



UPDATE ON HIGH ACRES LANDFILL

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HCA HIGHLIGHT: MAKING HIGH ACRES LANDFILL THE MOST STRINGENTLY MONITORED LANDFILL IN NEW YORK STATE

The Host Community Agreement (HCA) outlines the numerous protections and benefits provided to our residents for hosting High Acres Landfill in Perinton. The new HCA is requiring Waste Management to conduct continuous ambient air monitoring for hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) (rotten egg smell) at three locations around the landfill, including at the Northside/Dudley Elementary School and at locations north and south of the Landfill. This is the most stringent H₂S monitoring requirement of any Landfill in New York State.

In addition, the HCA requires quarterly surface scanning of the landfill cover (including the side-slopes) for methane. Actionable thresholds for cover integrity repairs have been established at 200 parts per million (ppm), which is twice the regulatory requirement and a level not performed at any other landfill in the State. This makes Waste Management responsible to perform the most stringent landfill surface scanning assessment for fugitive methane gas emissions in all of New York State. Out of the thousands of readings for Quarter 1 of 2022, only 15 exceeded the 200 ppm threshold. After corrective actions were completed by WM, each of these locations were then re-monitored and follow-up readings were below the established threshold.

Why is this important? Although the primary operational control and regulatory oversight of High Acres Landfill is managed by the NYS DEC, the Town of Perinton remains active and involved in how Waste Management operates and maintains High Acres Landfill. Previously, all H₂S monitoring was done quarterly, but continuous monitoring is something the Town feels is extremely important in order to provide an umbrella of actionable local protection to our residents. This is unique to High Acres Landfill and something the Town fought hard for in negotiations with Waste Management. No other administration or agency has placed this level of restriction and oversight on High Acres Landfill. We will continue to remain vigilant in implementing these enhanced protections for our residents.



HIGH ACRES LANDFILL OPERATIONAL UPDATES WEBPAGE

ODOR NOTIFICATION HOTLINE

24/7

A local odor notification hotline is accessible 24/7 at (585) 453-2416. Residents can call any time.

Hotline Complaints are investigated and reported in real-time to NYSDEC, Waste Management, and the Town.