

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Catherine R. McCabe  
Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
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Dear Commissioner McCabe:

We write to inquire about the actions the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is taking to address health hazards and noxious odors at the Keegan Landfill in Kearny, New Jersey. Given the proximity of this site to residential and recreational areas, all possible measures must be undertaken to protect the public against any possible negative health impacts, including prolonged exposure to hydrogen sulfide. To address our constituents' numerous concerns, we request your staff brief our offices about the state's plan for addressing issues at the Keegan Landfill in Kearny.

We understand the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) was fined on March 1, 2019 because of a violation of the federal Air Pollution Control Act, which prohibits the emission of hydrogen sulfide in concentration levels greater than 30 parts per billion over a 30 minute-period. We have been informed that hydrogen sulfide levels above 30 parts per billion has persisted at Keegan Landfill. These levels are unacceptable, especially if there is a possibility that an infraction may affect the health and safety of citizens.

Additionally, we understand DEP has entered an Administrative Order on Consent with NJSEA to develop an action plan for addressing odor violations. This plan has included the installation of continuous air monitoring equipment. We are encouraged by news of cooperation between DEP and NJSEA and urge both parties to work quickly to address possible removal of materials causing the prevalence of hydrogen sulfide to ensure our constituents' quality of life.

Public health must be the top priority for the future of the Keegan Landfill. To that end we hope the DEP is coordinating closely with the New Jersey Department of Health to address all public health concerns. We look forward to our offices being briefed about the actions DEP is taking to remove health hazards and noxious odors at the Keegan Landfill in Kearny.

Thank you very much for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,



Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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