

Odours Expected While the Regional Landfill Flare Station is Upgraded



The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) will be shutting down the flare station at the Regional Landfill in Cedar to do an upgrade between November 12 and December 10, 2024. The upgrade is needed to meet provincial requirements and increase reliability. During this time, the landfill will remain open. An increase in landfill odour is expected during the shutdown. The odour will be unpleasant but not hazardous.

The advance work has been ongoing since June and is being pre-tested off-site. Environmental and engineering staff will be monitoring the gas system daily while the upgrade is being done and three air quality monitoring stations will run continuously along the north property line between the site and residences. As required under the Landfill Gas Regulation, the Province will be notified of the shut-down.

The flare station was built in 2002 to capture and destroy the methane that is generated in the waste decomposition process. It operates continuously 24 hours a day, seven days a week unless there is maintenance being performed. The upgrade project involves replacing the candlestick flare, ignitor system, electrical panel and process control software.

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