

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY
FIRE OCCURRENCE NOTIFICATION
NC DENR Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section**



Notify the Section verbally within 24 hours and submit written notification within 15 days of the occurrence.
(If additional space is needed, use back of this form.)

NAME OF FACILITY: Haywood County (White Oak) Landfill PERMIT # 44-07

DATE AND TIME OF FIRE: 8/218/14 @ unknown - found/reported @ 6:30 am

HOW WAS THE FIRE REPORTED AND BY WHOM:

At approximately 6:00 am, Thursday morning, the early crew arrived at the landfill and smelled smoke. Ricky Kirkpatrick and crew members drove around the landfill and found it on fire.

LIST ACTIONS TAKEN:

At 6:30 am, 911 and management were informed. At or around 8:15 am, NCDENR was informed. The fire department was on site at 6:18 am and fought the fire with a combination of water and dirt. The fire was extinguished around 8:30 am. Landfill was closed for 24 hours and set a 48 hour fire watch.

WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE:

The cause is unknown. Heavy thunderstorms were in the area, so there is a possibility that the cause was lightning. No true hot spot was identified.

DESCRIBE AREA, TYPE, AND AMOUNT OF WASTE INVOLVED:

The area was on approximately 100 ft x 50 ft of household waste. The average depth appeared to be around 4 ft deep.

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE TO PREVENT THIS FIRE:

The exact cause is unknown. Therefore, preventative measures for this particular fire can not be developed. Landfill personnel plan to continue following the landfill's operations plan and rely on their landfill's operator training.

DESCRIBE PLAN OF ACTIONS TO PREVENT FUTURE INCIDENTS:

The exact cause is unknown. However, we noticed the material (white plastic sheeting) used for storm water diversion was a fire accelerant which appeared to increase the fire's intensity. Landfill personnel plan to avoid storing and disposing of this material near the top of the active working face in the future.

NAME: John Preston TITLE: Landfill Operator DATE: 8/26/14

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SOLID WASTE SECTION REGIONAL STAFF

DATE RECEIVED 8/27/2014

List any factors not listed that might have contributed to the fire or that might prevent occurrence of future fires:

Increased use of Soil as daily cover vs. tarp

FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED:

NO PHONE CALL SUBMITTAL MEETING RETURN VISIT BY: _____ (DATE)

ACTIONS TAKEN OR REQUIRED:

None at this time. See Inspection Report.