



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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PREPARATION WORK CONTINUES AT TRAFALGAR SITE

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—Today the Arkansas Forestry Commission is on-site cutting in a fire break around the perimeter of the Trafalgar site. Other field activities planned include construction of access roads and a temporary weir. The weir will be constructed to collect make-up water for firefighting on the surface of the Trafalgar site. Water will be collected at the weir and pumped to the top of the site.

Last week, Environmental Works Inc., contracted by EnSafe, installed a trench along the south perimeter ranging from 22' to 48' in depth. The trench was used to assess the presence of waste, determine the location of the fire, and the depth to native material. With the installation of the trench, contractors successfully stopped the fire from spreading to adjacent properties. The fire break created from the trench is instrumental in reducing the environmental impact and cost.

Continuous air monitoring continues at the Bella Vista Fire Department Station 2 and the city transfer station near Cooper Elementary School. The air monitors record particulate matter (PM) levels on a 24-hour cycle, and samples are collected every Monday and Thursday for assessment. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) evaluated the PM levels for January 1–January 21. The PM data analysis indicates the air quality was within the Air Quality Index “good” range. A copy of ADH's particulate matter evaluation may be found on ADH's website at: https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/ADH_PM_Evaluation_1-24-19.pdf.

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