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The City of Bristol, Virginia is pleased to announce that Dr. Craig H. Benson will evaluate Bristol, Virginia's Solid Waste Management Facility the week of January 17, 2022, weather permitting. If adverse weather impacts travel, Dr. Benson will evaluate the Solid Waste Management Facility at a later date. Dr. Benson played an instrumental role in resolving issues at the Bridgeton, MO quarry landfill and Congress quarry landfill in Hillside, IL.

Craig H. Benson is the former Dean of Engineering and Hamilton Endowed Chair in Engineering at the University of Virginia (UVA), where he served from 2015-2021. He is also Wisconsin Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison). Prior to joining UVA as Dean, Benson he held college-level and university-level leadership positions at UW-Madison. Benson has a BS from Lehigh University and MSE and PhD degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, all in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in geoenvironmental engineering and waste containment systems. He is a member of the US National Academy of Engineering (NAE) and the National Academy of Inventors (NAI), as well as a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

He is recognized as a foremost international authority on waste containment systems, and is widely sought after for his expertise in design, operation, and performance assessment of waste disposal facilities. His expertise includes municipal solid waste (MSW), hazardous waste (HW), coal combustion residuals (CCR), mining and mineral processing wastes, low-level radioactive waste (LLW), mixed radioactive waste (MW), uranium mill tailings, and bauxite residuals. Benson leads the Landfill Partnership for the US Department of Energy's (DOE) Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP), which provides research and technical support on issues related to performance assessments for LLW and MW disposal facilities as well as evaluation of the performance of existing and historic DOE disposal facilities.

He served as co-Principal Investigator on the Bioreactor Partnership, an industry-government-academic partnership to develop principles for optimal operation of MSW landfills as bioreactors, and as co-Principal Investigator on the Elevated Temperatures Landfill (ETLF) project, which developed the key principles to manage and avoid highly elevated temperatures in MSW landfills.

After the evaluation is complete, Dr. Benson will provide his assessment to the City Council and public at a later date.

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