



St. Bernard Landfill Status Report

July 15, 2010



This status report is being issued on behalf of the Office of Mayor William (Bill) C. Burkhardt and the St. Bernard City Council. As many of you know, much attention has been brought to the City of St. Bernard recently via local print, radio and television news media. This attention has focused on the City's efforts to address environmental issues at the former St. Bernard Landfill (also known as the Bank Avenue Landfill).

The City appreciates the interest and concerns expressed by local media and affected residents regarding the Landfill. However, the City wanted to provide clarification of a number of issues and promote the release of accurate and factual information.

The City has carefully monitored the Bank Avenue Landfill over the past decade and has installed various engineering controls to protect the health and welfare of neighboring residents and the community. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Health Assessment Section (HAS) of the Ohio Department of Health, recently evaluated sampling results collected by the U.S. EPA from several homes on Bank Avenue near the Landfill. On June 23, 2010, ATSDR released the following conclusion on current health risks associated with the Landfill:

"HAS concludes that the levels of methane and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in and under Bank Avenue homes at the Bank Avenue Landfill site are not expected to harm people's health at this time. The reason for this is that methane gas and VOC levels are below levels of health concern."

Source: Health Consultation, Methane Gas & Vapor Intrusion Concerns Bank Avenue Landfill Site, St. Bernard, Hamilton County, Ohio – Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), June 23, 2010.

The City wishes to assure all residents and particularly those directly impacted by this study that efforts to monitor, and where necessary, fix environmental concerns at the Landfill remain a top priority. The City appreciates the cooperation provided by Bank Avenue residents in the past and we hope that a similar level of cooperation and patience is provided as we proceed with ongoing monitoring and post-closure maintenance of the Bank Avenue Landfill.

Thank You