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### **EPA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVITES COMMUNITY TO LISTENING SESSION ABOUT COAKLEY LANDFILL SITE IN NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**WHAT:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) will hold a listening session to solicit input from community members regarding the EPA's communication with residents about the Coakley Landfill Site in North Hampton (Rockingham County), New Hampshire, related to:

- Site sampling and monitoring results.
- Indicators of human health risk.
- Schedules and milestones for planned and completed site activities.
- Safeguards in place for protecting human health.
- Actions needed to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances.
- The overall timeliness/effectiveness of the EPA's communication regarding this site.

This listening session will be the second of as many as four the OIG will hold in communities nationwide to obtain feedback from residents who live near sites where the EPA is working.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 5, 6–8 p.m. EDT

**WHERE:** Bethany Church, 500 Breakfast Hill Road, Greenland, New Hampshire

**HOW:** The OIG will hear oral statements from anyone who would like to speak to aid in determining whether the EPA has been communicating in a manner that allows impacted communities to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances. A comment box also will be made available to submit written documentation.

**WHY:** On February 4, 2019, the OIG announced a [review](#) of the EPA's communication of human health risks posed by sites in the Office of Land and Emergency Management's programs. The OIG is an independent office within the EPA that performs audits and investigations of the EPA, to promote economy and efficiency and to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse. By helping the EPA operate more economically, effectively and efficiently, the OIG contributes to improved environmental quality and human health. The OIG strives to provide solutions to problems that ultimately result in making America a cleaner and healthier place.

**This event will be open to media.**

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