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Environment protection order issued to waste recycler

The Environment Protection Authority has issued an environment protection order to recycler SKM Corporate Pty Ltd relating to waste stockpiles at its Wingfield depot.

EPA Chief Executive Officer Tony Circelli said under the conditions of SKM's environmental licence, all waste was to be stored in enclosed, undercover areas.

"When EPA officers visited for the Francis Road depot on 16 January, they found a number of bales of material collected from kerbside recycling being stored in the open in contravention of the licence," he said.

"Under the terms of the EPO, SKM must immediately cease receiving waste at the site that could not be stored in enclosed, undercover areas, and must cease storing all waste in the open by 18 March.

"Waste stored in the open is a concern as it represents a fire risk and can also cause issues with litter, vermin and odour."

Mr Circelli said the EPA had been regulating SKM for its waste stockpile since November 2017, when the company agreed to move all waste under cover, and to remove shipping containers filled with waste by June 2018.

"There are still 387 shipping containers full of baled waste on site, which SKM will be required to progressively remove until there are none left by 18 June 2019," he said.

The South Australian order is unrelated to similar orders issued by the Victorian EPA for SKM depots around Melbourne.

The SA EPA understands that SKM Wingfield has temporarily closed its gates yesterday in response to the Victorian orders, and is not receiving kerbside recycling from SA council collections.