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## After smoldering 3 weeks, Hornsby Bend fire almost out

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The weeks-old Hornsby Bend Biosolids Plant fire near the airport is just about out, according to Jason Hill, spokesperson for Austin Water Utility, and has cost the city between \$2 and \$3 million.

The fire started Feb. 25 at the facility where the city makes Dillo Dirt. High winds fanned hot compost piles, igniting the long-smoldering fire.

Despite the smell, officials said many tests have been conducted and the smoke from the fire isn't dangerous to neighbors. The city is looking for ways to keep such an incident from happening again.

"It's a large sum of money," Hill said. "However, when you look at the magnitude of what's been done, it's a small price to pay for work that was very well done."

Crews hope to start the cleanup this week.