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**TIM SHALLENBURGER**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
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RE: Galena Landfill Update

Dear residents of Galena,

I wanted to share a brief update that I received from KDHE this week regarding the smoldering event at the Galena landfill.

Jordan Disposal was given a deadline of June 19th to complete excavation and extinguishing of the smoldering. Jordan Disposal certified they completed the work. KDHE was on site Wednesday, June 24 to verify the work was completed. While on site, they observed a limited amount of smoldering, so they approved an additional six hours of excavation work to fully extinguish the smoldering. KDHE has given them until July 3 to complete the work.

Following the excavation work, KDHE has directed Jordan Disposal to apply one foot of top soil over the area pursuant to the approved plan. KDHE has prohibited them from putting waste in this area, unless approved by the department. Allowing KDHE to continue monitoring the area for hydrogen sulfide gas.

I will continue to work with KDHE to ensure this issue gets resolved. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to my office at (785) 296-7361 or email me at [tim.shallenburger@senate.ks.gov](mailto:tim.shallenburger@senate.ks.gov).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Shallenburger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Shallenburger– District 13