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Second Update on Caton Limited Purpose Landfill

Yakima, WA- The Yakima Health District continues to work in partnership with Washington State Department of Ecology Central Region Office, Washington State Department of Ecology Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program, federal Environmental Protection Agency, and Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority to conduct air sampling tests and remedy fires at Caton Limited Purpose Landfill.

Last week, air sampling sensors were placed throughout the Caton Limited Purpose Landfill and towards the outskirts of the landfill near residential and business areas to gather data on what is being released from the smoke and fires and the distance it is traveling. The air quality readings recorded have not shown that there is currently any air quality concerns for the public. However, given the ongoing presence of fires at the landfill, air quality monitoring will continue. The Yakima Health District will inform the public if there are any changes to the air quality that are concerning to the public's health.

Additionally, landfill fire consultants were on site last week at the Caton Limited Purpose Landfill. A fire management plan will be submitted next week that will provide information on how to remedy the fires and prevent this from occurring in the future at the facility. Landfill fire consultants will also develop an ongoing air quality monitoring plan to monitor for potential harmful emissions leaving the landfill site. Once the workplan has been submitted by the fire consultants, the Yakima Health District, Department of Ecology and Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency will review it.

At this point in time, there is no established timeline for the landfill to reopen.

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