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## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 5, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue advises that crews cleared the scene at the John C. Holland Enterprises Landfill at 1:08 p.m. after the fire had been contained and there was no further threat.

Staff from the landfill are continuing to work excavators at the location and are adding dirt to the top of the affected debris pile.

Fire Marshal Chuck Chapin has advised upon investigation that the cause of the fire was determined to be spontaneous combustion within the debris pile. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality was also made aware of today's incident.

There were no injuries.

## **CREWS ON SCENE OF FIRE AT JOHN C. HOLLAND ENTERPRISES LANDFILL**

SUFFOLK, VA (March 5, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews remain on the scene of a working refuse fire at the John C. Holland Enterprises Landfill.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 7:59 a.m. advising of the fire at the private landfill in the 4800 block of Nansemond Parkway.

Fire Chief Mike Barakey advised that upon arrival crews determined the fire involved a six-story pile of trash material burning in an area of approximately 100 yards by 100 yards. An excavator from the landfill is assisting firefighters and is working to move material on the cap to allow fire streams to penetrate the pile of debris.

Responding units include Engines 6 and 10, Tankers 1 and 9, and Brush Truck 1.

The incident remains active at this time.

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