

NO ACTION



To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
From: Jennifer Thompson, District 4 Commissioner
Date: September 15, 2015
Subject: Landfill Update

The Orange County Utilities Solid Waste Division is hosting a community meeting this Wednesday, September 16th to address citizen complaints of foul odor permeating from the Orange County Landfill. In the past seven months, my office has consistently received more inquiries about these odors than during any other time over the past four years combined.

Although the nuisance odors seem to only impact east and southeast Orange County directly, our landfill facility is collecting waste from throughout Orange County and beyond. A number of potential causes have already been identified as possibilities leading to increased odors including but not limited to the mixing of Class III and C&D with Class I waste, which began in 2013.

I am requesting that Mr. Ray Hanson provide a commissioner's report addressing the activities at the landfill to reduce these odors and to accelerate any actions necessary by our Board. I have personally lived within five miles of the landfill since 1999 and have never experienced odors consistent with what we are now experiencing.

Thank you.

Cc: Board of County Commissioners
Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator
Jeff Newton, County Attorney
Ray Hanson, Director of Utilities
Jim Becker, Solid Waste Division Manager

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