

Alleged Safety or Health Hazards

Use this form to report an alleged safety or health hazard with the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I). This form is provided for the assistance of any complaint and is not intended to constitute the exclusive means by which a complaint may be reported to L&I. You may choose to remain anonymous when reporting or if you provide your name and contact information, you can request confidentiality.

If you see a worker in immediate danger and need help, call L&I at 1-800-423-7233.

Complete the form with as much detail as possible. If more room is needed, continue on a separate sheet of paper or a separate document and send it with this form.

For more detailed information and instructions, see page 4 of this form.

1. Employer Name Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency			
2. Site Location – Street Address 189 Iror Horse courte	City Yakima	State WA	Zip Code 98901
3. Mailing Address (if different) Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
4. Name of Management/Supervisory Official Hasan Tahat	5. Business Telephone Number 509-834-2050		
6. Type of Business CleanAirAgency			
<p>7. Hazard Location – Specify the particular building/work site and the work shifts where the alleged hazard is occurring. If the hazards described in your complaint are not all in the same area, identify where each hazard can be found at the worksite.</p> <p>41 Rocky Top Road, Yakima, WA Previously the Anderson Landfill now owned by East Mountain Enterprises and operated by DTG Enterprries. This landfill has a deposit of I believe extremely toxic waste deposited within it. This are is located in the landfill in the northwestern portion of what is called cell #1. This area is now under an agreed order from the Department of Ecology per the Model Toxic Control Act (MTCA). This area has a fracture in the soil of the sidehill that encompasses the the lower portion of the NW sidehill that emit a dangerous gaseous emissions that have a noxious odor. Recently the actual toxic substance was leaching up through the soil at these fractures. I beleive a large quantity of this toxic substance was placed in the this location in 1997.</p> <p>This landfill has been operating by a permit authorized by the Yakima Health Department (YHD) and under a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) CUP2015-00051 issued bythe Yakima County Planning Department. One of the Conditions in this permit is the requirement to obtain a Air permit/Order of Approval to operate from the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency. This to protect the public and those who may live near the facility from any possible emission that may originate from the facility. This includes protection from nuisance fugitive dust sources and odors that may interfere with the enjoyment those it falls on.</p> <p>This landfill has operated since 2009 when the Previous CUP was issue; CUP2009-00024 and contained the same language requiring them to get an air permit from the YRCAA. The DTG has never been issued a an Order of Approval to operate from the YRCAA, and their LPL operations should have been notified that they are in violation of the CUP issued for them to operate. And if they they did not comply with the notice then they should be shut down.</p>			

8. Hazard Description – Describe the hazard(s) you believe exist. Include the approximate number of employees exposed to or threatened by each hazard. If you have any evidence to support your suspicion of a hazard such as a recent accident or physical symptom of employees, include this information in your description.

If you need more space to describe the situation, you can attach a separate document when you send us this form. You can also submit photos or videos when you send us this form.

I beleive this landfill emits gasous substance harmful tp the workers at the site and those that live near the site. And could possibly have radio active waste contained in it. Kinda a stretch but its always better to be safe than sorry. My boss scoft at me for mentioning it. All of regulators involved have allowed this to happen by letting them continue to operate without all the permitting requirement being fulfilled

Prohibition of Nuisance and Odor. (EPA & FCAA citations)

(1) Nuisance

A person shall not discharge, cause, suffer, allow, or permit from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which will cause injury, detriment, nuisance or annoyance to any considerable number of people or to the public or which endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of any such persons or the public or which causes or has a natural tendency to cause injury or damage to business or property.

(2) Odors

A person shall not discharge, cause, suffer, allow, or permit any emissions of objectionable odors beyond the property line of a premises.

I am an engineer at YRCAA that quantifies emissions,insure emssion control devices are in place and meet regulatory standards and, also help writing the permit / Order of Approval to operate.

I am reporting this health hazard to the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) in tandum with a complaint letter to the Exuctive Director of YRCAA and the Washington State Attorneys Genrals Office regarding my supervisors actions:

-Allowing this landfill to contue to operate without a permit/Order of Approval from the YRCAA. and allowing it to operate while emitting a odor that interferes with the enjoyment of those living near it

-by his intimidating statement to me on Friday September 22, 2023: "you will be the author of this permit - and sign the permit or else you should retire".

I don't beleive this facility should be allowed to operate until they come into compliance with all of the regulators. They are currently shut down and don;t understand my supervisors actions and feel initimidaed by his comments and actions.

This form was reffered to me to fill out and document my actions by and under the protection of the " Whistle Blowers Protection Act". And i am requesting protection under this act from all of the regulators noted above. This situation stems from all of the regulators not fulfilling their duties to protect the puplic, and this landfill facility desire to operate and make big bucks. This may go to the extent of improper political actions and improper political funding.

I will also note that the geological study used by the Department of Ecology was an inadequate study which they now realize. And thus the Environmentl Review used to permit the facility is no longer valid and should be considered invalid for the operations that have taken place thus all material in cell #1 should be removed and placed in a lined cell at the site. And a new environmental review be done on the site.

The aquafer is in danger and the country folk in the area need protection- get EPA; EJ involved?

9. Who else have you informed about this unsafe condition/practice? Mark all that apply.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Government Agency (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Individual
List Name of Person Notified Marc Thornsberry	Job Title of Person Notified Executive Director YRCAA	Date Notified numerous
10. Are you a current employee or employee representative of this employer? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
11. The Undersigned believes that a violation of an Occupational Safety or Health standards exists which is a job safety or health hazard of the establishment name on the form. (Check one below) DTR landfill Facility 41 Rocky Top <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of Employees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		
12. If you are an authorized representative of employees affected by the complaint, please state the name of the organization that you represent and your title.		
Organization/Union Name	Your Title	

Optional Information

Your contact information helps ensure we can follow up with you should we need additional information. If also allow us to inform you of any action taken as a result of your report.

13. Name wade porter	14. Phone Number 509-930-5948
15. Street Address 271 sumac road	City wapato
	State wa
	Zip Code 98951

Confidentiality Note:

DOSH will only maintain confidentiality regarding the source of a complaint for an employee or employee representative that files a DOSH workplace safety and health complaint. The employee or employee representative must specifically request confidentiality and sign the compliant form either physically or electronically.

Please indicate your desire:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not reveal my name to the Employer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My name may be revealed to the Employer
16. Signature (Type or Print) Wade Porter	17. Date 09/28/2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By submitting this form, I hereby affirm and attest that I have personal knowledge that the hazards listed exist and that my name on this form legally constitutes my signature.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, I acknowledge the following: L&I takes precautions to protect your personal data that may be accessed through our website at . Our detailed privacy and security statements are available to all internet users. See:

Next Steps

Thank you for completing this form. To complete the process of submitting an Alleged Safety or Health Hazard Complaint, please do the following:

- 1. Review the form.** Make sure the information is a complete and accurate as possible.
- 2. Save the form. Change the default file name so you can find it easily.** If you're using a public or shared computer, be sure to to a safe location like a thumb drive or a secured folder. If that's not possible, make sure you delete the file after you're completed the next step.
- 3. Submit the form to our secure file upload.** . You can also use this link to send us photos, videos, documents, and other supporting information along with this form. Send the form and any documentation you have together using this link.

If you prefer to print and mail the form, see the office locations below.

Need help?

If you have any problems, please contact us at

and will you help you.