Statement from Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko
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Farmingville, NY - In light of this morning's events at Frank P. Long Intermediate School I have suspended the delivery of the bio-solid material at the landfill effective immediately, pursuant to our contract.

As soon as the Town was notified of what happened at Frank P. Long Intermediate School this morning, the Town Fire Marshals performed a battery of air tests in the school working with the Suffolk County Police Department. So far, all tests have come back negative and the Town Fire Marshal and the Suffolk County Police Department will go back to the school at 1:30 pm to take more samples to be sure there is no health threat.

We have no indications that this material is hazardous in any way, but out of an abundance of caution, we have suspended deliveries until the situation can be clarified, more information can be gathered, and an investigation of the circumstances can be completed. I have contacted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and we will be working with them to evaluate the situation as soon as possible.

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