

**OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING MANUAL**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Barton & Loguidice, P.C. has prepared this Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring (OM&M) Manual in accordance with the Statement of Work (SOW) for the Consent Decree (CD) for the Source Control Operable Unit (OU-1) at the Volney Landfill, as well as applicable sections of 6 NYCRR Part 360. This OM&M Manual has been prepared on behalf of the County of Oswego, who is the Supervising Contractor pursuant to the terms of the CD. The preparation of this manual is part of the completion of the Remedial Action (RA) for the site. The selected remedy for the site, presented in the 1987 Record of Decision (ROD) and modified by the 1997 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD), included the supplemental capping of the landfill side slopes, continued leachate collection from the existing leachate collection system, intermittent groundwater collection on an as-needed basis, off-site treatment of leachate and contaminated groundwater, and long-term monitoring. The ROD, ESD and final CD are incorporated herein by reference.

This plan contains the procedures for inspecting and maintaining the supplemental cap, off-site disposal of collected leachate, provision and certification of institutional controls, decommissioning of monitoring wells, as well as monitoring of groundwater and air quality in the immediate perimeter of the landfill. This plan also incorporates monitoring of downgradient groundwater wells based upon information from the Contamination Pathways Investigation and as required by the 2001 ESD issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).



slopes with an impermeable membrane, installation of a more extensive leachate collection drain system and a subsurface ground water containment barrier (slurry wall), treatment of the collected leachate either on- or off-site, and long-term monitoring.

After the signing of the ROD, it was learned that a quality assurance/quality control review of the analytical data associated with the RI had not been performed. EPA re-sampled the site in 1988 and, based upon the sampling results, concluded that hazardous substances were present at the site at levels that posed a risk to public health and the environment. On September 29, 1989, EPA issued a PDD, which reaffirmed the remedy selected in the ROD. In response to comments received during the public comment period, the PDD also called for a re-evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of the slurry wall called for in the ROD and a determination as to whether to provide for on- or off-site leachate treatment.

Studies conducted from 1989 to 1990 provided information about off-site leachate treatment and updated the construction costs for the site remedy. The studies concluded, however, that before any final decisions related to the slurry wall or leachate treatment could be made, additional testing was needed to resolve several critical issues concerning the site hydrogeology (i.e., possible artesian conditions, ground water flow issues, and no reduction in contaminated leachate collection volume since the 1985 capping of the landfill).

An Administrative Order on Consent was signed in 1993 for the performance of a pre-design study by a group of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). Based upon the results of the pre-design study, which was completed in 1997, EPA determined that there is no definable contaminant ground water plume, only intermittent increases in contaminant concentrations.

In addition, it was determined that natural attenuation is occurring in a sizable buffer zone between the landfill and eight downgradient residential wells. This

conclusion was based upon the fact that contamination has not been found in the downgradient private wells, the closest well being located approximately 450 feet from the landfill. It was also determined that the installation of a slurry wall and a more extensive leachate collection drain system would not offer a significant protective benefit when considering its relatively high cost and the relatively low volume of leachate that is generated. Also, off-site treatment and disposal of the leachate would be more cost-effective than on-site treatment and disposal (due to the low volume of leachate that is generated and the significant cost to construct and operate an on-site treatment facility). Based upon these findings, an ESD was issued by EPA in 1997, which concluded that a slurry wall should not be installed, the intermittent ground water contamination should be extracted on an as-needed-basis, and the collected contaminated ground water should be treated off-site.

Negotiations with 40 PRPs for the performance of the design and construction of the remedy resulted in the PRPs signing a CD in May 1998. The design began shortly thereafter, and was completed in September 1999. The construction commenced in the Summer of 2000, and was completed in mid-September 2001.

The ROD called for an investigation to evaluate the potential for the migration of contaminants in the ground water and to the surface water and sediments of the adjacent Bell Creek and wetlands surrounding the site. This investigation was initiated in 1990 under an Administrative Order on Consent with the PRPs, but was delayed while the pre-design study noted above was completed. The investigation was reactivated in 1998 (at the same time as the initiation of the design). The resulting Contamination Pathways Investigation Report and Contamination Pathways Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments were completed in September 2001.

A groundwater extraction contingency plan was developed to determine when groundwater concentrations warranted implementation of groundwater collection.















## 2.5 OPERABLE UNIT CONTACT INFORMATION

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## **6.2 Dust Control**

Dust control on access and haul roads will be accomplished by means of a water truck, and by limiting the size of unvegetated areas (such as borrow areas) to the minimum practicable operational size. Vegetation will also be reestablished as quickly as possible on areas which will not be used for a significant period of time. No chemical means of dust control is allowed.

