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DTG Recycle: Subsurface Fire Identified in a Closed Solid Waste Cell

Yakima, WA- The Yakima Health District (YHD) is working in partnership with the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority to address a subsurface landfill fire at DTG Recycle located at 41 Rocky Top Rd, Yakima, WA 98908. YHD, DTG Recycle, and all partners involved are working together in developing a work plan to identify appropriate actions to address the fire.

The subsurface fire identified at DTG Recycle is in a closed solid waste cell, which formerly received solid waste, but is no longer active in terms of DTG Recycle's operational capacity. The closed cell has three to six feet of soil coverage and has been closed for over a year. DTG Recycle is able to continue operating, given that the subsurface fire is occurring in a closed cell and does not inhibit their operation's capacity or their response to the subsurface fire.

Ambient air sampling is being conducted to ensure there are no public health risks to the community. At this point, the recorded air quality readings do not indicate any hazardous levels of gases leaving the landfill. However, given the ongoing presence of the subsurface fire, ambient air sampling will continue. YHD will inform the public if there are any air quality changes that are of risk to public health.

Quote

"The Yakima Health District is working closely with our partners and DTG management to address the subsurface fire identified in a closed cell at DTG Recycle. Public safety and health are our priority, and we will be working to ensure steps are taken to address the fire." -Shawn Magee, Director of Environmental Health, Yakima Health District

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