

# Refuse transfer station user convicted of illegal disposal of construction waste

â€‹A refuse transfer station user, who illegally deposited construction waste in the Sha Tin Refuse Transfer Station, was fined \$1,000 at Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (February 18) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

On July 29, 2024, the contractor of the Sha Tin Refuse Transfer Station conducted spot checks against vehicles carrying unacceptable waste (such as construction waste) in the refuse transfer station (RTS) and subsequently found that there was construction waste in the refuse carried by one of the trucks. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) officers on-site then conducted a further inspection and evidence collection, and instructed the truck driver to immediately arrange proper disposal of the construction waste concerned. Based on the evidence collected, the EPD prosecuted the driver for illegal disposal of construction waste in an RTS under the WDO.

A spokesman for the EPD stressed that under the Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste) Regulation, only Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities allow users to pay for disposing of construction waste, while disposal of construction waste at other RTSs is prohibited.

The EPD and RTS contractors will continue to step up spot checks of waste collection vehicles entering the RTS. Once any violation of regulations is found, the user will be required to arrange the removal of the construction waste, and the EPD will also investigate and prosecute the persons involved, and consider revoking the registered account for using the RTS as appropriate.