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Thanks Mike. I watched the piece - nice interview. I will forward this to the EPA team and we will work together to prep for the CAG.

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KSDK Story from yesterday is below. Expect the schedule to be Monday's hot topic at the CAG.

West Lake landfill barrier construction delayed KSDK TV St. Louis Sept. 4, 2014
http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/09/04/west-lake-landfill-barrier-construction-delayed/15111959/

BRIDGETON, Mo. - A major development at the troubled Bridgeton and West Lake landfills in St. Louis County.

A plan has been delayed to build a barrier wall that would separate an underground fire from radioactive waste.

The project was supposed to start in June, but now it could be pushed back 18 months.

The south quarry of the Bridgeton Landfill has been smoldering underground for three years. There is concern the smoldering could reach the radioactive waste buried in the adjacent West Lake Landfill. However, data released in July shows the fire has not spread beyond the south quarry.

There are a number of reasons for the delay. The first is that nobody really knows where all the radioactive waste is buried.

The Environmental Protection Agency, which oversees the West Lake Landfill, asked the Army Corps of Engineers to weigh in on the three existing barrier plans.

In a report from August 25, 2014 the Corps said all the radioactive waste must be located before plans can move forward.

"This is a seriously complex issue," said Army Corps of Engineers spokesman Mike Petersen. "We're digging into a landfill, which is a complicated process to begin with, that's next to an airport. There's (radiologically impacted material), a subsurface smoldering event. So we want to make sure that we take the due time. We can work this faster but we don't want to make that at the cost of doing the right thing."

The EPA has asked the landfill's owners to provide a revised barrier plan. A spokesman said Thursday there is no set date for the work to begin.

"We're going to let science and the engineering rule the timeline," said Curtis Carey, Public Affairs Director for EPA Region 7.

Both the EPA and the Army Corps say right now there is no plan they favor more than others.

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