



Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry
Atlanta GA 30333

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Dr. Carmine F. Vasile
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Patchogue, New York 11772

Dear Dr. Vasile:

Thank you for your letter dated October 29, 2008, sent by facsimile to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) regarding your concerns for the Brookhaven Landfill in Suffolk County, New York. In your letter you indicated you are concerned that local residents using private wells or the municipal water system may be exposed to groundwater contaminants released from the Brookhaven Landfill. ATSDR considers your correspondence to be a petition for public health assessment activities. This letter is sent to confirm our receipt of your petition and provide information about how your request will be addressed.

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, also known as Superfund), Congress provided ATSDR with the authority to conduct certain public health assessment activities following a request from a community member. The ATSDR Petition Program is designed to identify whether a community member's request is a question that can be evaluated by ATSDR.

ATSDR conducts public health assessment activities to determine whether people have been, or are currently being exposed to hazardous substances released into the environment from a hazardous waste site. ATSDR then evaluates whether the exposure is harmful, or potentially harmful, and should therefore be stopped or reduced. This evaluation is based on the available environmental monitoring data typically gathered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental regulatory agency. It is important to note that ATSDR's public health assessment activities are not able to determine the cause of an individual's disease or identify whether a particular exposure caused a disease.

We will begin by working with the New York State Department of Health and other relevant state and federal agencies to gather the available information related to your specific concern. After the information is reviewed, we will send you a second letter to describe the information we reviewed and to advise you as to whether additional public health assessment activities will be necessary to address your concerns.

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Thank you for forwarding your concerns to ATSDR. If you have any additional questions regarding ATSDR's process to review this petition request please contact CAPT Susan Neurath, ATSDR Petition Coordinator, at (770) 488-3368 or SNeurath@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Cibulas Jr." in a cursive script.

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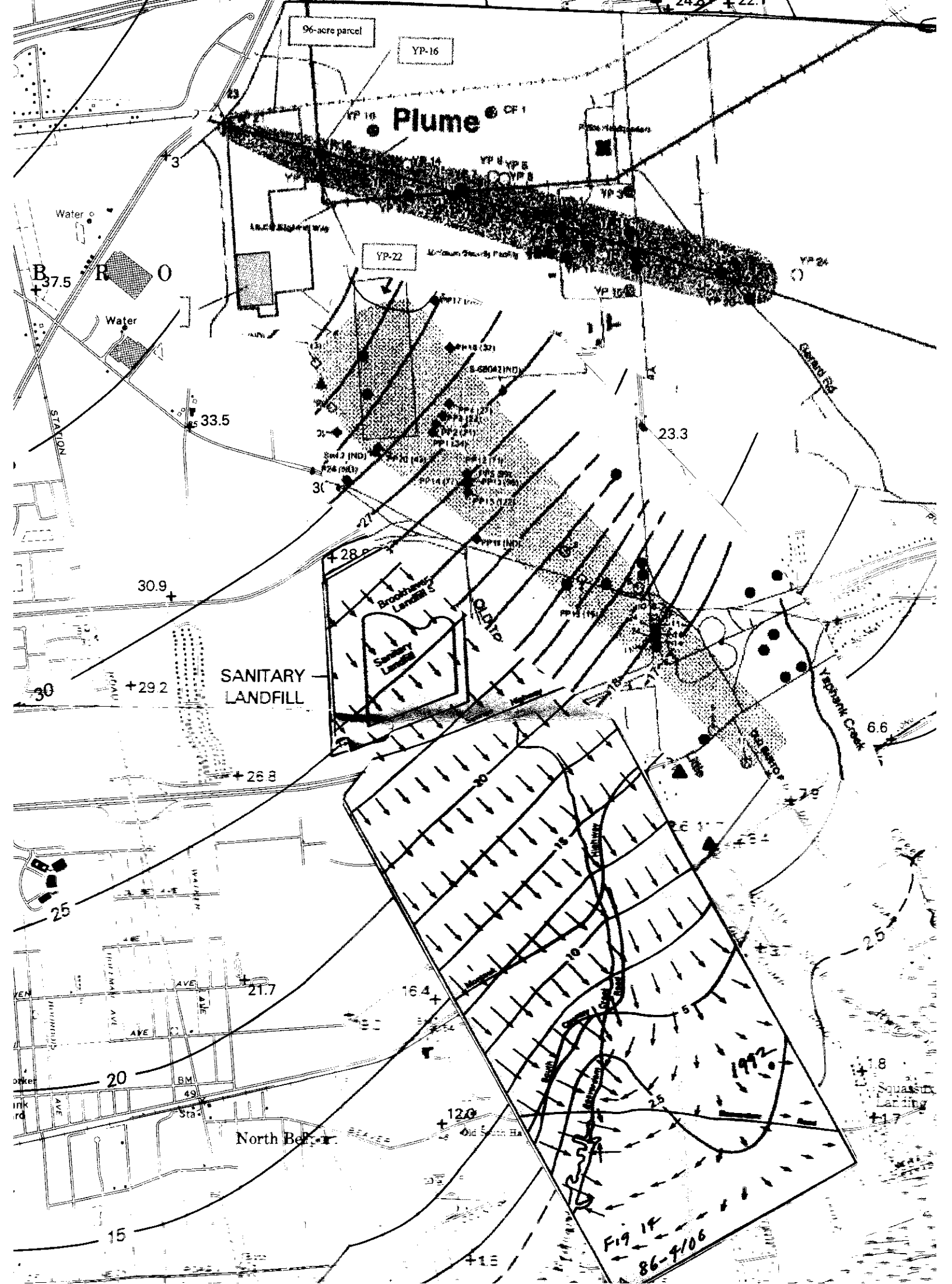


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