

DHSS Review of Monthly Total Reduced Sulfur (TRS) Air Sample Data from the Bridgeton Landfill Area, August 7, 2017

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has reviewed laboratory air sample data for total reduced sulfur (TRS) compounds collected for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) near Bridgeton Landfill on August 7, 2017. Samples were collected at one location upwind of the landfill and one location downwind of the landfill. DHSS has reviewed this data for evaluation of potential public health concerns of short-term health effects.

Hydrogen Sulfide and Other Reduced Sulfur Compounds

Hydrogen sulfide and other reduced sulfur compounds were not detected in the upwind or downwind laboratory air samples. Hydrogen sulfide was periodically detected by the Jerome meter during routine monitoring on the same day; however, those concentrations were less than the detection limits of the laboratory analysis. Total reduced sulfur compounds were also detected by AreaRAE monitors on the same day; however, the concentrations of individual compounds that contributed to the total concentrations were apparently less than the detection limits of the laboratory analysis.

Sulfur Dioxide

Sulfur dioxide is also included in the analysis method for TRS, but was not detected in the upwind or downwind laboratory samples. Sulfur dioxide was detected by one AreaRAE monitor during routine monitoring on the same day; however, those concentrations were less than the detection limits of the laboratory analysis.