

DHSS Review of Air Sample Data from the Bridgeton Landfill Area, June 13, 2013

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has reviewed air sample data collected for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) near Bridgeton Landfill June 13, 2013. Samples were collected at one location upwind of the landfill and three locations downwind of the landfill for laboratory determination of concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), aldehydes, and reduced sulfur compounds. DHSS has reviewed this data for evaluation of potential public health concerns of short-term health effects.

VOCs

Concentrations of VOCs were well below levels of public health concern. Downwind of the landfill, 26 VOCs were detected in ambient air in concentrations that generally exceeded concentrations detected upwind of the landfill. However, these concentrations, which ranged from 0.09 parts per billion (ppb) to 49 ppb, did not exceed health-based screening levels for acute exposure.

Aldehydes

Concentrations of aldehydes were well below levels of public health concern. Downwind of the landfill, 8 aldehydes were detected, which ranged in concentration from 0.088 ppb to 1.03 ppb and did not exceed health-based screening levels for acute exposure.

Reduced Sulfur Compounds

Reduced sulfur compounds were not detected in any of the samples. While low concentrations of hydrogen sulfide were detected by the Jerome meter in downwind locations on the same day, those concentrations were less than the detection limits of the laboratory analysis. During the 4-hour sample collection period, reduced sulfur compounds were also not detected by the AreaRAE monitor located in nearby downwind locations.