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A Message from Chairman Karen McConnaughay:

Today's report from Waste Management contained more encouraging news. After another full round of testing today, Waste Management still has not detected any methane in the Batavia Highlands area. The testing in the Highlands area included both underground probes and twenty-two other locations at sub-surface and above ground locations in utilities, sewers and other infrastructure.

Waste Management also has informed us that, while the methane continues to be detected at the probe along Raddant Road, south of Fabyan Parkway, the concentration and pressure levels are less than those seen in earlier tests this week. Waste Management also reported that it is continuing to work toward longer-term solutions 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 to enhance the vacuum to draw any methane that has migrated beyond waste areas. The purpose of these improvements is to increase the site's ability to collect the methane and convey it 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.

To the extent that any significant changes take place, an update will be provided to you 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). In the interim, 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.