Another day of methane testing in and around the Settler’s Hill and Midway landfills has again produced results showing that, while most probes continue to detect no presence of methane, two probes continue to show its presence underground South of Fabyan.

As was previously reported, one of the probes detecting methane is located near Raddant, south of Fabyan. That probe indicated low pressure. The other probe, which is located on the north side of Orion Street between Surrey and Nagel, indicated no pressure.

Waste Management is continuing its outreach to homeowners in the affected area, offering to conduct in-home testing and the placement of methane detectors in the homes. To date, there has been no methane detected in any of the tested homes. We recommend those residents to allow for testing and to allow for installation of in-home devices. As a reminder, all Waste Management employees will wear visible company uniforms and will be accompanied by a member of the Batavia Fire Department.

Additional probes continue to be installed in the area to allow for more thorough testing throughout the area. Waste Management is also continuing its work to install underground vacuum and pipe systems to draw any escaping methane back into the landfill, where it will be converted into electricity.

As those tests are carried out, we continue to work closely with Waste Management, the City of Batavia, City of Geneva and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to thoroughly investigate the reasons for these detections and fluctuations.

Should you have any questions about this work, please do not hesitate to contact Waste Management at 1-855-964-4663. Information is also regularly updated on the City of Batavia and Kane County websites: www.cityofbatavia.net/midway and www.countyofkane.org.