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Kimberly A Merchant
NYSDEC Region 8 Headquarters
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Re: Seneca Meadows, Inc. (SMI)
Application to Modify DEC Permit #8-4532-00023/00001
State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Scoping Process – Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Ms. Merchant:

The Seneca County Health Department strives to protect the health of our residents by supporting safe, healthy environments where our residents live, work and play. Given that SMI, Inc. is seeking to obtain approval for a permit modification from the DEC to allow for continued waste disposal through development of the area referred to as the SMI Valley Infill, and because this office has received intermittent complaints about SMI operations from area businesses located in close proximity to the landfill, we are respectfully requesting that the following issues be addressed by the EIS during the SEQR scoping process.

1. Evaluation of the facility's odor management system and its' process for addressing odor complaints.
 - a. Evaluation of the components of the odors/gas being emitted by the landfill operations as well as the routine monitoring that is being performed.
 - b. Submission of any air monitoring data to the health experts at the NYSDOH Bureau of Toxic Substances Assessment (BTSA) for their review and analysis.
2. Evaluation of the leachate management system.
 - a. An assessment of the current practice of discharging treated leachate into the sanitary sewer system including whether there may be acceptable/feasible alternatives to the current practice.
 - b. Submission of leachate monitoring data to the health experts at the NYSDOH Bureau of Toxic Substances Assessment (BTSA) for their review and analysis.
3. An overall analysis report of all measures currently in place to protect the health and safety of the surrounding community and an assessment of the adequacy of those measures including whether additional mitigation strategies will be necessary should the permit modification be approved by DEC. This written report should compile the analysis and assessment data together for an overall presentation that should be submitted to the NYSDOH BTSA.

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It is our expectation that the reports and information requested in this letter would be provided to NYSDOH BTSA in a timeframe that allows that agency adequate time to review and submit comments on those documents. We know that DEC shares our goal of protecting our community from any potential harmful effects from the SMI, Inc. landfill operation and we appreciate your consideration of our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions about the information in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Scott King
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