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Caton Limited Purpose Landfill Permit Reinstated

Yakima, WA- The Yakima Health District will reinstate Caton Limited Purpose Landfill's permit on January 31, 2023, after it has been determined that there is no immediate health or safety risk to the public nor employees of the Caton Limited Purpose Landfill. Data has demonstrated that the subsurface fire has been trending in the direction of being extinguished.

On January 30, 2023, the Caton Limited Purpose Landfill submitted a final workplan to the Yakima Health District. The workplan was reviewed by the Yakima Health District, Department of Ecology, and the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority. Subsequently, it was determined that Caton Limited Purpose Landfill's permit can be reinstated. The workplan includes a list of action levels that direct the landfills operational capabilities, a gas and air quality monitoring plan, a fire management and suppression plan, and a fill plan for accepting new waste materials.

The Yakima Health District will be working closely with the landfill owners and their consultants to ensure that the ongoing action items in the workplan are set in place. This includes, ensuring that the fire activity is decreasing and that there are no hazardous compounds or gases emitting from the landfill.

The Yakima Health District, Department of Ecology and the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority will continue to monitor events at the landfill until the subsurface fire is fully extinguished and work to ensure there are no public health risks to the community.

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