

Monitoring Emissions

Section 5.2.8 is missing the data produced by continuous monitoring of the emissions that are released from the Incinerator. Of all the aspects of solid waste management, burning our trash and thus polluting our air is the most hazardous operation. This data should be prominently reported in this plan. Furthermore, and even more disturbing for me, Reworld continuously monitors only four emissions, and only two of them are actual harmful pollutants. There should be continuous monitoring of all emissions, and that should be publicly reported to the County Council, the community and the MDE. Now more than ever, this information should be available on a day-to-day basis, not just a once a year stack test that is carefully controlled. We have been told by Reworld employees that because of the age of the incinerator the boilers go down every week or two for maintenance. Every time a boiler is stopped and then started again there is a significant increase in emissions from the incinerator that does not occur when it is running over a long term. We therefore have very little accurate information about just how polluting this incinerator is. Also, I am very concerned that keeping it running for another five years will mean more breakdowns and more unreported toxins released into the air that will be carried far and wide over all of Montgomery County and the surrounding region.