## **6.3 Odor Control**

The landfill gas collection and control system will help to reduce odors by burning off gases which contribute to landfill odors. Should odors become a problem, vent flares shall be checked to verify that they are operational. Also, the vents will be checked to verify that they are not plugged by elevated leachate levels. If leachate is found to be present within the vent, the leachate should be pumped out as described in Section 4.3.

## **6.4 Unusual Traffic Conditions**

Unusual traffic conditions will generally consist of either mud or snow problems. Extended periods of wet weather may make traction difficult to and from the leachate storage tank and in general on the perimeter access roads. Landfill equipment will be equipped with tow chains and will be prepared to tow vehicles in and out as necessary. Snow removal on-site will be provided by a snowplow or front end loader on the access roads. During winter months, landfill personnel will contact the appropriate authorities that monitor local road conditions to ascertain the driving conditions. If conditions are hazardous, leachate will not be hauled out of the landfill on such days.









### **6.17 Storm Water Control System**

An inspection of the storm water control system will identify erosion, siltation and restriction to the flow of water in the storm water detention basins, ditches, swales, culverts, down chutes, outlet structures, etc. Eroded areas should be repaired and additional stone added or reseeded to prevent further erosion. Siltation or other restriction to the flow of water in the ditches should be removed and silt fencing or hay bales reestablished and/or additional erosion control devices constructed.

### **6.18 Leachate Outbreaks**

Leachate outbreaks should not develop. If a leachate seep does develop, the area of the seep will be excavated and a means of positive hydraulic conveyance will be installed to ensure that the leachate enters the leachate collection system. The repaired seep area will be routinely inspected to ensure that future seepage does not develop. USEPA and NYSDEC will be notified when a leachate outbreak is discovered during the post-closure inspections, and the remediation procedures will be implemented with prior USEPA and NYSDEC approval.

### **6.19 Gas Management System**

Inspection of the gas collection system should include checking the risers for any physical damage or plugging and checking the cap system adjacent to the risers for any settlement. All plugs, clogs, or waterlogging in the risers should be cleared, any damaged risers should be repaired, if necessary, replaced. If there are any settlements, these will be repaired as previously discussed (Section 4.1).













**APPENDIX A**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE  
PROJECT PLAN**

























**APPENDIX B**

**HEALTH & SAFETY  
CONTINGENCY PLAN**













3. Implementation of an intermittent groundwater extraction plan, to be utilized on an as-needed-basis;
4. Perform the necessary repairs to the various septems as required.

## **2.5 Utility Clearance**

In the event that drilling of monitoring wells is required in the future at locations off the landfill property, utility clearance must be obtained prior to drilling.

1. To be performed by: UFPO 1-800-962-7962
2. Date to be performed: 72-hours prior to excavating and/or subsurface drilling
3. Methods Utilized: UFPO contacts local utilities

## **3.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK ANALYSIS**

### **3.1 Chemical Hazards**

The following table presents a summary of the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that have been detected most frequently in leachate and groundwater at the site. While semi-VOCs and some metals have also been detected in leachate and groundwater, they are not considered to pose meaningful hazards during OM&M activities as ingestion of contaminated water would be the main exposure route. The VOCs that have been detected are anticipated to pose relatively low hazard, as they have been detected only sporadically, and at generally low concentrations (generally less than 20 ug/l).















## **5.0 SITE OPERATING PROCEDURES**

### **5.1 Initial Site Entry Procedures**

- Locate nearest available telephone.
- Prior to working on-site, conduct an inspection for physical and chemical hazards.
- Conduct or review utility clearance prior to start of work, if appropriate.
- Note any specialized protocols particular to work tasks associated with the project.

### **5.2 Daily Operating Procedures**

- Hold Tailgate Safety Meetings prior to work start and as needed there after (suggest daily, however minimum of weekly).
- Use monitoring instruments and follow designated protocol and contaminant action levels.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) as specified.
- Use hearing protection if noise levels exceed 85 dbA.
- Remain upwind of operations and airborne contaminants, if possible.
- Establish a work/rest regime when ambient temperatures and protective clothing create a potential heat stress hazard.
- Do not carry cigarettes, gum, etc. into work areas.
- Refer to Site Safety Officer (SSO) for specific safety concerns for each individual site task.
- Be alert to your own physical condition.
- All accidents, no matter how minor, must be reported immediately to the SSO.









## REGULATORY AGENCIES

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## HOSPITAL ROUTE

South on Silk Road to Rt. 3 (right) to city limits of Fulton, bear left (Broadway - Rt. 3), take second light, turn left (South 4<sup>th</sup> Street), four blocks, Hospital on right hand side.



