# Public Service Announcement

## Kugaaruk Landfill Fire Response

**Start Date: July 31, 2025**
**End Date: Ongoing**
**Nunavut-wide** **45 sec**

The Department of Community Services' Nunavut Emergency Management (NEM) division is actively supporting the Hamlet of Kugaaruk in its response to a fire at the community landfill.

At the request of local officials, NEM has coordinated the deployment of trained firefighters to assist on the ground and provide relief for local emergency personnel who have been working tirelessly over the past several days. The Government of Nunavut's (GN) Deputy Fire Marshal will act as a liaison between the GN Emergency Coordination Centre and the Hamlet, while also supporting fire response operations.

While the fire remains at the landfill site, smoke is not affecting the community directly. Air quality is being monitored and the GN is working with partners to assess conditions. The community will be updated if conditions change.

Smoke from burning waste can cause respiratory irritation, especially for those at higher risk. Please follow smoke precautions found on the GN website.

The GN remains in regular contact with local leadership and continues to provide logistical and technical support. We thank Kugaaruk's first responders and municipal staff for their ongoing efforts to protect the community.

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