

EPD expresses sadness on accident at West New Territories Landfill Extension

The Director of Environmental Protection, Dr Samuel Chui, was deeply saddened by the incident that a worker was found unconscious at the site of the West New Territories (WENT) Landfill Extension and certified dead later in the hospital today (March 2), and extended his sincere condolences to the family of the deceased.

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) is very concerned about the accident. The EPD has instructed the contractor to fully co-operate with the Police and the relevant departments in the investigation and submit a report on the accident within seven days. The EPD will also investigate into the incident. The EPD is contacting the deceased's family to extend sympathies. It is noted that the contractor will give an ex-gratia relief payment to the deceased's family.

The 64-year-old deceased man, hired by the sub-contractor for the contract to design, build and operate the WENT Landfill Extension, was responsible for site formation works. Around 5.30pm yesterday, the deceased did not return home after working at the site of the WENT Landfill Extension and his family notified the site supervisor. After checking the CCTV images and patrolling the site, the worker was found unconscious on the ground on the site platform. He was sent to Tuen Mun Hospital where he was later confirmed dead.