



Pennsylvania
Department of
Environmental Protection

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Keystone Sanitary Landfill
Mr. Dan O'Brien, Business Manager
249 Dunham Drive
Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18612-2686
Sent via email to: dano@kslco.com

Re: Nuisance Odors
Keystone Sanitary Landfill ("KSL")
Permit#101247
Dunmore and Throop Boroughs, Lackawanna County

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") has been receiving numerous complaints relating to landfill associated odors. Since January 14, 2025, over 195 complaints have been filed from residents located in the Boroughs of Throop, Dunmore, and Olyphant, the City of Scranton and Jefferson Township. On January 31, 2025, the Department received 97 odor complaints. Three Department staff members were dispatched to conduct complaint investigations that day. All three detected offsite odors attributable to KSL operations. One of the Department staff members also conducted an onsite inspection of KSL that day and determined that KSL was implementing its nuisance minimization and control plan ("NMCP"), but still detected odors onsite similar to those odors detected offsite. Specifically, leachate and/or Reverse Osmosis concentrate odors were detected emanating from the leachate treatment plant and landfill gas odors were detected in the area of the uncapped haul road (approximately 1.88 acres) in the Phase II waste placement area.

Also, on February 3, 2025, the Department received 12 odor complaints. A member of the Department's Emergency Response Team ("ERT") conducted the complaint investigation that day and detected offsite odors attributable to KSL operations in community areas. While the ERT member did not enter KSL that day, the odors detected were those similar to KSL's leachate and landfill gas odors.

The Department is requesting that, within ten (10) days of receipt of this letter, KSL submit a plan and schedule to the Department that addresses the control and minimization of landfill associated odors. The Department suggests that enhanced landfill odor control measures be identified, and that KSL should conduct a review of its NMCP and update said plan if required. The response should be sent to rbellas@pa.gov.

If you have any questions about this notice, please feel free to contact me at (570) 826-2201 or rbellas@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Roger Bellas

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Program Manager
Waste Management Program

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