

TELECON NOTE
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

ADDRESS: Little Rock Compost
10803 Ironton Cutoff
Little Rock, AR 72206

DATE: 9/20/2023

TIME: 1027

RE: Fire Notification

BETWEEN: Ryan Hayden

OF: DEQ Solid Waste
Inspector Supervisor

PHONE: (501) 913-4023

AND: Nathan Charles, Solid Waste Service Manager
(501) 888-4492

DISCUSSION: Nathan Charles was contacted in regards to a possible fire that occurred at the Little Rock Compost site. Mr. Charles confirmed they did have a fire but he did not notify DEQ. He stated that he received notification from the local fire department of the fire at approximately 12:30 AM on 9/20/2023. They had their facility operators on-site with the fire department by 01:00 AM. The fire department extinguished the fire with water and stayed on-site until noon to make sure it did not reignite. There was no runoff from the water observed leaving the compost yard. The exact cause of the fire could not be determined but Mr. Charles stated he believes a pile of their incoming yard waste spontaneously combusted due to internal heat being generated as it breaks down. The fire in that pile spread to a nearby pile of shredded wood waste they'd staged in this area.

ACTION ITEMS:

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