

Tonawanda Landfill Tough Questions
Information Session
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1. I can look out my kitchen window and see the landfill. Am I being exposed?
2. Can our kids play in their backyards, or do we have to worry about being contaminated?
3. Are you going to disrupt any of the soil and make dust blow around when you do your sampling?
4. Can I still barbecue in my back yard while you're sampling?
5. What happens when it rains or the snow melts and the ground is all soggy? Could water from the landfill mix in with the soil in my back yard? What if I've grown vegetables for years in a garden that's up against the fenceline?
6. Can you explain to me what this "Acceptable Risk" thing is? It seems to me that if I or my spouse or my child were that one extra person, that wouldn't be acceptable to me at all.
7. My kids have been playing out in that field for years. Maybe you could have told me all of this information sooner.
8. So if you guys aren't going to remove the Americium, who is?
9. Have our local politicians known the whole time about the contamination?
10. What's going to happen to our property values now that everyone knows we live in back of a toxic waste dump?
11. Is Praxair going to pay for the cleanup since that's where this stuff came from?
12. Can you tell me what the cancer rates are for this area?
13. Are you prepared to go door to door and tell all of the residents that they live next to a toxic waste dump?
14. I used to work at the incinerator and they did some testing of all of the employees way back when because of the Americium. I have a lot of health problems now. Can you tell me where I can get tested to see if I've been affected?
15. When they were doing some cleanup work at the site, I asked one of the worker's wives if I was going to get cancer from the Americium because I worked at the

landfill. She told me I probably would in 10-15 years. Now you're telling me that you're going to keep the Americium in the landfill?

16. You should give all of the people who live around the landfill money so that they can move away and live somewhere safer.
17. Do you have any plans to reimburse the employees who used to work at the landfill and the incinerator and now have health problems?