



**Overview Gardens Garfield park  
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Lisa A. Vest, Hearing Officer, Office of the Secretary  
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Lisa A. Vest,

I am the president of Overview Gardens Garfield Park Civic Association. These communities are adjacent to East Minquadales. There are over 800 homes in Overview Gardens and Garfield Park. Located in within these communities are houses of worship, day care facilities, McCullough Middle School, Serviam Girls Academy, Police Athletic League of Delaware and New Castle County Public Safety. Additionally the Public Health and Social Services Campus is located near the landfill.

Life near landfills sited in and near our communities is completely different from communities without landfills. We all should be troubled by the height of mounds at this landfill. This permit request is an assault on the Route 9 Communities, environmental justice and the true meaning and purpose of Earth Day.

**Our concerns include the following:**

(a) The underground movement of landfill gas from landfills to other areas within the landfill property or outside the landfill property. As we understand it, most subsurface migration occurs at older, unlined landfills because there is minimal barrier for lateral migration. It is well known that LFG contains methane (a potentially explosive gas), and it is possible for LFG to travel underground and it has the potential to ignite, caused fires and explosions on site and on private property.

(b) **Our communities and local health agencies are aware of and know that some of our greatest health and environmental concerns are related to the uncontrolled surface emissions of LFG into the air.** LFG contains carbon dioxide, methane, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and odorous compounds that can adversely affect public health and the environment. Methane is of particular concern because it is 25 times more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Emissions of VOCs contribute to ground-level ozone formation (smog). Ozone can reduce or damage vegetation growth and cause respiratory problems in humans. Exposure to HAP can cause a variety of health problems, such as cancerous illnesses, respiratory irritation, and central nervous system damage. Finally New Castle County has the worst air quality in the State.

(c) We have been plagued with unpleasant odors from land fill on a daily basis for years. Compounds found in LFG are associated with strong, pungent odors. These smells can be transmitted off site to nearby homes and business. We must realize that unpleasant odors can lower the quality of life for people who live near landfills and reduce property values.

The Overview Gardens and Garfield Park Civic Association request that the Industrial Waste Landfill Permit requested by Delaware Recyclable Products Inc. (DRPI) be denied.

Sincerely,

  
Lee Jarmoh, President