source and cause of the odors and make recommendations on the steps that need to be taken to prevent the odors. As an example, we are willing to cover residential homeowner plumbing inspections if those are recommended. We are aggressively working to identify and retain such expert assistance. Once retained, our consultant will need the cooperation of the Township and its related governmental entities so that the consultant can fully investigate the source and causes of the odors emanating from the municipal sewer lines. To facilitate that cooperation, we ask that you designate an individual who will be assigned to ensure that BFI and its consultant have access to all of the information required to accurately assess this situation and determine how to fix it.

In the meantime, BFI is committed to actively monitoring the current situation and to implement those measures that it can to reduce the potential for odors. As your letter notes, we promptly complied with your request on September 17 to shut down our wastewater pumps and are currently operating only a single pump at a low volume. Moreover, we have scheduled an onsite meeting at the landfill with the respective governmental stakeholders for Wednesday, September 23, 2020. And we remain committed to working with the governmental entities involved to the best of our ability to reduce the potential for future odor problems in the vicinity of the landfill.

As a good neighbor, BFI is committed to working cooperatively with all of its stakeholders. To that end, we are developing a mechanism for neighbors to report any odor concerns in real time. At this point in time, I am the appropriate point of contact and can be reached at (717) 356-1949 (cell) or via email at rdeardorff@republicservices.com. I trust that the efforts identified in this letter address the concerns that you have expressed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy D. Deardorff".

Randy Deardorff

Environmental Manager

cc: *Via First Class Mail*

Mr. Peter D. Lopez, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
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United States Senator Cory Booker, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
United States Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman
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