

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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August 14 , 2008

[REDACTED]
Project Manager/Env Engineer
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Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed please find a report on the residential sump water testing program which the Department undertook in the vicinity of the Town of Tonawanda landfill. Department staff collected a sample of basement sump water from twelve homes in the vicinity of the landfill during March of this year. The enclosed report contains a summary of all of the analytical test results for samples collected from ten homes which border the landfill on Hackett Drive and Wadsworth Court, along with two homes further north which were tested to serve as background locations.

Table 1 of the report summarizes the analytical results of chemical testing on the samples, while Table 2 provides a summary of radiological results. Individual sampling locations have not been identified by street address in order to preserve the privacy of the individual homeowners.

The Department consulted with the NYS Department of Health in developing the sampling program and in evaluating the results. Both agencies agree that the results indicate that contaminants from the landfill are not entering the sumps of homes immediately bordering the Town of Tonawanda landfill. The results are typical of those expected in this area and indicate that there is no potential threat to the health of the residents of the homes tested. No further actions are required at this time.

If you have questions regarding the enclosed report or need further explanation of the results, please feel free to call either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] of my staff at 851-7220.

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For further explanation of the radionuclide results, I refer you to [REDACTED] in our Albany office at 518-402-8579.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Regional Solid Materials Engineer

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