

HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

Important safety information to share with our colleagues and contract partners

Fire at Bran Sands

Why are we sending this alert out?

- A fire started at Bran Sands Sewage Treatment Works (STW) that required the fire service and site emergency teams to respond in order to fight the fire.

What have we learned?

- The fire started at the Phase 2 Biofilter Odour Control area at approximately 23:00 hours.
- A Bioresources Tanker Driver was offloading in the vicinity.
- The driver was the first person to notice the fire and immediately informed site personnel, who initiated the site emergency response plan.
- Bran Sands emergency response teams at nearby Wilton International were informed, and arrived on site within four minutes - The County Fire Service arrived soon after.
- The fire was brought under control and the Fire Service remained on site observing until 02:30 hours.
- There were no injuries to any personnel but significant damage was caused to equipment within the area.
- Due to the damage sustained the Phase 2 Biofilter Odour Control system is out of service and operations were impacted for several hours.
- Site management implemented temporary control measures to return the site to operation.

How do we prevent it happening again?

- The source of the fire is still under investigation and more information will be shared once the process is complete.
- Sites with Odour Control systems or other ventilation systems, should ensure that equipment such as fans and electrical panels are inspected for any signs of damage.
- In the meantime; all sites are reminded to ensure emergency response plans are available and personnel are familiar with them, to ensure a suitable response time.



Photographs above show the fire, and the extent of the damage caused to equipment.