

# BOROUGH OF DUNMORE



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RE: Dunmore Borough

Mr. Bedrin:

As you are aware, on Thursday, September 24, 2015 a substance was discharged into Scranton's combined sewer system creating a smell that prompted an evacuation of Saint Joseph's Center, a multifaceted facility that provides service to hundreds of disabled children and a hotel located both within our municipality. Initially, it was reported that "untreated leachate" may be that substance discharged from Keystone Sanitary Landfill. Since that report, we now are informed through media outlets that the "investigation is ongoing without definite answers" and twenty entities are being studied.

Even though borough services were utilized that day, Borough Council has yet to be contacted, receive confirmation of what the substance and/or odor was, the source of where it was discharged from, and most importantly your plan to ensure this doesn't reoccur.

As you can imagine, we as municipal officials have received numerous complaints regarding the obscene odors emanating from that discharge. Without the ability to provide answers to our borough residents and businesses that entrust us is unacceptable.

As many others, we too are anxiously awaiting your complete and thorough investigation into that matter. Upon completion of that analysis, Borough Council would like a written response answering the questions noted above and the steps being taken to safeguard that the likeliness of that disastrous discharge will never happen again.

Thank you in advance for your time, diligence and immediate attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dunmore Borough Council

Cc: Eugene P. Barrett, Executive Director, Scranton Sewer Authority