



Consolidated Scrap Resources Fire Informational Sheet

Summary

At 3 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014, as the result of a lightning strike, fire broke out at Consolidated Scrap Resources (CSR) at 1616 Cameron Street in Harrisburg. The fire continued to burn for about 12 hours, ending around 3 p.m. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency and the Harrisburg Fire Department responded to the fire.

DEP's Response

- DEP's Emergency Response Team, Air Quality Program, Waste Program and Clean Water Program responded to the fire.
- DEP responded by placing an air sampling device at CSR and collecting samples at five other locations to assess the impacts of the fire around Harrisburg. Two rounds of sampling at five locations were conducted (one round in the morning and one round in the afternoon) and sent to DEP's laboratory to be analyzed. The sampling devices used at the five locations collect a sample of the current air and allow the determination of the air quality at the time the sample is collected. The sampling device at CSR collects an air sample over a 24 hour period and allows the determination of the air quality over the course of that entire period.
- Other samples were collected at two locations in proximity to the fire to assess the particles like smoke and soot contained in the air. These samples were also 24 hour samples that will be analyzed by the lab.
- DEP set up booms – a floating barrier to prevent a liquid from moving down the waterway – in Paxton Creek to ensure contamination did not occur from run off.
- DEP recommended that sensitive populations, people with respiratory illness, asthma and the elderly, remain indoors and not inhale the smoke.

What are the preliminary air quality sampling results?

Of the results received, no concentrations of hazardous air pollutants were detected above air quality conditions that are typical for that area.

What happens next?

- The samples collected will be further analyzed for other air pollutants and will be processed on Saturday, June 21. The data will for these air pollutants in the samples will be available on Monday, June 23.
- DEP will also ensure that the waste from the fire is properly disposed.

Who should I contact if I am having respiratory illness believed to be from the fire?

You should contact your family health physician.

How will I find out the results of the air quality tests?

You can find out the results by calling DEP at **717-705-4702** during normal business hours or email lkasianowi@pa.gov after business hours.

To report an emergency at any time, 24 hours a day:

DEP Emergency Response Line

1-866-825-0208

General Questions on DEP’s Response and Media Contact:

Lisa Kasianowitz

DEP Community Relations Coordinator

717-315-8780

Environmental concerns or complaints:

Jeff Minskey

DEP Customer Service Representative

717-705-4704

Additional resources:

CONTACT Helpline

24-hour, 7 days-a-week, listening, health and human service information and referral service

717-652-4400

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1-877-724-3258