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Honorable Jim Courter
Member, United States House
of Representatives
1 Morris Street
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Dear Mr. Courter:

Thank you for your July 28, 1983 letter written on behalf of Ms. Brenda Payne, Assistant Administrator of Washington Township, regarding the proposed feasibility study for the Combe Fill South site in Morris County.

Ms. Payne wrote directly to me concerning this matter several months ago. Enclosed for your information is a copy of my July 6, 1983 response to her.

Since my response, a draft Remedial Action Master Plan has been completed and is now being reviewed by my staff. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to enter into a cooperative agreement with the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) next month to perform a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) at this site. The NJDEP will be the lead agency for the project and will manage the RI/FS. The funding for this study will be provided entirely with federal dollars; therefore, no local share is required. EPA anticipates that the RI/FS will be completed within twelve (12) months after it is initiated. During that period, the NJDEP will regularly provide progress reports and seek public input to the study.

Thank you for your interest in protecting the environment.

Sincerely yours,

Jacqueline R. Schafer Regional Administrator

cc: Robert E. Hughey, Commissioner
N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection

bcc: Virginia Williams, A-101

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April 25, 1983

Ms. Jacqueline Schafer Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278

Dear Ms. Schafer:

Re: Combe Fill South Landfill

Washington & Chester Townships, Morris County

Thank you for taking the time last week to personally tour the Combe Fill South Landfill. Local officials and residents have been concerned about the environmental problems this landfill presents. We were encouraged by your visit and explanation of how the Superfund Program could help resolve these problems.

During the tour you mentioned that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin a feasibility study to determine how to clean-up the Combe Fill South Landfill. The State of New Jersey would have to fund ten percent of the costs of this study. The Washington Township Committee intends to work with its legislative representatives to ensure that the State's ten percent share is available. In order to do this, the Township Committee needs to have an outline of the work proposed to prepare the feasibility study and the scope of the study, a timetable for its implementation, and estimates of the costs involved.

The Washington Township Committee looks forward to receiving this information shortly so it can make sure nothing stands in the way of rectifying the environmental hazards of the Combe Fill South Landfill. Again, thank you for your time and cooperation. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Payne

Assistant Administrator

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July 28, 1983

Ms. Jacqueline Schafer
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278

Dear Ms. Schafer:

I have been contacted by Ms. Brenda Payne, Assistant Administrator of Washington Township, site of the Combe Fill South Landfill.

She has written that a request by the Township has been directed to your office asking for information regarding the proposed feasibility study for the abovementioned site. Apparently this information would be helpful to the Township in its efforts to ensure that the state of New Jersey meets its 10% cost obligation for the feasibility study.

I would deeply appreciate any information which may address the concerns of the Township's April 25th letter, so that I may in turn pass this information on to them. I know that the matter will be carefully and objectively reviewed and thank you in advance for your efforts on this project. Kindly direct your response to the attention of Cliff Pintak at the address noted below.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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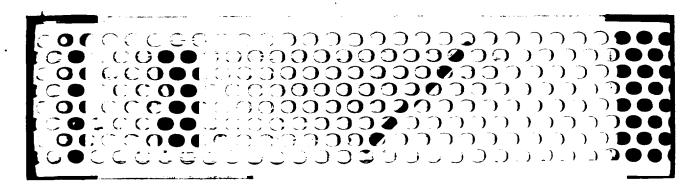
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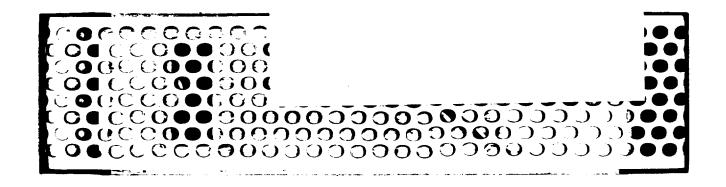




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Ms. Brenda Payne
Assistant Administrator
Washington Township
Municipal Offices
Morris County
Long Vailey, New Jersey 07853

Dear Ms. Payne:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 1983 requesting information on the feasibility study for the Combe Fill South Landfill.

Presently, we are preparing a Remedial Action Master Plan (RAMP) for the landfill. The RAMP will evaluate previous information, identify data gaps and specify the general Scope of Work costs and schedules for the feasibility study. The RAMP is scheduled for completion early this summer. Once the RAMP is completed and reviewed, we will send you a copy. After the completion of the RAMP, it is our intention to negotiate a Cooperative Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to perform the feasibility study. We hope to have the Cooperative Agreement executed by the Fall 1983 and the feasibility study will begin shortly thereafter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely yours,

Jacqueline E. Schafer Regional Administrator

bcc: Correspondence Control



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Thank you for your interest in protecting the environment. Sincerely yours,

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cc: Commissioner Robert Hughey New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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