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RE: LANDFILLS: 1) BOYSTOWN, SARGENT ROAD & DELAFIELD PLACE, NE
2) GOOD HOPE ROAD, SE - (south side)
BETWEEN 18 & 24 STREETS, SE (abutting
Fort Stanton Park)

MESSAGE:

1) BOYSTOWN: Thank you for faxing, on March 9, an updated fact sheet on the drainage problem stemming from the existing landfill at Boystown, Sargent Road, NE. I note, from this information, that "DOH/WPD (Watershed Protection Division) can only provide regulatory oversight (including plan review and inspection) for this project."

Water drainage from the Boystown landfill is a 15-20 year unresolved quality-of-life and health issue impacting Delafield Place homeowners. Speaking for myself, I am trying to ascertain what is in this landfill. Did the city keep records of what was actually dumped on that property (other than a general description of Metro construction debris)? Is the landfill vented and, if yes, in what direction(s)? Is the runoff "surface water" and/or "discharge" from the interior of the landfill? Is there anything more that DOH can do beyond "regulatory oversight" to stimulate, mandate and /or enforce the immediate clean-up of this landfill discharge?

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One Delafield Place resident testified to "smelly water" in her basement related, she feels, to the landfill drainage. Has the DOH/WPD taken samples of the water found in the Delafield Place basements to ascertain what is leaking or oozing into the homes abutting the landfill?

2) GOOD HOPE ROAD, SE: Another former Metro landfill site is property located on the south side of Good Hope Road, SE (between 18th and 24th Streets, SE) on either side of a section of Fort Stanton Park (National Park Service property).

Did the city keep records of what was dumped on this property (other than "Metro construction debris")? Is this landfill vented and, if yes, in what direction(s)? When a long-standing landfill is disturbed, what controls are mandated by DOH to measure possible air and water pollution? What city agency, if not DOH, determines the stability of landfill property for large-scale construction activity? Does compacted landfill property "shift" over time and, if yes, what happens to the buildings situated on the site? Is soil compacting (site preparation) regulated and by what DC agency?

Many thanks for providing answers to these landfill questions. If possible, a response by the end of the month would be greatly appreciated.

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