**APPENDIX C**

**PROTOCOLS**



## **GROUNDWATER LEVEL MEASUREMENT PROTOCOLS**

Depth to groundwater in the monitoring wells will be measured as part of the field program. These data will be converted to water-level elevations using surveyed vertical measuring points on individual well casings.

An electronic measuring tape (m-scope) graduated in tenths of a foot will be the primary instrument of measuring the depth to groundwater. Prior to insertion, the measuring tape will be rinsed with a laboratory-grade detergent solution (Micro or equivalent), rinsed with distilled water and dried with a clean cloth. The tape will be lowered slowly down the center of the casing. After the electronic buzzer sounds and the light illuminates, signifying that water has been encountered in the well, the tape will be held at the pre-marked surveyed point at the top of the well. The measurement (depth to water) will be recorded on a B&L Water-Level/Pumping Record form or water sampling log. The tape will then be removed from the well and cleaned in the same manner as before insertion into the well.











3. Fill the remaining sample containers in the order of the parameter's volatilization sensitivity. The preferred order of sample collection is as follows: volatile organics, extractable organics, total metals, dissolved metals, TOC, phenols, cyanide, nitrate, ammonia, and the remaining fractions.
4. Replace the well cap and lock the well.
5. Pack the samples on ice in a cooler with the completed chain-of-custody record form. Samples will be delivered or shipped to the laboratory within 24 hours after sample collection and the receiver's signature will be obtained on the chain-of-custody record form.
6. Discard the disposable sampling equipment such as used cord, gloves, and plastic sheeting.

### **QUALITY CONTROL**

Quality-control (QC) samples will be used to monitor sampling and laboratory performance. The types of QC samples that will be included in this investigation are replicates and blanks. To ensure unbiased handling and analysis by the laboratory, the identity of replicates will be disguised by means of coding so that the laboratory does not know which samples are used for this purpose. Detailed QC procedures are outlined in the QAPP (Section II).

#### **Replicate Analyses**

Replicate samples are samples collected from the same well and are identical within the limits of normal concentration fluctuations. Collection and analysis of such samples allow a check to be made on sampling precision. Five percent of all ground-water samples collected at this site will be replicated.

When collecting replicate samples for VOC analysis, each of the two sample vials for the sample and replicate will alternately be filled. For other analytes, the collected water will be distributed to fill portions of each sample container until the containers are filled. Sampling for replicates is discussed in more detail in the QAPP.

### **Blanks**

The analysis of trip blanks will be incorporated into this field investigation. Trip blanks will be prepared fresh daily and will be composed of demonstrated analyte-free deionized water acidified to a pH of less than 2 with 1:1 HCl. It is analyzed to determine whether samples may have been contaminated by VOCs as a result of handling in the field, during shipment, or in the laboratory. One trip blank will accompany each day's shipment of water samples to the laboratory for VOC analysis. A field blank for all analytes will also be prepared using demonstrated analyte-free water to determine if the decontamination procedure was adequately performed and that cross contamination of samples is not occurring. Field blanks will be collected at the rate of one per equipment type per decontamination event, not to exceed one per day. Blank analyses are discussed in more detail in the QAPP.

Demonstrated analyte-free water is defined as water of a known quality meeting the following criteria: the assigned values for the Contract Required Detection Limits (CRDLs) and Contract Required Quantitation Limits (CRQLs) can be found in the most recent CLP SOWs. These criteria apply to all blank water, whether or not EPA CLP analytical methods are employed (volatile organics - less than 10 ug/L, semivolatile organics - less than CRQL, pesticides - less than CRQL, PCBs - less than CRQL, inorganics - less than CRQL). However, specifically for the common laboratory contaminants (methylene chloride, acetone, toluene, 2-butanone, and phthalates) the allowable limits are three times the respective CRQLs. The analytical testing required for the water to be demonstrated as analyte-free will be performed prior to the start of sample collection, and the results will be kept on file at the site for EPA auditing purposes.

## **RECORD KEEPING**

Personnel involved in sample collection will carefully document the handling history of ground-water samples and blanks collected.

### **Daily Log**

Daily logs will be used by the field team for QA/QC purposes to record all sampling events and field observations. Entries in the daily log forms will be dated by the person making the entry, and the logs will be kept in a secure, dry place. The following information will be included on each daily log form:

1. Project name.
2. Date and time of arrival at site.
3. Client.
4. Location.
5. Weather.
6. Sampling team members.
7. Work progress.
8. QC samples.
9. Departure time.
10. Delays.
11. Unusual situations.
12. Well damage.
13. Departure from established QA/QC field procedures.
14. Instrument problems.
15. Accidents.

