



# Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

## MEMORANDUM

To: Monroe Township Residents  
From: Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator  
Date: May 24, 2021  
Re: BFI/Republic Landfill Update

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The Township is taking several important steps to protect the interests and safety of residents living near the Landfill Site. First, Mayor Dalina has engaged the services of Behram Turan, PE, LSRP, of CME Associates as an environmental expert. Mr. Turan has a wealth of experience designing and investigating landfills throughout New Jersey. His task is to independently review any NJDEP plans for leachate reintroduction, but also to investigate all concerns raised by residents regarding the integrity and safety of the Landfill Site.

Additionally, the Mayor announced today that the Township intends to hire Special Environmental Legal Counsel to assist with community issues related to the BFI/Republic Landfill. The Township will hire a firm that has a strong track record in successfully advising public entities on environmental issues related to Superfund sites. The Mayor will seek Council authorization for both our environmental expert and environmental legal counsel at the June 2 Council meeting.

After more than eight months of formulating a plan to reintroduce leachate into the Township's sanitary sewer system, the NJDEP will likely be putting forth such a plan for public review in the next week or two.

To improve safety, Monroe's Chief of Police sought alternate access options for trucks to enter the Landfill site. BFI/Republic and the NJDEP have rejected providing any alternative access as they are concerned it would impact the integrity of the Landfill. The Chief will continue to pursue other options to mitigate negative impacts from trucks on area residents and improve safety.

We will continue to be transparent and place all updates on the BFI Landfill page created on the Township's website. <https://www.monroetwp.com/index.php/departments/bfi-landfill>. Please continue to contact me anytime with additional information or further questions.

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