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LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

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Module No. 5 Landfill Operations Part II

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Daily Cover

- Minimum 15cm earthen material not previously mixed with garbage, rubbish or other waste
- Placement over any exposed waste at end of each work day
- Compacted



Daily Cover

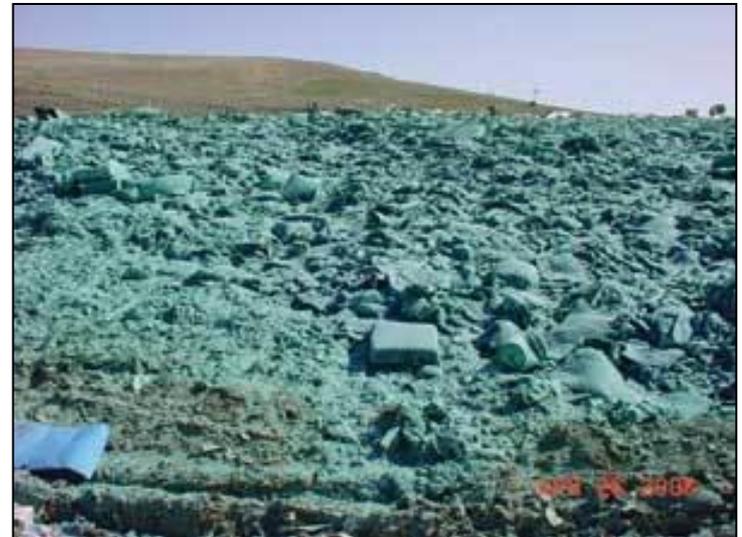
- Prevent disease vectors
- Control windblown debris and odors
- Reduce the possibility of fire
- Prevent scavenging
- Improve the operation of the landfill
- Decrease leachate amounts

Daily Cover

- Slope to allow for drainage
- Compact with a minimum of 2 passes of bulldozer tracks
- Document where daily cover placed
- Inspect all areas for erosion, exposed waste, or other damage after rainfall even and repair as necessary
- Runoff from areas with intact daily cover is not considered as having come in contact with the working face or leachate (treat as surface water run-off)
- Inspect for seeps

Alternative Daily Cover (ADC)

- Types
 - Synthetic material tarps, both reusable & sacrificial
 - Commercial foam products
 - Petroleum contaminated soils
 - Water treatment plant sludge
 - Other materials



Alternative Daily Cover



Stockpile

- Management of stockpile is key
- Stockpile access roads must be planned to/from daily active disposal area
- Plan stockpile area necessary and evaluate volume annually
- Need sufficient soil material to both cover waste and to construct new cells

Intermediate Cover

- 15 cm of earthen material capable of sustaining native plant growth, not < 30 cm (including daily cover)



Intermediate Cover

- Apply to areas that have received waste but will be inactive for > 180 days
- Apply native plant seeds
- Apply mulch to reduce erosion
- Grade for proper drainage to prevent ponding

Final Cover

- Place as landfill sections reach final waste fill elevations
- Soil and/or synthetic materials
- Include erosion control structures
 - Drainage swales, ditches



Final Cover

- Monitor to ensure identify erosion areas, leachate outbreaks
- Repaired as weather permits by restoring the cover material, grading, compacting & seeding
- Document in cover inspection record



Final Cover

- Inspection record
 - Record inspections:
 - Daily cover
 - Alternative daily cover
 - Intermediate cover
 - Final cover
 - Corrective actions



Litter Control

- Working face should be maintained/operated to control windblown solid waste
- Control measures include
 - Daily cover and alternative daily cover
 - Free-standing fences
 - Portable litter fences
- Litter along fences, access roads and gate should be picked up daily

Litter Control

- Free-standing fence w/ fixed posts



Litter Control

- Portable fences
 - Can be easily moved w/ dozer



Litter Control on Access Roads

- Make sure all waste loads are enclosed or tarped to prevent it from blowing out



Litter Control on Access Roads

- Inspect access roads daily up to 3 km from the entrance in both directions
- Return collected waste to working face
- Perform only during daylight hours

Vector Control

- Avoid conditions favoring vectors
 - Dogs, birds, rodents
 - Flies, mosquitos
- Compaction
- Daily cover
- Stormwater control



Vector Control

- Birds should be controlled using daily cover or alternative daily cover



Storm water Control

- Prevent stormwater ponding in landfill areas



Stormwater Control

- Remove ponded water with portable pumps or through re-grading
- Clean ponded water can be routed to stormwater drainage
- Treat contaminated water as leachate
- Do not recirculate ponded water into landfill cells

LANDFILL GAS / ODOR MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Air Quality and Odor Control Criteria

- Must meet all applicable regulations related to air quality
- Do not burn waste on landfill site
- Odors must be controlled to prevent reaching surrounding communities

Odor Sources

- Waste
- Working face
- Leachate / condensate
- Ponded water
- Landfill Gas (LFG) system

Odor Control

- Spread and compact waste properly
- Cover dead animals with 1m waste & 60cm soil material
- Place adequate daily cover
- Monitor for odors in leachate system
 - GCCS
 - Aeration ponds
- Standing/ponded water

Odor Control

- Aerate leachate ponds
- Remove leachate for offsite treatment
- Remove ponded water



Odor Control

- LFG control & collection systems (GCCS)



Responding to Odors

- Determine odor source
- Remediation measures
 - Apply additional cover material
 - Use odor neutralizing agent
 - Control ponding
 - Add LFG extraction wells to existing GCCS
 - Seal leachate extraction pipes
 - Aerate leachate ponds
 - Contact an expert

LFG Control

- Monitor presence of LFG
 - LFG monitoring probes
 - Buildings or structure within landfill property



LFG Control

- If methane (CH_4) concentration reaches:
 - 5% by volume in probes
 - 1.25% by volume in buildings or structures
- Implement procedures to protect health & safety
- Prepare remediation plan

Leachate Management

- Leachate system facilities
- Operated to maintain 30cm or less of water column on liner
- Remove from landfill to storage & treatment facilities
- Maintain good operational conditions



Leachate Management

- Removal through pumping systems
- Store in evaporation ponds



Leachate Management

- Storage in elevated tanks



Leachate Management

- Treatment plant



Leachate and Condensate Recirculation

- Recirculation is a process of returning leachate or condensate to landfill cell
- Only in I that are designed and constructed with a leachate collection system and a composite liner
- No ponding
- Can be pump into wells place in the waste areas or in reinjection pipes
- Can be sprayed over the soil cover

Leachate and Condensate Recirculation

- Spraying leachate over cover soils



Inspections

- Administrative Inspection
 - Permits and authorizations
 - Inspection reports
 - Environmental monitoring reports
 - Groundwater
 - LFG
 - Stormwater
 - Training



Inspections

- Field inspections
 - Main entrance
 - Cover (daily, intermediate y final)
 - Liner system
 - Leachate collection system
 - Stormwater system
 - Perimeter
 - Monitoring wells and probes



Thank You

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