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1)Transpacific Market Rd Underground Fire

The following report has just been received from Olga Ghiri, Transpacific Industries Group regarding an incident which is being closely monitored at its closed Market Road Landfill site in Brooklyn.

Transpacific has recently become aware of a deep-seated underground fire at the site. During routine landfill gas management planning work conducted this week, it was noted that there were areas of increased temperatures (known as 'hot spots') at the landfill.

With the help of external consultants, TPI are presently trying to categorise the situation but current data indicates that this is a deep-seated underground fire.

TPI have advised the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Environmental Protection Agency, and are keeping them abreast of our activities in relation to this issue.

At this time, Transpacific does not believe the community is at risk.

As a precaution however, TPI are continuing to undertake extensive testing on the site to determine the best course of action.

TPI will keep everyone informed as more information becomes available.

Transpacific has provided a set of [Q&A's](#) to assist you with more information. [click here for Q & A](#)

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2) EPA Response Transpacific Landfill Fire

Richard Marks, EPA Victoria, has provided the following response which is posted on the [EPA website](#).

EPA investigates Brooklyn landfill fire.

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EPA is investigating a below ground fire at the TPI landfill, Brooklyn, which has been assessed as posing no immediate risk to the community or environment.

EPA director of environmental regulation, Chris Webb, said it was as disappointing development after years of community and regulatory effort to rid the area of dust and odour.

“This community has suffered enough,” Mr Webb said.

“EPA, along with other agencies involved, takes this matter seriously and considers protecting human health and the environment as a first priority.”

EPA will continue to monitor TPI’s efforts to extinguish the fire, and has offered technical assistance.

EPA has assessed this incident as having low imminent environmental risk, but informs the community that smoke and odour may be produced in the process of extinguishing this fire.

Report pollution to EPA on 1300 EPA Vic (1300 372 842).

3) Brooklyn in focus on Channel 7

On Thursday, BRAG and YOTN coordinated a "Wake" to celebrate/morn the 100th dust exceedence of the PM10 Standard since 2009. Channel 7 conducted an interview and filming session with community group leaders and local residents. It is hoped that the interview will be screened on Sunday 7th July, Channel 7 evening news.

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