

**DRAFT**

December 22, 2011, 6:00pm

A Message from Chairman Karen McConnaughay:

Waste Management completed another day of intensive monitoring and based on their update this evening, we are pleased to report that they are still not detecting any methane in and around the Batavia Highlands area. All locations, including underground utilities and probes in the Highlands area, show no detection of methane.

Waste Management continues to focus on the single probe along Raddant Road just south of Fabyan Parkway. Methane is still being detected at this location. Their work with IEPA to address this matter is ongoing. In addition, progress is being made on the longer-term solution to remediate the issue altogether.

As previously mentioned, Waste Management is working on expanding their monitoring system by installing a series of deeper gas monitoring probes and extending the site's gas collection and monitoring system. Construction has begun north of the former Kane County Sheriff's facility on the installation of gas extraction wells, which will be used as a vacuum to capture any methane that has migrated beyond waste areas. These improvements will increase the site's ability to collect the methane and convey it to the center of the facility to the landfill's gas-to-energy facility, where it can be used as fuel to generate electricity. We will keep you updated on those efforts.

Updates will also be available on the county website, [www.countyofkane.org](http://www.countyofkane.org), and the city's website, [www.cityofbatavia.net/midway](http://www.cityofbatavia.net/midway). Should you have any questions about this work, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Harbaugh, the Executive Director of the Kane County Department of Environmental Management at 630-208-5173. Thank you.