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sent via electronic mail

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RE: September 9, 2026, Site Visit of Capitol Disposal Landfill in Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Godfrey:

On September 9, 2026, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program (ADEC) conducted a site visit of WM's Capitol Disposal Class I Municipal Solid Waste Landfill in Juneau, Alaska. This site visit was conducted in conjunction with two biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), Carl Koch and Gregory Albrecht. Thank you for hosting this site visit and showing us the recent improvements made to the facility. This site visit was announced in the inspection report sent on August 25, 2026.

In the inspection report, I discussed some of the observed adverse impacts of the ongoing construction of the West Berm development at the landfill, mainly apparent free access of bears to the facility after hours. In the inspection report I requested that WM be prepared to show ADEC and ADFG what interim measures were implemented since August 25, 2026, to prevent bear access to the site after hours. The use of temporary fence posts and four stands of active electric wires are a good temporary deterrent system for keeping out the bears while the permanent fence is down. The placement of game cameras to cover the length of the temporary fence to ensure the effectiveness of the system is another good practice. It is my understanding that at the end of the West Berm development project the permanent fence will be replaced and will be electrified for wildlife deterrence.

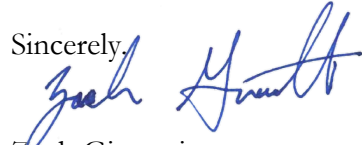
From our conversation today I understand that the initial timeline for the West Berm development project, ending in early September, is not obtainable. Please provide an updated estimated timeline for this project. Please provide a map of the facility that includes what segments of the perimeter fence are permanent, electrified, and planned for replacement within the next year. For segments of the fence that are planned to be replaced outside of the West Berm development project, please provide an anticipated timeline for completion. From my understanding, ADFG would like to provide additional guidance on specifications of any wildlife fencing, please confirm with their staff.

Thank you again for meeting with me and my ADFG colleagues. I also appreciated being able to talk to the USDA Wildlife Services staff on site during this visit. It was good to hear how they are working alongside WM to develop solutions that meet the needs of the facility. I am including a

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photo log of some of the photos taken today to document the improvements made at the landfill.
Please feel free to contact me by telephone at (907) 465-5318 or by email at
zach.gianotti@alaska.gov with any solid waste questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: September 9, 2026 Photo Log

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Figure 1. Game camera set up along Short Street landfill access.



Figure 2. There are four active stands in the temporary electric fence. A Gallagher M800 charger is in use.



Figure 3. Temporary electric fence along the West Berm development of the landfill.



Figure 4. Temporary electric fence connected to the permanent perimeter fence; another game camera is present on the permanent fence.