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1	Did Matrix test the soil at Schedler for PFAS or PFOAS? What are the results (residents couldn't find them in the two different reports on the website)?	Sampling was conducted in accordance with NJDEP conditional approvals dated April 3, 2024 and June 20, 2024, which did not require laboratory analysis for PFAS.
2	In June 2024 (citation), Matrix confirmed during a public meeting that some of the contaminated soil at Schedler came from a Ridgewood Water site (300 cubic yards) and was sampled on November 12, 2021 (exceeding NJDEP standards for benzantracene, benzo a pyrene). From NJDEP's December 2023 letter, it states that soil testing for this 300 cy was done on January 12, 2021 by SGS North America (and this was a follow up test to December 22, 2016 by Eurofins). Why was this November test not documented in the December 2023 letter? Did we miss it? Please send residents the November 12, 2021 soil testing results for the 300 cubic yards from Ridgewood Water.	Sampling was not conducted on November 12, 2021. The correct dates include sampling completed on November 28, 2016 and a final laboratory report submitted on December 22, 2016 and follow-up testing conducted on January 12, 2021.
3	Matrix, in the NJDEP December 2023 letter it clearly states in the SWC&E Responses for Ridgewood Water Company that "further, given the exceedance of the remediation standards, no explanation regarding the suitability of the subject material for the 460 West Saddle River Road site was provided." Yet, in August, Matrix kept repeating it "marginally exceeded." Is it exceeded as per NJDEP's document or "marginally exceeded" as verbalized by you? Is it up for interpretation? The public is confused.	Concentrations were detected in excess of the NJDEP's applicable Migration to Groundwater Soil Remediation Standard, Residential Ingestion-Dermal Soil Remediation Standard and the Non-Residential Ingestion-Dermal Soil Remediation Standard.
4	Residents have heard conflicting soil timelines from the dais recently. When did the soil for the berm first start being dumped at Schedler (date/year)? This is important to know for our own health timelines.	Soil was first brought to the site starting November 2018 from The Dayton. The berm was constructed by the Streets Division in September 2019 utilizing the stockpiled soil after DTS removed and cleared the trees for the berm to be built.
5	How many truckloads of soil brought in the 11,020 cubic yards total to Schedler?	Trucks were not counted. Different size trucks can contain different volumes of material.
6	During a May 22, 2024, Village Council meeting illegal soil was proactively brought up from the dias. Where was this soil illegally dumped at Schedler and how much? Was it tested? Was it disposed of? Who disposed of it? Was soil permits obtained to dispose of it?	There were multiple reports of illegal dumping of construction debris and dirt at the Schedler property. The Matrix soil testing work effort was conducted throughout the property and will include testing of all soils on the property, regardless of origin.

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7	Did Ridgewood accept soil from Ridgewood Water's two contaminated sites or Bergen Community College for other parks or areas in our town?	Soil was only brought to the Schedler property to establish the berm.
8	Who was onsite at each of the six soil locations from Ridgewood to supervise if the trucks were loaded legally? In 2017, Mr. Rutishauser explained during a public Council meeting that the Village's roads should be able to support the trucks, "if they are loaded legally.	No one from the Village was stationed at sites other than the Water Company work. Water Company construction inspectors were at their locations. Legal truck weights are the responsibility of the Police Department.
9	Given the proximity to open swimming pools and private water wells, how were neighbors notified to stay indoors as millions of pounds of soil were being dumped feet from where they live?	Individual notice was not provided. However, the soil placement was discussed at open Village Council public meetings. There was almost a year's time between the start of material intake and when the Streets Division built the berm.
10	Are some people more likely to be susceptible to soil contamination effects because of factors such as age, genetics, pre-existing health conditions, ethnicity, gender, etc.?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
11	What specific contaminants have been identified on the Schedler property, and what are their potential health risks?	<p>The contaminants which were detected above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard include mercury (a heavy metal) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), specifically benzo[a]pyrene and benzo[a]anthracene.</p> <p>The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.</p>
12	What measures will be taken to remediate the contamination and ensure the safety of adjacent properties, including mine?	The preliminary planned remedial action for soil exhibiting concentrations above an applicable NJDEP standard is excavation and off-site disposal in accordance with applicable NJDEP regulations.
13	How frequently will soil and water testing occur, and will the results be made publicly available?	Soil investigation to identify the extent of soil impact above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard is ongoing. The investigations are iterative and not conducted at regular intervals, but notification of when soil sampling will occur is provided in advance of each event. Based on soil data collected to date, a groundwater investigation is not warranted at this time.

