

A RESOLUTION REGARDING RELEASE OF 1,4-DIOXANE INTO SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER  
IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the quality of both surface water and groundwater is important to the health, environment, and welfare of the citizens of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has adopted environmental protection as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has previously recognized that discharge of 1,4-dioxane to the waters of Washtenaw County is a detriment to the quality of our water; and

WHEREAS, the best available technology will reduce the concentration of 1,4-dioxane in water to no more than 3 ppb; and

WHEREAS, leachate from the former landfill owned by the City of Ann Arbor contains 1,4-dioxane in concentrations in excess of 100 ppb; and

WHEREAS, that leachate is currently being released without additional treatment to the sanitary sewer for eventual release into the Huron River; and

WHEREAS, the majority of a committee of the City of Ann Arbor recommended treatment of this leachate prior to release; and

WHEREAS, a staff report recommended to the Ann Arbor City Council that release of untreated leachate be continued as the permanent method of disposal; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County and the Intergovernmental Partnership with the City of Ann Arbor and Scio Township have asked that Pall-Gelman Sciences Corporation use the best available technology in pretreatment of 1,4-dioxane contaminated water before release.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners reaffirms that Pall-Gelman Sciences Corporation should not release water contaminated with 1,4-dioxane at concentrations higher than 3 ppb.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ann Arbor should apply the same standard to the leachate from the former landfill which is contaminated with 1,4-dioxane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners urges the City of Ann Arbor to adopt a pretreatment of landfill leachate using the best available technology in reducing the concentration of 1,4-dioxane to a concentration no higher than 3 ppb before release to the surface waters or groundwater of Washtenaw County.



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