

# Suspected Landfill Gases Send Russian Schoolchildren to Hospital

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A young man near recycling and incineration plant at the Yadrovo solid waste landfill **Sergei Fedeichev / TASS**

Scores of schoolchildren outside Moscow have reportedly been treated or hospitalized after exposure to foul gases that residents link to a nearby landfill.

Thousands protested against the Yadrovo landfill near the city of Volokolamsk in early March, leading to dozens of arrests.

“Twenty-three children have been hospitalized, 16 more received treatment,” an anonymous source told the Interfax news agency on Wednesday.

Although city officials [denied](#) that children were receiving treatment in comments to state-run TASS news agency, educational authorities [told](#) Interfax that four children were taken to hospital.

A Volokolamsk administration spokesperson [confirmed](#) to Interfax that a discharge of landfill

gas occurred overnight.

Initial [reports](#) suggested the children were hospitalized because of an incident with pepper spray, which has been subsequently denied.

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