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14	What timeframe can residents expect for the public reach out plan, and how will we be notified of upcoming meetings or updates?	The public outreach plan was approved by the NJDEP on October 22, 2024 and has been posted on the Village website. Meeting notices are posted on the Village website in advance of the meeting dates. The Village has developed a mailing list of owners of properties within 200 feet of the Schedler property. Periodic update letters that include a summary of the progress of remediation will be sent to those on the mailing list in advance of any major remedial milestones. The update letters will also be made available on the Village website.
15	Will there be opportunities for community members to provide input or express concerns as the remediation process unfolds?	Community members may email their concerns or any input directly to the Village at kkazmark@ridgewoodnj.net or to Matrix's LSRP at cpittarese@mnwe.com .
16	Is there a possibility of persistent contamination affecting the area over time? Lead and mercury can spread to new areas during excavation, transport, or disposal. How is this contained, monitored and made public?	The preliminary planned remedial action for soils exhibiting concentrations above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard is excavation and removal from the site. As such, persistent contamination is not expected. The excavation plan will be developed following completion of delineation.
17	How can Richard Grubbs conduct an archaeological study until Thanksgiving if the NJDEP has ordered more soil testing? Is it safe for them be digging?	Direct contact exposure to soils exhibiting contamination above an applicable NJDEP ingestion-dermal standard can be limited through the use of personal protective equipment. The Village has advised those participating in the archaeological study of the presence of contaminated soils at the site.
18	Please explain the danger of accidental release during soil movement, leading to wider environmental and public health hazards.	The preliminary planned remedial action for soil exhibiting concentrations above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard is excavation. Following excavation, soil will be transported off-site by licensed transporters and in accordance with Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements, limiting the potential for accidental release.
19	The Schedler parcel is registered to contain many foraging wildlife, including State Threatened and Endangered Species according to NJDEP documentation. What studies will be done to identify and mitigate their impacts?	There have been no habitats for threatened or endangered species identified on the Schedler parcel. The contamination detected in soil at the site is not expected to impact those species that have been identified to potentially forage in the vicinity of the site. The Village will work with Matrix to evaluate time-of-year restrictions related to the identified species and obtain approval from the NJDEP when necessary as part of remediation activities.
20	Would an asthmatic be more susceptible to these contaminants?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
21	Report states several contaminants exceed migration to groundwater standards. Would you perform testing and any necessary remediation for residences with private wells in the vicinity of the property?	Based on the depth of contamination relative to anticipated depth to groundwater, a groundwater investigation is not warranted at this time. If the planned remedial action (excavation) or known site conditions change based on additional data, potential performance of a groundwater investigation will be re-evaluated at that time.

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22	Are benzo(a)pyrene and benzo(a)anthracene carcinogenic? In what exposure amounts and duration?	The NJDEP's soil remediation standards for inhalation/ingestion/dermal contact are based on direct and prolonged exposure scenarios. The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
23	Are any further samplings planned?	Additional delineation sampling is planned to help define the extent of contamination.
24	Would borings at more depth be required to check for any additional contaminants, especially those that can penetrate into groundwater?	Delineation sampling will document the vertical depth of contamination associated with the imported material. As part of remedial action planning, potential migration of contaminants to groundwater will be evaluated.
25	Would soil in all contaminated grids be removed and replaced?	The preliminary planned remedial action is excavation/removal of soils exhibiting contaminant concentrations in excess of an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard. The remedial action will be based on the extent of contaminated soil as documented by sampling and laboratory analytical data, rather than arbitrarily generated grid boundaries.
26	Are you going to secure/ restrict access to areas with volatile contaminants in large amounts?	While the end goal for remediation of the site will be compliance with the most stringent NJDEP standard so that there are no limitations on property use, benzo(a)pyrene, a semi-volatile organic compound, has not been detected on the property at concentrations that would preclude recreational use per applicable NJDEP technical guidance. For that reason, restricting access to the site is not warranted at this time.
27	Would air in the vicinity of the areas with volatile contaminants be a concern? What are any precautionary measures for nearby residences?	No exceedances of applicable NJDEP inhalation standards have been detected at the site. Precautionary measures could include staying off the site during the remediation process.
28	Are there specific populations (e.g., children, elderly, pregnant women, or people who are immuno compromised already) that are more at risk in terms of health complications from the contamination?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
29	What are the short-term and long-term health effects/complications of exposure to the known compounds of benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[a]anthracene, and mercury?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
30	How might I or my family be exposed to these contaminants (i.e., airborne or otherwise ingested, through groundwater, for example)	Exposure to contaminants identified at the Schedler property could occur through direct contact and/or ingestion of the soil. Contaminants have not been identified at a concentration that exceeds an applicable NJDEP inhalation standard and, based on current data and anticipated depth to groundwater at the Schedler property, a groundwater investigation is not warranted at this time.

