

## Study: Brookhaven landfill impacts air, water quality

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**BROOKHAVEN** - A capped landfill in the Town of Brookhaven is causing potential air quality and water pollution problems, according to a new report.

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"The biggest concern is the ash and the odor and that could cause respiratory ailments including heart disease, asthma," said Maureen Dolan Murphy, of Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

Residents say the landfill has become larger in size over the years and has been dubbed "Mount Trashmore."

The commissioner of Waste Management for the Town of Brookhaven says the report is based on old data and a misinterpretation of current data. He says the group also never did an on-site inspection.

"In their own report, they say it's replete with errors. It acknowledges that there are severe data gaps," said Matthew Miner, commissioner of Waste Management.

Town officials say they are open to doing more enhanced monitoring in the future.

Brookhaven Town officials say its next board meeting that will address the landfill issue is scheduled for next month.