## **Water Sampling Log**

The sampling team will complete a water sampling log form for QA/QC purposes at the time of sampling to record information about each sample collected. The following information will be included on each Water Sampling Log form:

1. Date and time of sampling.
2. Well evacuation data.
3. Physical appearance of samples (e.g., color and turbidity).
4. Field observations.
5. Results of field analyses.
6. Sampling method and material.
7. Constituents sampled for.
8. Sample container size, composition, and color.
9. Preservative.
10. Sampling personnel.
11. Weather conditions.

## **Sample Labels and Chain-of-custody Record Form**

Sample labels are necessary for proper sample identification. The labels will be affixed to the sample containers prior to the time of sampling: Labels will not be affixed to container lids or caps. To track QA/QC handling protocols the labels will be filled out by sampling personnel, and the chain-of-custody record form will be completed in the field before the sampling team leaves the site. Labels will include sample identification, project number, date and time collected, analyses to be performed, and pH adjustment information as required.

The sampling team will be responsible for maintaining custody of the samples until they are delivered to the carrier or the laboratory. The chain-of-custody record form will then be signed and custody formally relinquished. The containers (bearing custody seals) will be in view at all times or will be stored in a secure place restricted to authorized personnel.

## **EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION**

Before sampling begins, between each well sampled, and prior to leaving the site, equipment such as submersible pumps, bailers, filtration apparatus (flasks, funnels, and beakers) and buckets will be decontaminated. Disposable equipment will be discarded in an appropriate manner. Submersible pumps will first be disassembled and rinsed/scrubbed. The pump will then be re-assembled and submersed in several gallons of a non-phosphate detergent solution and then operated for several minutes. The pump will then be submersed in several gallons of de-ionized/distilled water and then operated for several minutes. The pump will then be wrapped in clean plastic sheeting for transport.

## **FORMATION SAMPLING PROTOCOLS (If Necessary)**

Formation samples will be collected from the borings at each of the drilling sites. Samples will be obtained in intervals of five feet to the completion depth in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (ASTM-D1586). Samples are collected by advancing the split-spoon ahead of the drill bit into the undisturbed formation at the desired depth. Before and after each use, the split-spoons will be decontaminated by scrubbing with Micro solution and rinsing with distilled water. Split-spoon samples and soil cuttings of the well will be monitored with a photo ionization detector/flame ionization detector.

Auger cutting descriptions, water-level readings, air monitoring readings, and other pertinent observations will be logged by the field geologist. Split-spoon samples of unconsolidated sediment will be collected and visually identified by the field geologist using the Unified Soil Classification System. Standard identification practices detailed in ASTM D-2488 will be followed. The following information will be recorded by the field geologist, at a minimum:

- Sediment sample interval
- Sampling hammer weight and distance of fall

- Blow count (per 6-inch interval)
- Amount of sample recovered
- Sample color
- Sample texture
- Sample moisture content (dry, moist, wet)
- Organic vapor readings
- Any unusual characteristics
- Depth to water
- Drill rig behavior and penetration rate

Pertinent information regarding formation samples will be recorded on the B&L Sample/Core Log and transferred into the Daily Log Book.

Representative sediment samples from each sampled interval will be placed in glass jars with screw-type lids for future reference. Each sample container will be labeled with the site name and the boring and sample number. No geotechnical data will be written on the container that is not specified in the boring log. Jars will be stored in cardboard boxes for future reference.

In addition, samples will be collected for laboratory geotechnical analysis from the soil borings and from the unconsolidated monitoring well boreholes. At locations where monitoring wells will be installed, one sample from the midpoint of the screened interval will be collected and analyzed for grain size distribution, permeability, and Atterberg limits.

Rock coring will be performed at bedrock monitoring well locations. Rock coring will be performed in accordance with ASTM D-2113 (Standard Practice for Diamond Core Drilling for Site Investigations).

Core drilling will be performed in 5-foot intervals utilizing diamond core drill bits. Potable water will be used as the drilling fluid for all coring. Water is necessary to remove cuttings and acts as a lubricant for the drill bit. Immediately after the barrel is retrieved and while the core is still intact inside the barrel, percent recovery will be recorded.

The core will be removed from the barrel and placed in wooden storage boxes that are specifically designed to contain rock cores. At a minimum, the following information will be recorded by the field geologist:

- Boring or well number
- Core interval
- Percent recovery
- Rock color (utilizing Munsell System)
- Sample texture
- Organic vapor readings
- Any unusual characteristics
- RQD (Rock Quality Design Index)
- Fracture occurrence and angles
- Penetration rate during drilling
- Fluid lost during drilling

#### **SURFACE WATER AND SEDIMENT SAMPLING PROTOCOLS (if necessary)**

Surface water and sediment samples will be collected at several locations. Where samples are to be collected from the same flow system, sampling will be conducted moving from the most downstream location moving to successively upstream locations. Surface water samples will be collected first by partially immersing the sample container in the water and gently tipping the container to allow water to flow in to the container. Care will be taken not to allow pre-added preservatives to be rinsed from the container during filling. Surface water samples will be collected from the rough mid-point of the stream. If it is necessary to wade in to the stream to collect the sample, personnel will stand downstream and reach upstream to collect the sample.

