



# Media Release

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## Caton Limited Purpose Landfill Permit Suspended

**Yakima, WA-** The Yakima Health District is working with Washington State Department of Ecology to address reports received about the Caton Limited Purpose Landfill located at 1500 Naches Wenas Rd, Naches, WA 98937.

On November 2, 2022, the Yakima Health District and Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) was notified of a fire at Caton Limited Purpose Landfill (Caton LPL) and has been working in close partnership with Caton LPL and DOE to remedy a series of fire events at this site to this date. However, there continues to be reports of open fires at the landfill, with the most recent one on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. As there has been no clear indication of the source or a remedy of the fires that has proven to be effective, the Yakima Health District notified Caton Limited Purpose Landfill on December 12, 2022, that their permit has been suspended until the matter has been resolved and there is evidence and assurance that the ongoing fire issues will not continue. The suspension of the permit requires Caton LPL to cease accepting any and all new waste into the landfill.

### Quote

“The Yakima Health District, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Caton Limited Purpose Landfill are working to address reports from Caton Limited Purpose Landfill in Yakima County. Public safety and health are our number one priority. We will be working with involved parties to meet the requirements and conditions to have the permit reinstated.” -Shawn Magee, Director of Environmental Health, Yakima Health District

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