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Dear Chief Armstrong and Fire Marshal Blevins:

I recently received a copy of the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on January 19, 2023 to Bristol Virginia relating to the Bristol Sanitary Landfill subject to Solid Waste Permit Number 498. Observation 3 in that NOV states that quarterly gas monitoring at the landfill indicates methane concentrations in excess of the lower explosive limit at several gas monitoring probes.

I am writing to request more information about these results. In particular, I would like to know where these probes are located, whether any investigation of potential offsite impacts has been conducted, and what actions are being taken to reduce those levels. My understanding is that when exceedances like this occur, structures within 1,000 feet of the landfill boundary must be evaluated. Additionally, there are requirements to notify local fire officials of the potential landfill gas migration so that such evaluation and any other necessary response can be coordinated. Although the NOV is the first information I have received regarding this situation, I am hopeful that we can coordinate regarding potential offsite impacts going forward.

I am sure that you, like me, are very concerned about ensuring the safety of our respective citizens. I am anxious to better understand the situation. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss, and please keep me apprised of any additional data or information you have regarding potential landfill gas issues, particularly those that may have offsite impacts.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Carrier, Fire Chief

Cc: Randall Eads  
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