

BFI/Republic Landfill Update:

As the Township Business Administrator, I wanted to update you on an incident this afternoon. The Township received an update from a resident at 1pm that a red storage tank was overflowing with leachate onto Lani Street, (near Lori Street). Shannon Cenci, from engineering received the call and we immediately notified, BFI/Republic, NJDEP and EPA and Township officials.

Our Police Department arrived at the scene first followed by a Utility Department official. They took pictures and videos and documented the incident. The NJDEP hotline was called by the Township to create an incident report. A representative of BFI/Republic arrived shortly after and stopped the overflow and began to clean-up the area.

This is the third overflow incident during the pump and haul operation, which is not acceptable. Mayor Dalina has instructed the Township Attorney to review what legal avenues we have to further advocate and protect our residents and ensure the NJDEP, EPA and Republic do their jobs correctly.

I know Ms. Cenci provided the latest overall update from NJDEP on Friday, outlining the work NJDEP, EPA and BFI/Republic are doing to develop and implement a safe, long term safe solution for the leachate. The Mayor has asked them to hold a public meeting next month and they have agreed.

In closing, we expect DEP to explain what happened with this spill and what action is taken against BFI/Republic. I also expect NJDEP to answer that specific question at the public forum they are planning to hold next month.

Sincerely,

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