

2/1/2012 Statement

Work is progressing on a corrective action system aimed at capturing the methane from the Settler's Hill and Midway landfill complex. An existing underground vacuum extraction system inside the complex is being enhanced by the installation of an additional vacuum system.

Methane continues to be detected at just two underground probes located just south of the landfill complex – one near Raddant Road and one on the north side of Orion Street, between Surrey and Nagel. Those two probes have shown variations in concentration and pressure that appear to vary with weather conditions. There are trends in the data from these two offsite probes that indicate reductions in concentration and pressure levels since the initial system enhancements have been installed. Additional data will continue to be collected and analyzed to confirm these trends. There continues to be no detections in any nearby homes, businesses or underground utility lines.

Further updates on test results will be provided next week to the media and posted on the City of Batavia and Kane County websites, www.cityofbatavia.net/midway and www.countyofkane.org, unless ongoing tests show a need for more immediate communication. Information can also be obtained by calling Waste Management at 1-855-964-4663.

Thank you.