

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 180**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
218th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Senator BRIAN P. STACK**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Cunningham and Singleton**

**SYNOPSIS**

Urges NJ Sports and Exposition Authority and DEP to take immediate action to close and cap Keegan Landfill.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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- 1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** urging the New Jersey Sports and  
2 Exposition Authority and the Department of Environmental  
3 Protection to take immediate action to close and cap Keegan  
4 Landfill located in the Town of Kearny, Hudson County.  
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, The Keegan Landfill, located in the Town of Kearny in  
7 Hudson County, is operated by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition  
8 Authority (NJSEA); and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, The operation of the Keegan Landfill greatly impacts the  
10 Town of Kearny as the landfill is located less than 1,000 feet from  
11 residences, approximately one-quarter of a mile from an elementary  
12 school, and near a municipal outdoor soccer facility, which is one of  
13 the most active recreational fields in the community; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, The residents of the Town of Kearny and the surrounding  
15 communities have been suffering as a result of noxious hydrogen  
16 sulfide odors emanating from the Keegan Landfill, and have filed  
17 complaints with the Department of Environmental Protection since  
18 at least December 2018; and
- 19 **WHEREAS**, Hydrogen sulfide, a colorless gas with the odor of rotten  
20 eggs, is often generated as a byproduct of industrial and natural  
21 processes, including during the breakdown of waste contained within  
22 a landfill; and
- 23 **WHEREAS**, Hydrogen sulfide has a low odor threshold, which means  
24 that it can be detected by people at very low concentrations before it  
25 could pose a health risk, and reactions to the odor itself may trigger  
26 symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, sleep disturbance, loss of  
27 appetite, and headaches; and
- 28 **WHEREAS**, The rotten egg odor has become a regular occurrence in the  
29 Town of Kearny and the surrounding area, permeating the air on a  
30 daily basis, and negatively impacting the health and quality of life of  
31 residents, with many residents complaining of headaches, nausea,  
32 and difficulty breathing; and
- 33 **WHEREAS**, Numerous complaints have been made to the NJSEA and  
34 the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the  
35 operation of the landfill and the hydrogen sulfide odors emanating  
36 from the landfill; and
- 37 **WHEREAS**, Although the Department of Environmental Protection has  
38 investigated the situation and taken enforcement action, and the  
39 NJSEA has entered into a voluntary Administrative Consent Order  
40 with the department, the odors still persist; and
- 41 **WHEREAS**, The Keegan Landfill has frequently emitted hydrogen  
42 sulfide in concentrations exceeding the Department of  
43 Environmental Protection's regulatory standard of 30 parts of  
44 hydrogen sulfide in one billion parts of air (ppb) averaged over any  
45 30-minute period at or beyond the landfill property line, most  
46 recently on September 10, 2019; and
- 47 **WHEREAS**, While the NJSEA has installed a continuous monitoring  
48 system as well as a gas collection and control system intended to

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1 mitigate odor emissions from the Keegan Landfill, the continued  
2 operation of this landfill unduly impacts the quality of life, health,  
3 and well-being of the residents of the Town of Kearny and the  
4 surrounding communities; now, therefore,

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6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the  
7 General Assembly concurring):

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9 1. The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and the  
10 Department of Environmental Protection are strongly urged to take  
11 immediate action to close the Keegan Landfill in the Town of  
12 Kearny, Hudson County, and install an impermeable cover and gas  
13 collection system to eliminate hydrogen sulfide emissions from the  
14 landfill.

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16 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
17 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the  
18 Secretary of the Senate to the President and Chief Executive Officer,  
19 and each member of the Board of Commissioners, of the New Jersey  
20 Sports and Exposition Authority, the Commissioner of  
21 Environmental Protection, and the Mayor of the Town of Kearny,  
22 Hudson County.

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STATEMENT

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27 This resolution strongly urges the New Jersey Sports and  
28 Exposition Authority and the Department of Environmental  
29 Protection to take immediate action to close the Keegan Landfill in  
30 the Town of Kearny, Hudson County, and install an impermeable  
31 cover and gas collection system to eliminate hydrogen sulfide  
32 emissions from the landfill.