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Robert S. Hoffman
Township Administrator
Township of Chatham
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Dear Administrator Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 2019 expressing the Township of Chatham's concerns with the evaluation of potential remedies for the Rolling Knolls Landfill Superfund site. We appreciate the Township's interest in science-driven, risk-based remedy and understand the Township's desire for the least disruptive remedy possible, particularly for those along Britten Road.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reviewing the latest draft feasibility study report prepared for the site. We have received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's comments on the draft feasibility study, and we are still awaiting comments from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). Once we receive and thoroughly review these comments, we will prepare our own comments to the draft report and direct the potentially responsible parties that are conducting the remedial investigation and feasibility study work to address and incorporate the comments into a revised feasibility study report for the site. We understand the Township is concerned that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is advocating for restoration activities that may not be appropriate or required by law and these concerns will be considered as we prepare our comments on the draft feasibility study report.

The process for identifying a preferred remedial alternative will be based on the comparative analysis of each alternative, using the nine evaluation criteria established in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the National Contingency Plan. The nine criteria are: overall protection of human health and the environment, compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, long-term effectiveness and permanence, reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume of contaminants through treatment, short-term effectiveness, implementability, cost, support agency acceptance, and community acceptance.

EPA seeks and welcomes input from the communities in which Superfund sites are located throughout the cleanup process. In addition, I want to assure you that the Township of Chatham will have an opportunity to submit formal comments in the record for the remedy selection process. Specifically, once the feasibility study has been finalized, EPA will document the

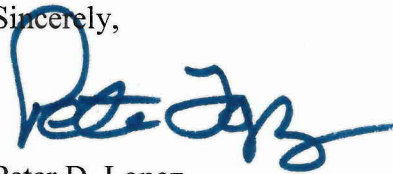
preferred remedial alternative in a Proposed Remedial Action Plan, which will be published for public comment. EPA will then hold a public meeting at or near the site, which will include a formal presentation of the proposed cleanup plan and provide stakeholders the important opportunity to submit formal public comments regarding the proposed remedial alternative to EPA. We also accept public comments for 30 calendar days from publication of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan through mail and email. After the public comment period, EPA will thoroughly review the received comments, prepare a written summary of significant comments, or new relevant information submitted during the public comment period, and will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary. In consultation with NJDEP, we will also prepare a Record of Decision, which is the document that presents the remedy selected by EPA. The responsiveness summary will be made publicly available with the Record of Decision for the site.

As you know, over the past several years EPA has engaged with the community through public information sessions and the Community Advisory Group meetings, often at locations provided by Chatham Township. These critical engagements with community stakeholders have provided EPA with significant insight into the concerns of the local community, which will be considered by EPA as we work to select a remedy for the site.

As a former town supervisor, I appreciate the importance of advocating on behalf of your constituents and protecting the interests of the stakeholders you serve. I want to thank you again for reaching out to me on this matter and should you have any further questions or concerns regarding the site please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 637-5000 or your staff may contact Eric Wilson, Acting Director of our Superfund and Emergency Management Division at (212) 637-4309.

- Please feel free
to reach out
to me at
any time -
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Sincerely,



Peter D. Lopez,
Regional Administrator