Sediment samples will then be collected using a pre-cleaned trowel or core-type sampler, depending upon field conditions (sediment texture, water column depth, etc.). Samples will be collected from the top six inches of the sediment column. Sediment will be transferred to the sample containers, starting with the VOC containers.

Procedures for decontamination of sampling equipment, sample custody, quality control and record keeping will be the same as those previously discussed for groundwater sampling.

## CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY PROCEDURES

The chain-of-custody procedure for the collection of samples that will be sent to the laboratory for analysis is given below:

1. The field geologist or sampling team will maintain custody of any samples that are collected until they are delivered to the overnight common carrier or courier for shipment to the laboratory. Samples shipped to a laboratory will be accompanied by the chain-of-custody record form (duplicate) will be completed in the field; the original form will accompany the shipment, and the other copy will be retained by the field geologist for the project file. The chain-of-custody record form will list each of the individual sample containers from each well sampled and will be signed by each of the sampling team members who participated in the sampling program.
2. A separate chain-of-custody record form will be filled out for the contents of each shipment container (cooler). The form will be placed in a plastic bag and taped to the underside of the lid of the cooler.
3. To provide a means of detecting any potential tampering during shipment, all shipment containers (coolers) will have a signed B&L or laboratory-supplied seal placed across the outside of the cooler where the lid and cooler join. In addition, a 2-inch wide transparent tape will be wrapped entirely around the cooler securing the lid firmly to the cooler.
4. Receipts from couriers, air bills, and bills of lading will be retained in the field project file.

## FIELD INSTRUMENTATION OPERATING PROCEDURES

Field instruments used during the investigation will be calibrated and operated in accordance with the following standard operating procedures and with the manufacturers' instructions.

### AIR MONITORING EQUIPMENT

**Photoionization Detector** - A photo ionization detector (PID) may be used for monitoring VOCs in the breathing zone during the OM&M field work (see HSCP). The PID will be calibrated prior to use on a daily basis. First the PID will be zeroed using background ambient air followed by a mixture of 100 parts per million (ppm) isobutylene and air. The calibration will be checked using a 50 ppb isobutylene in air.

**Combustible Gas Indicator** - A *Gastec Model 4320* meter (or equivalent) will be used to measure the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of explosive gases during OM&M. This instrument is calibrated by the manufacturers, and therefore, requires no field calibration.

**Flame Ionization Detector** - A *Century Systems Model 88* organic vapor analyzer (OVA) (or equivalent) flame-ionization detector (FID) may also be used during the OM&M phase, if necessary, to monitor for methane and total volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The OVA will be calibrated prior to use on a daily basis using zero air and a mixture of 100 parts per million (ppm) methane and air. The calibration procedure is detailed in the manufacturers' instructions.

### FIELD ANALYSIS INSTRUMENTS

Field analysis of water samples will consist of measurements of pH, temperature, specific conductance and oxidation - reduction potential. A description of the equipment that will be used and the calibration procedure for each is provided below:

**Temperature:** This field parameter will be measured using a multi-parameter water-quality meter with a temperature measuring range of -15°C to 105°C. The probe will be placed into a flow-through cell, allowing the formation water to flow freely over the probe for the most accurate reading.

**pH:** This field parameter will be measured using a multi-parameter water-quality meter, or equivalent. Two buffer standards that bracket the anticipated pH of samples (nominal pH values of 4 and 7 or 7 and 11) will be used to calibrate the instrument, prior to analysis of each sample. The probe will be placed into a flow-through cell, allowing the formation water to flow freely over the probe for the most accurate reading. Calibration data will be recorded.

**Specific conductance:** This field parameter will be measured using a multi-parameter water-quality meter, or equivalent. Calibration will be made using a 2000 umhos standard solution. Calibration of the meter will be adjusted to temperature. The meter will be calibrated daily when in use. To measure this parameter, the probe will be placed into a flow-through cell, allowing the formation water to flow freely over the probe for the most accurate reading. All calibration data will be recorded.

**Oxidation-Reduction Potential (Eh):** The Eh is determined with a glass ORP electrode compared against a reference electrode by means of a pH/ORP meter set to read in millivolts (mV). Because Eh can change rapidly upon exposure to the atmosphere, measurements must be made quickly but carefully. At the beginning of the day the pH/ORP meter will be checked against a solution of known Eh and the necessary adjustments made.

