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Dear Mr. Putnam:

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has recently accepted a petition to perform public health assessment activities at the Fenimore Landfill in the Township of Roxbury. ATSDR has reviewed the February 4, 2014, Letter Health Consultation (LHC) to the Township of Roxbury which was prepared by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). Based on our review of the LHC and our experiences with similar sites involving hydrogen sulfide exposures in Ohio and Florida, we would consider the exposures to some residents near the Fenimore Landfill, that occurred in the Summer and Fall of 2013, to present a public health hazard. Furthermore, ATSDR concurs with the recommendation in the NJDOH LHC that corrective actions need to be taken to reduce or eliminate these levels of hydrogen sulfide exposures from occurring in the future. To that end, given our experience with hydrogen sulfide exposures at several other C&D landfills, ATSDR offers our public health expertise and assistance in reviewing current or future air monitoring results, air sampling plans, contingency plans, and plans for taking corrective actions at the landfill to help ensure that exposures do not occur again.

Given that ATSDR has accepted the petition, we would appreciate you working with us to help address the concerns of the petitioners. Please contact Dr. Jill Dyken, Environmental Health Scientist, on my staff at (770) 488-0768 or e-mail at JDyken@cdc.gov to arrange for a conference call between our staff and yours. In addition, we would like to include our cooperative agreement partners at the NJDOH on the call. Thank you for your assistance in advance.

Sincerely,

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