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Dear Mr Sweet

Review of landfill BPEM

Thank you for your letter of 21 November 2023 regarding a Review of BPEM for Landfills.

In March 2022, EPA sent out information regarding the discontinuance of the landfill compliance code. At that time we advised that *Best Practice Environmental Management for the Siting, design, operation and rehabilitation of landfills* (EPA publication 788.3) commonly known as the Landfill BPEM, was the primary state of knowledge covering landfills. EPA also noted that the combination of the landfill BPEM and licence conditions adequately covered compliance expectations covering the operation of landfills as well as design and siting requirements.

EPA has also committed to develop a new landfill buffer guideline to support land use and development decisions to provide guidance on what to consider when preparing and assessing planning decisions and EPA permissions applications for landfills. Once finalised, the guideline will replace *Assessing planning proposals within the buffer of a landfill* (EPA publication 1642) and relevant parts of the Landfill BPEM. More information on this is available at [New guidelines for industry separation distances and landfill buffers | Engage Victoria](#)

EPA uses a guidance prioritisation process which ensures alignment of operational and industry need across all environment segments. As a part of this process the remaining parts of the Landfill BPEM not to be transferred into the successor to EPA publication 1642 will be considered for updates as needed to reflect contemporary standards.

If you would like any further information, please contact Suzy Neilan, Executive Director Strategy on suzy.neilan@epa.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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