
Odors and trash from the landfill

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We live just off of Independence Hy, on Quailwood drive, near Ryals and have been here for over 35 years. When we moved out here, we did not notice any odor, but the smell from the landfill keeps getting more frequent and worse, especially in the past 10 to 15 years. We smell it very frequently when the wind is coming out of the north, which is common in the summer. This is when we want to enjoy the outdoors, but the odor makes it hard to enjoy. We also get odor in the winter when the wind is out of the north or is stagnant. We aren't outside as much in the winter, but it is still an acrid smell that is very unpleasant. I would say that on average, we smell the dump 2 or 3 days a week. This odor is telling us that the air is unhealthy. This smell reduces the desirability of our neighborhood.

Another issue with the dump is all of the trash that blows out of the garbage trucks and other vehicles taking trash to the dump on Independence highway. The highway shoulders and adjacent fields are always getting littered with trash.

This landfill is way too close to many homes to allow it to grow by a huge amount and cause even worse air pollution with its obnoxious and harmful emissions.

Please don't allow the landfill to expand in this location.

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