

April 2, 2020

Via Electronic Mail Lopez.Peter@epa.gov

Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region II
290 Broadway
New York, New York 1007-1866

Re: Rolling Knolls Landfill Superfund Site, Township of Chatham, NJ

Dear Mr. Lopez:

This office serves as counsel to the City of Summit (“City”). I am writing regarding the Rolling Knolls Landfill (“Landfill”) located in the Township of Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey.

The Landfill operated from the late 1930s until December 31, 1968. From approximately April 1942 until February 1979, the City, along with other area municipalities and local corporations, utilized the Landfill for the disposal of refuse. The Landfill was designated a Superfund Site and added to the National Priorities List in September 2003. Approximately thirty (30) acres of the Landfill are within the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge.

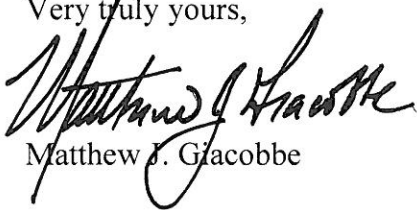
The City has reviewed the draft feasibility study prepared with respect to remediation of the Landfill and joins with the Township of Chatham in support of Alternative #3 as meeting both the Township’s and the City’s goals for human health and environmental risk reduction. Specifically, this Alternative provides:

- Site controls;
- Capping a 25-acre Selected Area of the Landfill determined by a statistical analysis of this concentration and distribution of Chemicals of Concern;
- Capping or excavating a number of additional Areas of Potential Concern outside of the Selected Area to prevent exposure to trespassers, the only reasonably anticipated human receptor.

The City agrees with the Township that Alternative # 3 best address the risks associated with the site. It equals or exceeds the other Alternatives in both short-term and long-term effectiveness and will reduce post-remedy ecological risks to a level unlikely to result in ecological impacts. Further, it will achieve these goals while having significantly less of an impact on our respective communities than the other available Alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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