

# SMOKE DANGER FROM ONGOING DUMP FIRE

IT is likely that “cancer-causing emissions” are emanating from the current dump fire, because of the variety of waste at the city’s landfill site.

That’s according to Musa Chamane, waste campaigner at environmental watchdog organisation groundWork, who yesterday warned people living in nearby Sobantu, Hayfields and Scottsville to keep windows and doors closed.

“This happens because the landfill site suffers prolonged periods without machinery like compactors.

“There is an overwhelming amount of trash there. It needs to be properly compacted then covered with soil.

“Msunduzi must start taking waste management more seriously,” he said.

Msunduzi said yesterday they expect the fire at the landfill site to be out soon.

Head of waste management, Cyril Naidoo, said the situation has dramatically improved since the landfill caught alight on Sunday.

He added that the fire has been contained.

He said the rains did not help the situation but rather, made it difficult for fire engines to navigate through the terrain at the dump. — Witness Reporter.