

# Media Release

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## EPA monitoring smoke from Wingfield mulch fire

EPA inspectors have been monitoring smoke from a mulch fire at the Adelaide Resource Recovery (ARR) soil and compost facility at Wingfield.

The smoke from this fire may impact on visibility for drivers in the area and members of the public are being advised to shut doors and windows until the smoke subsides.

The EPA was notified at 2.50am of a mulch fire at the ARR compost facility at Wingfield.

This processed mulch is not a garden product and is derived from waste materials.

An EPA Emergency Response Team (ERT) is monitoring smoke emissions from the stockpiles of burning mulch at the Hanson Road site.

EPA Executive Director Operations, Andrew Wood said the fire is burning in an area where there are no homes in close proximity and where water runoff is also being closely monitored.

“There has been no excess firewater entering any stormwater as the stockpile of mulch has been absorbing most of the water that is being applied,” Mr Wood said.

The EPA conducts regular inspections at this site to ensure that ARR satisfies the requirements of its licence conditions.

ARR is licensed by the EPA as a waste and recycling depot with stockpile management criteria as a condition.

The EPA will be working with the Metropolitan Fire Service to investigate the circumstances of the fire.

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