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On behalf of the residents of the Riverview Heights area and the school children and faculty of Riverview Elementary School we would like to thank you for your decision for further radioactive testing of the Tonawanda Landfill. As your office moves forward on this endeavor, there are some questions we have that weren't addressed in your press release.

1. What methodology will the Army Corps use in this new round of testing?

The Army Corps, in previous rounds of testing, has used composite sampling as the primary testing methodology. In this instance this method "dilutes" the overall severity of radioactivity found at the landfill as most of the contaminated soil is found in the first 18 inches and is not uniformly found through a 20 foot core soil sample. If the Army Corps doesn't change their methodology, then the result of this new round of testing will be the same as all the other rounds of testing.

2. Are there any plans for testing on resident's properties that abut the landfill?

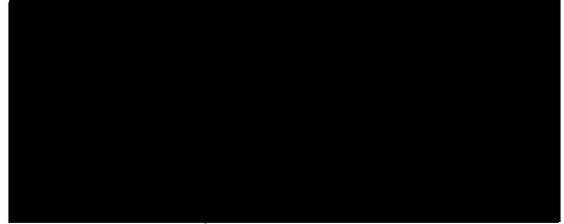
To this day the Army Corps has not conducted any soil testing on resident's properties in the Riverview Heights area. In some instances radioactive contamination was found right up to resident's property lines. The only thing that separates their property from the landfill is a fence. Without a more comprehensive soil test of resident's properties, the Army Corps cannot assume that this either hasn't migrated or wasn't dumped there to begin with. The simple walkover conducted by the NYSDEC only goes down a few inches and is not sufficient enough to ascertain that there is no contamination on resident's properties.

Unless these changes are made, this new round of testing will not only be a waste of time and money, but it will delay the overall closure of the Tonawanda Landfill. We feel that the Army Corps, once and for all, should put forth an honest and practical effort in determining the severity, potential migration, and/or transportation of all contamination as we will continue to push for full remediation of all radioactive waste associated with the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property. We thank you for your time in this very important matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



4th Ward Councilman



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