SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT

Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998

Company / Person	Heidi Yates
Description of Incident	Mulch pile combustion. Upon arriving at the tip this morning, I noticed smoke coming from the mulch pile. Two fire extinguishers were used to put out the flames. But the pile continued to smoulder and catch alight again. I rang Ross at the fire station, and he come out to extinguish it with water. Until he was satisfied it was out.
Date and time of incident	21/10/2026
Location	Melville Bay Road, Nhulunbuy, NT, 0880

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	Mulch pile combustion.
(b) the place where the incident occurred	Gove Peninsula Waste Management Facility. Melville Bay Road, Nhulunbuy, NT, 0880
(c) the date and time of the incident	21 October 2026 10:23am
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	Natural breakdown of mulch.
(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	Two fire extinguishers were used to suppress the fire immediately, and Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service personnel were requested to attend and manage the incident. Mulch stockpiles will be monitored during and after the event to identify and manage any remaining hot spots, smouldering material or risk of re-ignition.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Heidi Yates



