

Community Cancer Concerns Related to Montville Landfill

Community Report

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Given several concerns raised by community members regarding the Montville Landfill, the Medina County Health Department (MCHD) is sharing the following information to help residents understand the current situation.

History of Montville Landfill

The Montville Landfill stopped accepting material in 1985, with official closure in 1995, and is under the authority of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). The landfill, like all landfills, is required to have post-closure care for health and environmental protection. At the Montville Landfill, this includes annual and semi-annual inspections and quarterly inspections of the property. These inspections include groundwater quality monitoring and explosive gas monitoring. If a hazard is identified, Ohio EPA would then notify MCHD. In 2022, there was a methane gas concern identified on the site. The issue was resolved with no threat to the public. Outside of that methane concern, no other concerns have been identified by Ohio EPA. Active air and water monitoring for any potential hazard to the public is ongoing. If any threat were identified, including any cancer-causing hazards, MCHD would notify the public.

At this time, there is no indication that anything of concern has migrated off the landfill. If you have municipal water, there is no need for concern as your water supply does not come from the landfill area. If you have a well, your well can be tested for contaminants you may be concerned about. For questions about testing your well water, call us at 330-723-9688, option 3.

Cancer Questions and Concerns Related to Montville Landfill

MCHD monitors cancer rates throughout Medina County using official data from the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS). Since 1992 all Ohio providers of medical care are required to report diagnosed cases of cancer to OCISS in accordance with Ohio law. In response to community cancer concerns, MCHD works closely with the Ohio Department of Health to determine if the number of cases of a specific cancer type in a specific area is higher than we would expect based on state and national cancer rates. If a cancer type was found to be higher than expected in a specific geographical area, MCHD would notify the public. Age-adjusted all-cancer incidence rates for the census tracts that include the Montville Landfill area are similar to the county overall for the ten-year period of 2015-2024 and have not warranted further investigation at this time.

It is often not just one factor that increases a person's risk of developing cancer. Cancer most often results from a complex interaction of multiple factors that occur over time. These can include lifestyle factors, genetic factors, occupational factors, and environmental factors. When looking at cancer cases, it is important to consider that different cancer types have different known risk factors that can cause that type of cancer. In other words, the causes of cancer are complex and can vary greatly. Cancer data summaries are available on both the MCHD website as well as the Ohio Department of Health website.

For more information on the known factors that increase a person's risk of developing cancer, see the [Cancer Risk Factors](#) factsheet created by the Ohio Department of Health. MCHD will continue to monitor cancer data in Medina County as well as any potentially hazardous conditions related to the Montville Landfill.

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