Before any measurement is made, the probe will be completely rinsed with deionized or distilled water. Then the probe will be placed into a flow-through cell allowing the formation water to flow freely over the probe. An Eh reading will be taken after

stabilization. Between measurements, the probe will be immersed in deionized water. The pH/ORP meter will be checked against a reference frequently during the sampling round to ensure accurate and precise measurements.

**Dissolved Oxygen (DO):** The DO is determined with a membrane electrode by means of an oxygen meter. At the beginning of the day, the DO meter will be calibrated as per the manufacturer's instructions.

Before any measurement is made, the probe will be completely rinsed with deionized or distilled water. Then the probe will be placed into a flow-through cell allowing the formation water to flow freely over the probe. A DO reading will be taken as soon as the reading on the meter equilibrates. Between measurements, the probe will be immersed in deionized water. The DO meter will be recalibrated frequently during the sampling round to ensure accurate and precise measurements.

**APPENDIX D**

**CUT SHEETS**





















**APPENDIX E**

**GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION  
CONTINGENCY PLAN**













**3.6 Implementation, Operation, Monitoring and Maintenance of Hydraulic Containment System**

This section describes the procedures which will be used to implement, operate, monitor and maintain the hydraulic containment system, should the need be triggered.

**3.6.1 Description of Hydraulic Containment System**

The DDER provided an evaluation of alternatives for capping and for complete hydraulic containment of leachate and groundwater at the landfill, including the use of groundwater extraction wells. The results of the evaluation of extraction wells to provide full hydraulic containment are summarized below:

Perimeter Area	Number of Extraction Wells	Pumping Rate Per Well (gallons per minute)
Southwest	2	5
North/Northeast	8	0.5
South/Southeast	14	2

If pumpage becomes necessary by the mechanisms described in this plan, a somewhat different approach would be taken than proposed in the DDER, as the intent would be to provide focused, and likely temporary, means of controlling leachate and impacted groundwater. On the northern half of the landfill, additional containment may not be necessary due to the presence of the northern leachate collection system; the DDER indicated appreciable bypass of this system such that upgrading the system may be necessary. In the event that hydraulic containment is

necessary prior to the installation of the cap and leachate bypass cannot be controlled by upgrading the leachate collection system, extraction wells would be employed. For the southern portion of the landfill, extraction well placement will be in the areas of greatest saturated thickness (southeast and southwest of the landfill) rather than trying to encapsulate or surround the site with extraction wells. Pumpage, at a rate greater than proposed in the DDER (owing to greater saturated thickness), would be focused in these areas to provide the broadest hydraulic influence. This approach is already developed for the southwest area, as shown in the table above. For the southeast area, it may be possible to install two to three extraction wells at the base of the gravel pit, east of Silk Road; utilizing high pumpage rates to achieve the desired hydraulic control. The DDER evaluation (summarized above) assumed an average saturated thickness of the upper overburden unit of 20 feet along the south/southeast side; however, at the proposed location, the saturated thickness is 30-40 feet, and consequently, higher pumpage rates may be achieved.

If possible, existing 4-inch diameter monitoring wells will be used as extraction wells. If new extraction wells are necessary, they will be constructed in a manner similar to the well installed for the SPRDS pumping test (GMPW): 6-inch diameter PVC screen and casing. Boreholes will be advanced through the upper overburden unit to the top of the lodgment till, and the extraction wells will be installed with 20 to 30 feet of screen, depending upon field conditions.

### **3.6.2 Containment Options for Pumped Water**

Depending on the pumping rates and locations which are ultimately selected, there are two basic options for containing the pumped water: direct tanker loading or the use of new storage construction. The volume of storage required will be dependent on the magnitude of the impacted area, as well as the rate of groundwater extraction.

If direct tanker loading is employed, water will be pumped directly from the extraction wells into tankers, then directly transported for disposal. As described earlier, there will be a prepared staging area for tankers while they are being filled; this area will be capable of containing accidental releases. A spill prevention plan will be developed to minimize the possibility of overfills. The design for the tanker staging area will be prepared during the RD.

The existing leachate tank will continue to store leachate which is conveyed through the in-place collection system and from groundwater pumpage. If new storage tanks are constructed, pumped water will be conveyed to the tank(s) from the extraction wells by double-walled piping installed on top of the existing cap.

