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Subject: December 19, 2011 - Public Meeting on LFGTE

Thank you for attending the Alpha Ridge Landfill Gas-To-Energy Information Night this past Monday. The County felt the discussions were productive; please know that we listened carefully to your concerns, and that we are doing our best to incorporate science and the communities concerns as we move forward. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Two handouts that we presented at the Information Night are available on our website [www.howardcountymd.gov/LFGTE.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/LFGTE.htm). These handouts summarize a safety evaluation that was conducted, at our request, by scientists at Cambridge Environmental, an independent consulting firm.

Although we are not required to do so by either federal or state regulators, we are agreeing to your request to test the current flare for emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), "dioxins and furans." We will also be testing the landfill gas going into the flare for VOCs and mercury. The testing firm is available to collect samples for this test in mid-January of 2012. The laboratory analysis of the samples requires three weeks, so we hope to be able to email the results to you by the end of February.

Thank you again for your time and interest.

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