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31	What are the various exposure pathways, such as inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact, and how likely is it that residents and VOR employees might come into contact with these substances at Schedler over multiple years?	<p>The NJDEP has established soil remediation standards for the inhalation exposure pathway, the ingestion-dermal exposure pathway, and the migration to groundwater exposure pathway. In the case of the inhalation exposure pathway and the ingestion-dermal exposure pathway, the NJDEP calculated the standards based on long-term regular direct exposure as one would encounter if their residence or workplace were located on the property.</p> <p>To date, no exceedences of applicable inhalation soil remediation standards have been detected at the Schedler property. Benzo(a)pyrene has been detected at the site at concentrations above the residential and non-residential Ingestion-Dermal Soil Remediation Standard. Exposure via this pathway would occur when in direct contact with contaminated soil or if contaminated soil were ingested. Residents are not likely to be exposed to contaminated soil at the frequency and/or duration used by the NJDEP to calculate these standards based on expected use of the property for recreational purposes.</p> <p>Benzo(a)anthracene and mercury have been detected at the site at concentrations above applicable Migration to Groundwater Soil Remediation Standards. The risk associated with exceedances of this standard is that groundwater contamination could eventually occur if the identified contaminants leach from soil and migrate to the water table. Based on site data generated to date, and based on the planned remedial action of excavation and off-site disposal, a groundwater investigation is not warranted at this time. Investigation is ongoing, and the potential for impact to groundwater is evaluated with each round of new data.</p>
32	Are there any symptoms that residents should be aware of that could indicate exposure to these contaminants?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department if you have concerns.
33	Is it safe to stay in our homes or should residents consider relocating temporarily?	Based on the site history and current data, there is no evidence that contamination has migrated off-site. Additionally, no exceedances to applicable NJDEP Inhalation Soil Remediation Standards have been detected.
34	Should neighbors undergo any medical testing or health evaluation/monitoring?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
35	Are there any long-term health monitoring programs available for residents in this area?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
36	How is the Ridgewood Health Department currently working with residents on this contamination issue?	The Ridgewood Health Department does not have purview over this issue, as they do not have certified or licensed personnel trained in this area of expertise.