### **3.6.3 Pumping and Conveyance System for Pumped Water**

The pumping system will consist of permanent submersible pumps, either electrically or pneumatically powered. Depending on whether the pumped water is directly loaded into tankers or transferred to new storage tanks, the leachate conveyance system will differ. A discussion of the alternatives for managing pumped

water is provided in a following section. For direct tanker loading, there will be a prepared area near the extraction wells for staging the tanker. The tanker will be connected to the wellhead by flexible hose equipped with quick disconnect fittings. Once connections are made, the pump(s) will be activated; pumping will continue under the supervision of an operator until the tanker is full. At that point, an isolation valve will be activated, and the pump will be deactivated. Water remaining in the hose will be drained back into the well. The staging area will be lined with geomembrane with an overlying protective fabric, and topped with rounded gravel. Accidental releases will be contained within the staging area and pumped into the tanker.

If a system of transfer to new storage tanks is implemented, the pumping systems will be connected to double-walled piping installed on top of the existing cap, leading to the new storage tank. The pipelines will be insulated for winter operation. Pumps will likely be manually controlled, unless operating conditions dictate that automatic controls are appropriate.

#### **3.6.4 Flow Control**

Each extraction well will be fitted with a rotary type flow meter to record and control pumpage. Pumpage will be controlled through the use of an overflow system to avoid filling the new storage tanks within one foot of the top.

### **3.6.5 Disposal Options for Pumped Water**

Removal and disposal of leachate/groundwater will be performed in accordance with the applicable sections of 40 CFR Parts 262, 263 and 268, as well as 6 NYCRR Parts 360, and 370-373.

Oswego County has been disposing of leachate collected from the northern portion of the site as non-hazardous waste at in-state municipal sewage treatment facilities on a batch basis, with USEPA approval. It is anticipated that this practice will continue, regardless of which containment option is employed. If the direct tanker loading method is employed, loads will be sampled and analyzed (with an expedited laboratory turnaround) prior to shipment.

In the event that leachate quality changes in the future such that non-hazardous disposal is not allowed, the pumped water will be shipped to a permitted treatment facility; facilities in western New York and New Jersey have previously been used for this purpose. Another option is to pre-treat the pumped water on-site and then ship the treated water off-site for disposal as a non-hazardous waste. Pre-treatment would likely be by precipitation.

### **3.6.6 Operation and Maintenance**

To ensure that the system is operated and maintained properly, an operation and maintenance (O&M) manual will be developed. The manual will describe the O&M procedures and provide for an operator training program. Operators will

receive an initial briefing on system operation and then have periodic refresher training. Additionally, spill prevention and contingency plans will be prepared, and operators will be thoroughly familiar with emergency response procedures.

If system operation is triggered, a trained operator will be on-site daily to operate, maintain and monitor the system. In the event that long-term operation of the system becomes necessary, automatic controls will be designed and installed.

The decision to use pneumatic or electrical pumps will be dictated by how many wells would need to be pumped and at which locations, and possibly due to landfill gas considerations (whether explosion-proof equipment is necessary). At least one spare pump will be kept on-site. Pumps, when not in use as part of the Hydraulic Control Contingency Plan, will be utilized quarterly as part of the groundwater monitoring program; at this time valves will also be operated to verify functionality.

### **3.6.7 Effectiveness Monitoring**

An effectiveness monitoring program will be employed to determine the efficiency of the pumpage in mitigating the observed impact to groundwater quality and to provide a basis for termination of pumpage based on improvements in groundwater quality. The effectiveness monitoring program will initially employ the same analytical parameters as the groundwater monitoring program; the analytical parameters may be modified depending upon the project needs at that time, with USEPA concurrence.

It is anticipated that pumped groundwater will be sampled and analyzed on roughly a weekly basis right after the implementation of pumpage. Water levels in monitoring wells proximate to the impacted area will be measured to demonstrate hydraulic control in the area. Groundwater samples will be collected from selected wells in the impacted area and analyzed on a monthly basis for the first three months; thereafter, the selected wells will be included in the quarterly monitoring program.

### **3.6.8 Pumpage Termination**

Pumpage will be terminated when it can be demonstrated that contaminant concentrations are below their primary respective trigger levels or that contaminant concentrations have declined but reached an asymptotic relationship with time. The achievement of an asymptotic condition indicates that the pumpage has been successful in providing contaminant mass removal, but further contaminant removal is limited by hydrogeologic/ geochemical factors such as sorption/desorption and diffusion. In this general type of case, the achievement of groundwater standards is likely infeasible (USEPA, 1993). Modifications to the pumpage program will be evaluated prior to discontinuing pumpage if standards are not achieved.

If an asymptotic demonstration becomes necessary, an appropriate statistical method will be proposed and mutually agreed upon at that time. Depending upon the trends in groundwater quality data, monitoring frequency may be increased from quarterly to monthly for the purpose of facilitating the termination of pumpage.

