Letter will be written to her regarding the complaint sampling

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 28, 1985

Ms. Beverly Houston
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Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Houston,

My name is Catherine Embry. I live at 6709 Lucerne Avenue, and I would like for you to know how this area is, for real. It is not a big joke as most are making of it. We live in one of the most dangerous, hazardous landfills area. I came to know, the nauseating, sickening, headaches Dizziness, arthritis etc, that I feel has been brought on by our toxic gases from the landfill. We have gases in our homes so bad at times and the air outside is unfit.

This Area should be relocated.

Here are some letters I would like for you to know, the County (Board of Health) officials, and different (offices) fire department know our situation well. Gases are there, toxic gases. No help.

The people here have paid a big price to live here. Cancers, heart trouble, arthritis, nervous breakdowns, suicides. Everyone I have talked to have headaches and many times sick all the time. Can't seem to think anymore, memory lapses, just dont feel like doing anything, (lethargy) + digestive problems + extreme nervousness, etc...

We have had all we can take of Methane and the gases.

As you can see one of these letters here is, on May 4, 1979, I called L, G + E about these toxic gases coming into my home. It was so bad when he came into the kitchen area but yet the letter mentions more about the outside and nothing about the inside gases. The fire Department here will tell you the have heavy methane gases as they from here on December 18, 1984. This is just one time I called them. Many homes here have been having toxic fumes. The letter from the County Attorney's office in November of 1978 also mentions gases.

Well yes, as I said we had toxic gases many years before that. (1978)

So instead of a clean air we have toxic gases to breathe every day and health problems (severe).

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We don't see any help that will work except relocation.

If you or anyone of E.P.A. has never been sick, come to this Community and live with us for awhile and you can know what it's like.

Not one or two air samples are a fair representative of the air quality here.

You can stand in the yards, homes many times and gases, yes, gases are strong.

Facts are topic gases are here and we are breathing them in our yards and homes.

This is no joke, the joke is when we are told by E.P.A. we have a landfill that poses no public health risks.

Sincerely,
Catherine Embry

P.S. Yes, we could have kept many officials busy over the years coming into our homes to check the gases, (but who is help??