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37	<p>Given that some of the contaminants exceed NJDEP standards, what is the specific risk to residents living near the site, especially those with children and pets? And homes that have pools right up against the property?</p>	<p>The NJDEP has established soil remediation standards for the inhalation exposure pathway, the ingestion-dermal exposure pathway, and the migration to groundwater exposure pathway. In the case of the inhalation exposure pathway and the ingestion-dermal exposure pathway, the NJDEP calculated the standards based on long-term regular direct exposure as one would encounter if their residence or workplace were located on the property.</p> <p>To date, no exceedences of applicable inhalation soil remediation standards have been detected at the Schedler property. Benzo(a)pyrene has been detected at the site at concentrations above the residential and non-residential Ingestion-Dermal Soil Remediation Standard. Exposure via this pathway would occur when in direct contact with contaminated soil or if contaminated soil were ingested. Residents are not likely to be exposed to contaminated soil at the frequency and/or duration used by NJDEP to calculate these standards based on expected use of the property for recreational purposes.</p> <p>Benzo(a)anthracene and mercury have been detected at the site at concentrations above applicable Migration to Groundwater Soil Remediation Standards. The risk associated with exceedances of this standard is that groundwater contamination could eventually occur if the identified contaminants leach from soil and migrate to the water table. Based on site data generated to date, and based on the planned remedial action of excavation and off-site disposal, a groundwater investigation is not warranted at this time. Investigation is ongoing, and the potential for impact to groundwater is evaluated with each round of new data.</p> <p>The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.</p>
38	<p>Is the Village of Ridgewood actively taking any steps to ensure that any employees that may have been actively exposed to work being done on berm and property over the years being evaluated?</p>	<p>There is nothing to indicate that any current or former employee has had any concerns regarding this situation.</p>
39	<p>Can you provide more details on how long-term exposure to these compounds could affect the health of nearby residents?</p>	<p>The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.</p>

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40	Are the chemical compounds harmful to animals (i.e., dogs and cats)?	The NJDEP soil remediation standards were developed based on human exposure scenarios. As animals metabolize chemicals differently than humans, a veterinarian or other professional should be consulted for more information.
41	What specific contaminants have been identified in the soil?	Benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, and mercury have been detected above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard in soil at the site.
42	What are the concentration levels of these contaminants?	Benzo(a)pyrene concentrations detected at the site that exceed an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard range from 0.799 mg/kg to 3.35 mg/kg. Benzo(a)anthracene was detected above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard in two samples, at concentrations of 2.37 mg/kg and 3.37 mg/kg. Mercury was detected above an applicable soil remediation standard in one sample at a concentration of 1 mg/kg.
43	How large is the contaminated area, and what is the depth of the contamination?	The aerial extent of concentrations above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard is still being determined. Maximum depth of contamination detected thus far is 1.5 feet below grade, though additional vertical sampling of soils is planned.
44	What are the sources of the contamination, and when was it first detected?	The source of contamination is soil that was imported to the site for grading purposes. Initial in-situ characterization sampling was performed in May 2024.
45	What are the potential health risks associated with exposure to these contaminants?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
46	Has the contamination impacted local water sources, air quality, or vegetation?	Based on current data, contamination has only been detected in soil.
47	Are there specific populations (e.g., children, elderly, pregnant women) more at risk?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
48	What symptoms or conditions should residents watch for?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
49	What measures are currently in place to protect the public from exposure?	The Village has worked with Matrix to develop a Public Outreach Plan to keep residents informed and updated as to the status of the ongoing remediation activities. The NJDEP-approved plan is available on the Village website. Although restricting access to the property is not warranted, residents wishing to limit exposure to the identified contamination should limit direct contact with soil on the Schedler parcel.
50	Will there be any signage or fencing around the contaminated area to restrict access?	A sign has been posted on the parcel identifying that remediation is taking place. Based on property use and the nature of the contamination, restricting access is not warranted.

