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Re: DEC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Amendments to 6 NYCRR Part 360 (Solid Waste Management Facilities) and Part 363 (Landfills) governing landfill leachate treatment

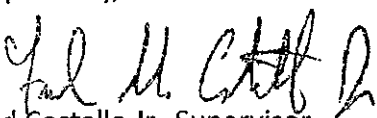
Dear Ms. Brown,

As a town located on the Hudson River, the quality of its water is of paramount importance to it and its residents. Revelations over the past several years of PFAS pollution from landfill leachate are particularly alarming and cannot continue to be ignored.

We have reviewed the proposed DEC rulemaking as well as your comments regarding it and are generally supportive of them. Our closed landfill's leachate contains PFAS compounds, as do the closed landfills of many communities along the Hudson River. Thus, the proposed DEC rule's apparent exemption for closed landfills is not comprehensible and, like Riverkeeper, we object to it. We also recognize that remediation is beyond the fiscal means of municipalities like ours and will require funding from DEC to come about.

Thank you for your call to action to address these matters. We support amending this rule so that it applies to closed landfills and provides funds for necessary PFAS remediation.

Respectfully,


Fred Costello Jr., Supervisor