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Subject of Testimony: Landfill Odor

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Written Testimony:

Today's temperature inversion enriched the familiar landfill odor we've come to know over the decades. We live about a mile west of the landfill, and most days the breeze tends to flow away from us. But today, the odor ranked highly, if you get my drift. Our area is lower than along 99W, and generally fog lifts as we head that direction. Today was an exception, as all the way into Corvallis, the air was thick and rancid. The fetid air was the predominant subject of conversation. An hour or more later, we headed back home. This time, our depression area was clearing up and sunny. But then we noticed an orangish cloud, almost resembling smoke, emanating directly off the side of the landfill, and heading east. People in that direction must not have been pleased. It's definitely not the first time we've observed that orange cloud, either by sight or smell.

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