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51	Will there be public posts, letters and/or email notifications to residents?	Matrix submitted a Public Outreach Plan on behalf of the Village that has been approved by the NJDEP Office of Community Relations. That plan includes engagement with residents, including letter updates and ongoing posts on the Village website.
52	Have residents been advised on how to minimize their exposure?	Restricting access to the property is not warranted; residents wishing to limit exposure to the identified contamination should limit direct contact with soil on the Schedler parcel.
53	How often is the contaminated area tested, and what monitoring systems are in place?	The contaminated area is tested as-needed to provide the necessary data to delineate the impact and facilitate a remedial action.
54	Are there plans for ongoing monitoring of the contamination spread?	Soil investigation to identify the extent of soil impact above an applicable NJDEP soil remediation standard is ongoing. Based on the current planned remedial action of excavation, ongoing monitoring will not be warranted.
55	How can residents access ongoing testing results or reports?	Testing results are posted by the Village on the Village website as they become available.
56	What plans does the municipality have for cleaning up the contamination?	The preliminary planned remedial action is excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils.
57	What is the timeline for remediation efforts?	The Village has targeted spring 2025 for completion of a remedial action, pending final delineation soil testing and finalization of the report and remediation plan.
58	What methods will be used to remediate the contaminated soil, and are they safe?	The current planned remedial action for soil exhibiting concentrations above an applicable NJDEP standard is excavation and off-site disposal, with oversight of the LSRP.
59	Who is responsible for funding and overseeing the cleanup efforts?	The Village of Ridgewood, with the support of the Matrix LSRP and with guidance from the NJDEP.
60	Will there be a claim and/or action taken against the responsible parties?	It is the intention of the Village of Ridgewood to file a claim with the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund (E-JIF) once soil testing is complete and the remediation plan is finalized and approved. The E-JIF will review the claim to determine the steps to be taken.
61	How is the municipality communicating the risks and plans to the public?	The Village posts data and updates on the Village website as they become available. In addition, in accordance with the Public Outreach Plan that was approved by the NJDEP on October 22, 2024, the Village will maintain a mailing list of residents within 200 feet of the Schedler parcel and send periodic updates via mail to recipients on that list. The Village also hosts monthly public Village Council meetings where relevant updates will be presented.
62	Is there a plan for public meetings or forums where residents can ask questions or express concerns?	Residents may attend public Village Council meetings, which are generally held three times per month. At each public meeting, attendees have an opportunity to speak and express any concerns they may have.

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63	What resources are available for residents seeking more information or assistance?	The Village maintains a document repository for documents associated with remediation of the Schedler parcel, including the Public Outreach Plan, Matrix sampling reports, and NJDEP correspondence. Residents seeking additional information about the status of remediation of the Schedler property may contact the Village directly at kkazmark@ridgewoodnj.net , or the Matrix LSRP overseeing remediation at cpittarese@mnwe.com .
64	What regulations or laws apply to this contaminated site?	The contamination is being remediated in accordance with Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (CSRR) rules. Some examples of these rules include N.J.A.C. 7:26C (<i>Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites</i>), N.J.A.C. 7:26D (<i>Remediation Standards</i>), and N.J.A.C. 7:26E (<i>Technical Requirements for Site Remediation</i>).
65	Has the contamination led to any investigation, legal/disciplinary actions, enforcement or fines?	As stated above, the Environmental JIF will review the claim.
66	Are there any restrictions on property use or development in the contaminated area?	The preliminary planned remedial action following delineation will remove contaminated soil from the parcel. If successful, no restrictions on property use or development will be necessary.
67	What are the expected long-term impacts of the contamination on the community and environment?	The current planned remedial action for soil exhibiting concentrations above an applicable NJDEP standard is excavation and off-site disposal. As such, there are no expected long-term impacts.
68	How will property values and development in the area be affected?	There is no evidence of any reduction in property values in the area.
69	What are the plans for monitoring the area after remediation is complete?	The preliminary planned remedial action is excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils. Ongoing monitoring following implementation of this type of remedial action is not typically warranted; however, the potential need for post-remedial monitoring will be evaluated once a remedial action plan is finalized.
70	The contamination site is located 8 houses away from the East Saddle River. Where does the runoff and groundwater from the site drain? Have the river and surrounding properties been tested for contamination from the site? If not, will testing be conducted? Why or why not?	Based on current data, it does not appear that contamination is migrating off-site.
71	What is the municipality's emergency plan if the contamination spreads or worsens?	The Village will not speculate on future action. Upon soil testing being completed and the remediation plan finalized and approved, the Village will present all findings and next steps.
72	Are there protocols in place to relocate adjacent residents if necessary?	There is no indication that residents would need to be relocated.

