

Fire incident at West Kowloon Transfer Station

A fire broke out at the West Kowloon Transfer Station (WKTS) on Stonecutters Island this afternoon (July 7). No injuries were reported and all employees on site were evacuated immediately. The WKTS has temporarily suspended waste reception.

At about 5.15pm, smoke was found in some waste received by the WKTS. The firemen sped to the scene and the fire was largely put out at about 7pm.

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has immediately informed the trade and kept close liaison with the trade. The users of the WKTS can use other refuse transfer stations or send the waste directly to the landfills for disposal.

The EPD is reviewing the impact of the fire on the operation of the WKTS and will keep close liaison with the trade on the latest operational arrangements for the WKTS.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The EPD has requested the contractor to submit a report on the fire incident within seven days. The department will also work with the contractor and the Fire Services Department to investigate the cause of the fire.