



TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

March 19, 2015

Regional Solid Waste Manager
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Re: Renewal Application of Solid Waste Permit No 101494
Tullytown Landfill

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is being sent concerning the renewal of the solid waste permit for the Tullytown Landfill in Pennsylvania.

As is documented and acknowledged by representatives of Waste Management, the landfill has had operational issues at times that have significantly impacted large parts of our community. The foul odors are a public nuisance, often frequent, lasted prolonged periods of time, and compromised the quality of life for residents of Florence Township. Since the concerted efforts implemented by Waste Management a few months ago, it has made a difference. The township is appreciative of these efforts and their willingness to meet with municipal representatives and the Environmental Commission. I believe everyone would agree that it is important never to return to the period when foul odors were pervasive and overwhelming for citizens of Florence Township.

The application process should require Waste Management to acknowledge its continued cooperation and future commitment to ensure that the operation of the Tullytown Landfill will never impact the quality of life for residents in our community. The same concerns are also applicable for residents in other nearby New Jersey communities and in Pennsylvania.

As the overseer of the Tullytown Landfill, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) should place sufficient language within the permit that protects nearby local communities from any off-site impacts that could arise from the operation of the Tullytown Landfill. The language should state that if verifiable problems arise, the facility will be closed until they are properly and satisfactorily resolved. Residents and their families should be able to enjoy their days and nights without concern or fear that their lives might be compromised due to foul and overwhelming odors.

Thank you for allowing Florence Township to place its comments into the public record regarding this permit renewal application.

Very truly yours,

Craig H. Wilkie
Mayor

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