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73	Are there any financial assistance programs for affected residents?	No.
74	What support services are available for those experiencing stress and health issues (including mental health) related to the contamination?	The Village cannot administer medical advice. You should consult with your primary care physician or County/State Health Department for more information on how these chemicals may affect you.
75	Where did the 15,000 cubic yards (mentioned in council minutes) of contaminated soil go if RVH was incapable of disposal?	<p>The spoils pile was originally tested by WSP on or about December 2, 2020. The results indicated elevated PAH levels, making the soil not suitable for disposal at the Schedler property as originally intended. The source of the elevated PAH levels was clearly indicated as a result of asphalt within the soil and therefore could not be utilized as clean fill at an offsite location.</p> <p>Subsequently, the asphalt was mechanically removed from the spoils pile, and the sample pile was re-tested on or about February 2023. Garden State Laboratories performed the analysis, and all results indicated that the PAHs were below the threshold for disposal at an offsite facility.</p> <p>The Village Engineering Department prepared a report and provided the results to RVH Mulch Supply LLC of Wyckoff, NJ.</p> <p>Results were accepted, and all soil was disposed of at RVH Mulch Supply LLC. At no point was any of this soil disposed of at the Schedler property despite clean test results.</p>
76	Could you confirm if the northwestern portion of the Schedler site, near Block 4704, Lot 12, where Ridgewood Water Company's spoil pile was placed, is closest to the residential property of 548 Route 17 (and other families) or to the Route 17 on/off ramp?	As stated above, Ridgewood Water's 2023 spoils pile was disposed of at RVH Mulch Supply LLC. At no point was any of this soil disposed of at the Schedler property despite clean test results.

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78	<p>Has Matrix been in touch with WSP directly given the communication flagging this issue?</p>	<p>Matrix has reviewed the historical data, including WSP's memo, and is performing remediation of contaminated soil, including collection of in-situ data. Direct communication with WSP is not warranted at this time.</p>
79	<p>In the June 6, 2024, public meeting at Village Hall in Ridgewood, NJ, Matrix stated that Ridgewood Water's 1,700 cubic yards of soil met all DEP standards and was sampled on Sept 14, 2020. However, the town engineer said it was sampled in October 2018, and the NJDEP letter to the town (Dec 2023) mentions testing on September 22, 2020. When exactly was the soil tested? By what lab? And does Ridgewood Water have contaminated soil moving permits?</p>	<p>Previous testing performed on the material has been detailed in documents posted on the Village's website. Initial testing was performed by Matrix in May 2024. Matrix is performing a comprehensive investigation of the imported material at the site irrespective of its origin.</p>
80	<p>In the same June meeting, Matrix mentioned the Ridgewood Water site at DeBoer was 200 cubic yards, with soil sampled on August 9, 2021, exceeding NJDEP standards for mercury and other contaminants. The town engineer claimed it was found to be acceptable in this exact meeting. What was the final determination?</p>	<p>Investigation of the soil imported to the Schedler site is ongoing. Contaminants have been identified in soil above an applicable NJDEP Soil Remediation Standard.</p>

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81	<p>In the same June meeting, William Bierwas from Ridgewood Water said he did not know who tested soil from the three loads delivered to Schedler from Ridgewood Water. However, William Bierwas is on the December 2020 memo "to line" where Ridgewood Water's own LSRP, WSP, clearly states the spoil pile sitting at 579 Prospect Street, Glen Rock, New Jersey, exceeded PAH levels and wasn't suitable for use as clean fill. This was attached previously to you in my email dated 10/3/24. So, Ridgewood Water was seemingly aware of the soil contamination in 2016, 2020, and 2021. And yet... This contaminated soil ended up at Schedler "near Block 4704, lot 12" close to homes (residents recently reviewed a tax map and noted this, but we're waiting for you to confirm per my question below). Who authorized the dumping on or after 2021 from Ridgewood Water? Who picked the location for this contaminated fill? Why and how did this happen?</p>	<p>The spoils pile was originally tested by WSP on or about December 2, 2020. The results indicated elevated PAH levels, making the soil not suitable for disposal at the Schedler property as originally intended. The source of the elevated PAH levels was clearly indicated as a result of asphalt within the soil and therefore could not be utilized as clean fill at an offsite location.</p> <p>Subsequently, the asphalt was mechanically removed from the spoils pile, and the sample pile was retested on or about February 2023. Garden State Laboratories performed the analysis, and all results indicated that the PAHs were below the threshold for disposal at an offsite facility.</p> <p>The Village Engineering Department prepared a report and provided the results to RVH Mulch Supply LLC of Wyckoff, NJ.</p> <p>Results were accepted, and all soil was disposed of at RVH Mulch Supply LLC. At no point was any of this soil disposed of at the Schedler property despite clean test results.</p>