**MANN-KENDALL TEST**  
(Gilbert 1987)

“The first step is to list the data in the order in which they were collected over time:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , where  $x_i$  is the datum at time  $i$ . Then determine the sign of all  $n(n-1)/2$  possible differences  $x_j - x_k$ , where  $j > k$ . These differences are  $x_2 - x_1, x_3 - x_1, \dots, x_n - x_1, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_2, \dots, x_n - x_2, x_n - x_{n-1}$ .

Let  $\text{sgn}(x_j - x_k)$  be an indicator function that takes on the values 1, 0, or  $-1$  according to the sign of  $x_j - x_k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sgn}(x_j - x_k) &= 1 && \text{if } x_j - x_k > 0 \\ &= 0 && \text{if } x_j - x_k = 0 \\ &= -1 && \text{if } x_j - x_k < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then compute the Mann-Kendall statistic

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n \text{sgn}(x_j - x_k)$$

which is the number of positive differences minus the number of negative differences.”

For trend analysis, the typical application is to test a null hypothesis,  $H_0$ , of no trend against the alternative hypothesis,  $H_A$ , of an upward trend. In the examples provided on the following page,  $S$  is first calculated, and then a probability value (from Table A18 of Gilbert, 1987) for the computed  $S$  is compared to the specified significance level ( $\alpha$ ). For this application  $\alpha = 0.10$  or 10%. If the probability value is greater than 0.10, then  $H_0$  cannot be rejected and no trend exists. If the probability value is less than 0.10, then  $H_0$  is rejected and  $H_A$  is accepted (an upward trend exists).







**APPENDIX F**

**MONITORING WELL  
DECOMMISSIONING PROCEDURE**

# APPENDIX F

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## SPECIFICATIONS

### SECTION 02523

#### ABANDONMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING LOCATIONS BY PRESSURE GROUTING IN-PLACE

##### PART 1 - GENERAL

###### 1.1 DESCRIPTION:

1.1.1 Under this Section, the Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials and equipment for the Abandonment of Environmental Monitoring Locations by Pressure Grouting In-Place, including, but not limited to, gas monitoring wells, groundwater monitoring wells, groundwater piezometers, and injection wells, as specified, and/or directed. The abandonment of environmental monitoring locations by pressure grouting in-place will be approved in the field by the Engineer.

1.2 REFERENCES: The Abandonment of Environmental Monitoring Locations by Pressure Grouting In-Place will be performed in accordance with the following references:

ASTM D5299

Decommission of Groundwater Wells, Vadose Zone Monitoring Devices, Boreholes, and Other Devices for Environmental Activities

Part 360-2.11  
(a)(8)(vi)(b)

6 NYCRR Part 360 Solid Waste Management Facilities, NYSDEC

1.3 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND PROTECTION: Deliver materials in an undamaged condition. Store materials off the ground to protect against weathering. Replace defective or damaged materials with new materials.

1.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Perform abandonment of environmental monitoring locations in accordance with the references cited herein, and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

##### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS: Shall conform to the respective procedures as referenced herein and as shown on the Plans.

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PRESSURE GROUTING IN-PLACE

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 **ABANDONMENT PROCEDURES:** Remove protective casings and/or well riser stickups level to ground surface. Inject cement bentonite grout, prepared in accordance with ASTM D5299-92, to a height above the top of the well screen interval using the tremie method. Once it has been determined that the height of the grout column within the well is above the screen, the adequacy of the grout seal within the well screen interval will be tested by filling the remaining length of the well with water and applying a pressure of 10 psi to the system. The system must be able to maintain 10 psi for a period of one hour. The remaining well riser section is to be grouted to the surface to complete abandonment. In the event that the number of units abandoned exceeds the estimated quantity presented in Section 00100, "Information For Bidders", the Contract price and time for completion will be adjusted in accordance with the Contract.

PART 4 - MEASUREMENT & PAYMENT

4.1 **MEASUREMENT - ABANDONMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING LOCATIONS BY PRESSURE GROUTING IN-PLACE:**

4.1.1 Measurement for the Abandonment of Environmental Monitoring Locations by Pressure Grouting In-Place shall include the cost of all materials, equipment and labor for the complete decommission of wells to include, but not limited to, mobilization, demobilization, site restoration, removal of waste materials, standby time and any other costs associated with the work.

4.2 **PAYMENT - ABANDONMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING LOCATIONS BY PRESSURE GROUTING IN-PLACE:**

4.2.1 For Abandonment of Environmental Monitoring Locations by Pressure Grouting In-Place, not included in other unit or lump sum price items, payment for Abandonment of Environmental Monitoring Locations by Pressure Grouting In-Place will be made at the applicable price stated in the Bid.

END OF SECTION