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**Subject:** Salem Township Arbor Hills Landfill (Washtenaw County)

Dear Ms. Nessel,

The Arbor Hills Landfill is located in Salem Township, Washtenaw County bordering on Northville Township, Wayne County. It is operated by Advanced Disposal Services (ADS). Since December 2015, the landfill has emitted noxious odors creating a nuisance and health hazard to the adjacent communities of Northville Township, Plymouth Township and the City of Northville.

Residents of all three communities have filed in excess of 5,000 odor complaints during the period of December 2015 to present. EGLE (formerly MDEQ) has confirmed the continued dissemination of landfill odors beyond the perimeter of the landfill into our residential subdivisions and nearby Ridge Wood Elementary school. Often the odors travel over 2 miles and impact residents of Plymouth Township and the City of Northville. EGLE has issued over 20 notices of violation to ADS which have provided little to no deterrence to its continued non-compliance.

On 12/6/18 I sent the attached letter to the then MDEQ requesting that accelerated enforcement action be initiated against ADS. This enforcement action was initiated by EGLE on 01/24/19 pursuant to the attached letter. For over a year and a half EGLE has negotiated with ADS for a consent order to resolve the violations without success. It is our concern that ADS is intentionally delaying the process and unwilling to accept the necessary requirements proposed by EGLE to bring the landfill into compliance.

We believe that our residents have suffered long enough from the noxious odors and health hazards generated by the both the landfill and composting operations at this facility. Relief for our residents is urgently needed. We believe that the immediate commencement of legal proceedings against ADS is necessary to obtain enforcement of the existing violations, penalties commensurate with the violations and corrective actions that will protect our residents. Please advise when such legal action will be commenced.

Sincerely,

  
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Northville

  
Kurt Heise, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

  
Brian Turnbull, Mayor  
City of Northville

cc: Dayna Polehanki, State Senator  
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