

Based on today's probe readings, methane continues to be detected at only two underground probes outside of the landfill complex. Those probes are located immediately south of the landfill complex – one near Raddant Road, south of Fabyan Parkway, and one on the north side of Orion Street, between Surrey and Nagel. After hundreds of tests, these are the only locations south of Fabyan at which methane gas has been detected.

Those two locations have shown variable methane concentrations and pressures that appear to vary with weather conditions such as barometric pressure. Most importantly, there has been no methane detected in any of the homes, businesses and/or utilities which have been tested in the immediate area.

Waste Management has begun installing gas extraction wells along the southwest side of the Midway Landfill. These gas extraction wells will be hooked to the extraction system as they are completed in order to remove methane that has migrated into the subsurface. The performance of this system will be evaluated by monitoring the pressure and methane concentration variations at both on-site and offsite monitoring probes.

Waste Management is also continuing its process of attempting to conduct in-home testing with residents living closest to the two probes where methane has been detected. We would encourage residents to allow these crews into their homes to conduct methane testing and to install in-home detection devices.

Information about the ongoing work continues to be provided through the media and through the City of Batavia and Kane County websites www.cityofbatavia.net/midway and www.countyofkane.org. Information can also be obtained by calling Waste Management at 1-855-964-4663.