



National  
Operational  
Guidance

## Control measure

**Consider removing waste and plant  
from site or relocating it to a safe area**



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### Control measure knowledge

Thermal radiation can affect other parts of the site and equipment stored on the site, such as plant and machinery. Where possible, unaffected waste products, plant and machinery, if not being used for firefighting operations, should be moved to a safe location away from the effects of radiated heat.

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Identify suitable and secure off-site locations for plant and machinery in pre-planning site visits

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Arrange for plant and machinery to be moved to a safe location away from radiated heat
- As the incident develops, observe for the effect of radiated heat on buildings, equipment and waste products; this should be an ongoing process
- Create firebreaks by removing waste materials where possible