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Via email Andrea.Wortzel@troutman.com

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for reaching out. It is important that we maintain dialogue as we address the quarry landfill because we recognize its importance to the shared community of Bristol. Since we received your letter, Bristol, Virginia has been visited by DEQ Director Mike Rolband (on April 2nd) as part of his tour of Southwest Virginia sites, and had a separate routine inspection from DEQ that found no violations. We will be sending documents via a separate link, and will include the no-deficiency letter from DEQ with that transmission.

The City is managing the extensive gas collection system built on the landfill, maintaining the leachate collection system, continuing air monitoring as ordered by Judge Jones, designing and will be constructing an equalization tank system that will include two 500,000 gallon tanks to assist in the treatment of leachate, and installing a permanent larger flare to handle the collected gases at the site. The City has not undertaken any major projects that would cause an uptick in odors or would change the composition of leachate. However, some maintenance activities may cause slight increases in odors from time-to-time. A week by week listing of activities on the landfill is available at <https://bristolvalandfill.org/>. Other projects, like the design of the equalization tank, are not listed here, but are underway. Bristol, Virginia has also posted the monthly compliance reports through March, 2025, as well as the quarterly EVOH Deployment Suitability Assessments. Thank you for noting the omission of the compliance reports; this was an oversight, but compliance reports are available here: [Resources/FAQs - Bristol Quarry Landfill](#). We will provide them by the separate file download link.

The City has noted an increase in odor complaints, though the complaints are still significantly below the levels from before the installation of the sidewall odor mitigation system. To address the complaints, the City has worked to support the sidewall odor mitigation system, reinforcing its seal with 360 tons of dirt. In October 2024, the City updated its odor reporting forms on the internet. Additionally, per the Consent Final Order entered by Judge Jones, the City continues its conduct of continuous air monitoring around the Quarry Landfill. The City's

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experts analyze the collected data, posting weekly air monitoring report summaries. The air monitoring reports are published at [Air Sampling and Air Monitoring - Bristol Quarry Landfill](#). We will include the 2025 air monitoring reports in the file send, as well as a compilation of odor complaint tracking. If you have problems accessing the air monitoring reports, please let us know.

No changes have been made to the consent decree since DEQ extended the time period for deployment of the EVOH membrane. The City continues to assess the suitability of EVOH deployment, with its most recent quarterly report to DEQ being on April 10, 2025. It is available at [EVOH-Deploy-Suitability-Assessment-5-v1.0.pdf](#), along with all of the quarterly reports submitted thus far. We will include those reports in the file download.

In highlighting the City's work, we need to address the seriousness of the City's financial investment in landfill remediation. The 17,000 citizens of Bristol, Virginia have borrowed \$30,710,000, and after increasing a variety of fees and taxes in 2023 and 2024, the City did not raise any fees this year. Though the Commonwealth generously provided \$26.5 million for landfill remediation, that amount does not come close to what Bristol, Virginia has borrowed and spent on the landfill. Additionally, the money allocated to the City by the General Assembly of Virginia and administered by DEQ is only for reimbursement of monies already spent on remediation activities for the Quarry Landfill. Finally, Bristol anticipates spending \$12,106,633 over the next year, just for landfill upkeep and maintenance.

If you would like to arrange for your expert to visit the quarry landfill, please let us know. He last visited the quarry landfill in April 2024 and we would be happy to have him view the site again. Additionally, Bristol, Virginia is holding another open house with its consultants in attendance to answer questions on May 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Bristol Council Chamber to give the public an opportunity to learn more about progress on the landfill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin B. Ashwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" and last name "Ashwell" being clearly legible, and "B." in the middle.

Erin B. Ashwell

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