

# HIGH ACRES LANDFILL

## ODOR ABATEMENT UPDATE

March 28, 2018

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DEC remains committed to addressing the problem of odors originating from the Waste Management (WM) High Acres Landfill and issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to WM on February 2, 2018 requiring them to take several actions to address odors at the facility. This fact sheet provides an update to the one issued by DEC and dated March 6, 2018, so will not repeat all the information contained therein. We will continue to keep the community updated on our actions, and this and other relevant information is posted on the Town of Perinton Website.

### STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE OF VIOLATION

To date, WM has made on-time delivery of the submissions required by the NOV. Some measures are complete (see March 6<sup>th</sup> Update) and the following updates the status of those measures still underway which are contained in the NOV:

- Requirement for horizontal gas collectors: Being implemented for all new cells, and the retrofit of existing cells is now complete;
- The installation of an additional 9 acres of geo-membrane continues, with an expected completion date no later than March 31; (see below);
- Air monitoring for H<sub>2</sub>S at the Dudley / Northside school and around the perimeter of the Landfill property has commenced, with the results now being made available to the Town, DEC, and public on a weekly basis;
- The First Quarter surface scan with H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring has been completed, with results pending.

### NEXT STEPS

- **WM will complete installation of additional geo-membrane cover** on the South and East slopes of Cell 11 Gas collection infrastructure beneath the geo-membrane is constructed and under vacuum, and all the geo-membrane has been placed. Detail work including the sealing around penetrations such as wells, is continuing with a target completion date of March 31;
- **All gas collection mitigation efforts in cells 10 and 11 such as trenching, laying pipe, or vertical well drilling which require intrusion into “old” waste, an activity which has contributed to odors, is complete.** The remainder of the work, which includes the placement of sufficient waste to allow the new gas collectors to function followed by the installation and grading of cover soil, continues;
- **Enhanced DEC presence** will continue as necessary to assist residents and to establish current conditions through direct observation, complaint response, and citizen interviews.

For more information regarding DEC's ongoing actions, please contact DEC at [Region8@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Region8@dec.ny.gov)