

# news release

**For Immediate Release:**

## **SPSA Takes Further Action to Respond to Possible Landfill Odor Complaints**

(Chesapeake, VA--March 12, 2010)-- SPSA, the operator of the Regional Landfill located on Route 58 in Suffolk, is taking action in response to odor complaints from residents along the Nansemond Parkway corridor. At its special meeting convened on March 8, 2010, SPSA's Board of Directors authorized the trash agency to contract with SCS Engineers of Norfolk to conduct an in-depth air quality study to identify the sources of the odors. The SCS study will include collecting landfill-source to-air samples for laboratory and field analysis, as well as samples from areas surrounding the facility and modeling local air dispersion patterns. SCS will prepare a report of its findings to present to the Board at its April or May Board meeting.

In addition, the Board instructed SPSA's Landfill staff to continue the operational controls already implemented to mitigate odors, including covering incoming wastes more frequently, and expediting the installation of a temporary gas collection system in Cell VI, the active landfill cell. A permanent gas collection system similar to the one installed in and around Cells I-V of the landfill will also be installed around Cell VI.

SPSA's Executive Director, Rowland L. Taylor, said that identifying the cause of the odors and remediating sources is SPSA's top priority. "SPSA takes pride in being a good neighbor to all communities that host our facilities. We will work closely with local and state regulatory officials to address this situation as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, Suffolk citizens who notice an objectionable odor near their homes are asked to contact SPSA at (757) 417-5251 to report the date, time and location where the smell is observed. SPSA and/or SCS personnel will promptly respond to these reports to take odor readings and/or collect air samples for analysis.

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