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A Message from Chairman Karen McConnaughay:

After another day of aggressive monitoring, based on reports we received from Waste Management today, we're very encouraged that methane is still not being detected in and around the Batavia Highlands area. Today's monitoring report comes after more than 200 other tests have been conducted at 22 other locations, including underground utilities, in and around the Batavia Highlands-all showing no detection of methane. Moreover, the probes installed in the area continue to show no detection of methane.

Waste Management also reported today that they are continuing to monitor a single probe installed along Raddant Road just south of Fabyan Parkway that continues to show the presence of methane. As mentioned yesterday, they are working in close coordination with the IEPA to address this matter. Again, tests on all sites are continuing on a daily basis.

Kane County is also very pleased that Waste Management has already quickly begun working on a longer-term solution to remediate the issue altogether. They are 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. We will keep you updated on those efforts as well.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates in the immediate future. These updates will also be available on the county website, www.countyofkane.org, and the city's website, 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.