

Dear Residents:

Thank you for your patience over the last four weeks as the BFI/Republic Services work at the landfill continues under the oversight of EPA and NJDEP. Many advancements have been made during this period. Some noteworthy dates will be coming up over the next few weeks and we wanted to communicate those to the neighborhood residents.

Next week on Wednesday, February 3, BFI/Republic Services will be conducting **one day** of jet cleaning of the sewer lines between Manhole 1 on Lani St (at the fenced entrance to the site) continue to Michelle Street, down to Lori Street through Manhole 8. This will not impact any sewer operations and is being done to clear any sediment from the lines to establish an accurate baseline for the flow monitoring activities referenced below.

Further, BFI/Republic will install a Velocity Flow Module in the Lani/Michelle and Michelle/Lori manholes to record flow velocity and water level. Additionally, monitors will be installed to measure changes in air pressure within the manholes 1-7 from Lani to Michelle Street.

Following this, during the second week of February, BFI/Republic will conduct a clean water test of the sanitary sewer lines. This will create a base line of rate, volume, and turbulence within the pipes. All the data collected by BFI/Republic Services will be analyzed and presented to the EPA, NJDEP and the Monroe Township Utility Department to evaluate and help finalize a reintroduction of leachate plan which is projected to begin in March.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? According to NJDEP, the project has moved significantly closer to the end of the pump and haul process, ending the tanker trucks crisscrossing the neighborhood. It also means that BFI/Republic will test the system with clean water to ensure proper function and flow prior to introducing the leachate back into the system.

MAYOR DALINA'S LETTER: Mayor Stephen Dalina continues to push for a satisfactory result for Monroe residents and has asked the new NJDEP Commissioner LaTourette for assistance in bringing this project to a close. See his recent letter here, https://www.monroetwp.com/images/pdfs/2021-01-26_Letter_from_Mayor_Dalina_to_Commissioner_LaTourette3454.pdf

WHERE CAN I SEE THE ENVIROMENTAL REPORTS? Last fall, Monroe Township Utilities Department contracted with Jacobs Engineering, an environmental expert, to conduct an independent investigation and review all data and testing being conducted by BFI/Republic Services. Their report on the results of all liquid and air sample monitoring (and all other landfill letters and documents) is available for review at <https://www.monroetwp.com/index.php/departments/bfi-landfill>.

WHAT IS HAPPENING UP ON TOP OF THE LANDFILL, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY TANKER TRUCKS AND WHY IS IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT? Our offices have heard from many residents on other surrounding streets, not initially in the odor area, that have noticed an uptick in work, including pumping, hauling and containment, on top of the landfill beginning incredibly early in the morning. While investigation and improvements were underway in the underground pipe and containment system, BFI/Republic Services discovered additional areas that needed upgrades and improvements to better contain and process the leachate within the facility. Work has been on-going, simultaneously, to correct and install these upgrades. The pump and haul operation will now begin no earlier than 6am and trucks will not exceed 15mph on neighborhood streets.

Our promise to you in the beginning was that we would stand up for all our residents and that we would not settle for a quick fix, rather work together with NJDEP, EPA and BFI/Republic Services to answer all your questions and fix it correctly so it is not a nuisance anymore. It is now nearing the sixth month and it appears the responsible party and the regulatory agencies are finding themselves closer to a final solution.

This whole process has been noisy, smelly, loud, and inconvenient with large trucks in residential neighborhoods where they do not belong, putting stress on our roadways. But you have been patient, thank you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I can have the proper entity address your concern.

Please be safe and stay well, we are almost there.