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DATE: August 13, 1997

TO: Air Pollution Control Board

SUBJECT: Adoption by Reference of the New Source Performance Standards
Subpart WWW (Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills)

SUMMARY:

New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) are promulgated as Subparts by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and apply throughout the country. In 1995, the Board approved a new procedure for adopting all new and amended federal NSPS by reference. Following adoption, the District will request EPA delegation to implement Subpart WWW locally.

Subpart WWW regulates air emissions from municipal solid waste landfills. It applies to all currently open and closed landfills that commenced construction, reconstruction, or modification or began accepting waste on or after May 30, 1991.

Subpart WWW requires owners of affected landfills to submit a report on a landfill's design capacity, the maximum amount of solid waste a landfill is authorized to accept. Owners of landfills with a design capacity greater than or equal to 2.8 million tons or 88 million cubic feet must also submit periodic emissions reports. In addition, landfills with a design capacity equal or greater than 2.8 million tons or 88 million cubic feet and emitting 55 tons per year or more of non-methane organic compounds are required to have an emissions collection and control system. Subpart WWW also specifies emission testing, record-keeping and reporting requirements.

The only existing landfill Subpart WWW will apply to is the San Marcos landfill. This landfill already complies with all NSPS requirements because it meets similar requirements in District Rule 59.

A public workshop regarding Subpart WWW requirements was held on February 5, 1997.

Issue

Should the Board adopt Subpart WWW by reference?

Subject: Adoption by Reference of the New Source Performance Standards Subpart WWW
(Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills)

Recommendation

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER:

Adopt the resolution amending Regulation X of the District Rules and Regulations by adding new Subpart WWW by reference to the Federal Register and make appropriate findings:

- (i) of necessity, authority, clarity, consistency, non-duplication and reference as required by Section 40727 of the State Health and Safety Code;
- (ii) that adopting Subpart WWW by reference will alleviate a problem and will not interfere with attainment of ambient air quality standards (Section 40001 of the State Health and Safety Code);
- (iii) that adopting Subpart WWW by reference will not significantly have an adverse affect on air quality or emissions limitations, and that an assessment of socioeconomic impacts is not required (Section 40728.5 of the State Health and Safety Code); and
- (iv) that there is no reasonable possibility that adoption of Subpart WWW by reference may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and that adoption of Subpart WWW by reference is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15308, as an action taken to assure the maintenance or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Alternative

There is no practical alternative to adopting Subpart WWW.

Advisory Statement

There was no quorum at the May 28, 1997 meeting of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. The members present recommended adopting Subpart WWW by reference.

Fiscal Impact

There will be no fiscal impact on the District.

Additional Information

Attachment I contains additional background information, information on compliance with Board policy on adopting new rules, information on Socioeconomic Impact Assessment requirements, and information on compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Subject: Adoption by Reference of the New Source Performance Standards Subpart WWW
(Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills)

Attachment II contains the Resolution amending Regulation X.

Attachment III contains the report for the workshop held on February 5, 1997.

Concurrence:

Respectfully submitted,

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R. J. SOMMERVILLE
Air Pollution Control Officer

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(Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills)

COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL:

☐ Standard Form

Form and Legality

☐ Ordinance

☒ Yes ☐ N/A

☒ Resolution

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/AUDITOR REVIEW:

4 VOTES:

☐ Yes ☒ N/A

☐ Yes ☒ No

CONTRACT REVIEW PANEL: ☐ Approved _____ ☒ N/A

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTION: N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

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DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

AUGUST 13, 1997

MEETING DATE

ATTACHMENT I

ADOPTION OF SUBPART WWW (STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS)

Additional Background Information

New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) are promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and apply throughout the country. Federal NSPS consist of specific regulations (Subparts) applicable to a variety of industries.

In July 1995, the Air Pollution Control Board approved a new procedure for adopting by reference all new and amended federal NSPS, eliminating a time consuming and costly local rule development process. The Board directed the District to use this procedure unless there was a compelling need by the District, businesses or the public to adopt a local rule in which case the current rule development process would be followed.

On March 13, 1996, EPA promulgated new Subpart WWW - Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills. The District is now proposing to adopt Subpart WWW by referencing the applicable Federal Register, including the adoption date (61FR 9905, March 13, 1996). Following adoption, the District will request EPA delegation to implement Subpart WWW locally. A copy of Subpart WWW will be included in Appendix C of the District Rules and Regulations.

Subpart WWW regulates air emissions from municipal solid waste landfills, whether currently closed or open, that commenced construction, reconstruction, or modification or began accepting waste on or after May 30, 1991. It requires all owners or operators of affected landfills to submit a design capacity report. Design capacity is the maximum amount of solid waste a landfill can accept, as specified in the construction or operating permit issued by the responsible State, local, or Tribal agency. Landfills with a design capacity greater than or equal to 2.8 million tons or 88 million cubic feet must also provide periodic emissions reports. Landfills with a design capacity greater than or equal to 2.8 million tons or 88 million cubic feet and emitting 55 tons per year or more of non-methane organic compounds, are required to install an emissions collection and control system. The control system may be either an open flare or a control device designed to reduce non-methane organic compound emissions by at least 98 percent (or to a concentration less than 20 ppmv) or a treatment system that processes the collected gas for subsequent sale or use. To determine applicability of emission control requirements, a source must calculate the non-methane organic compound emission rate using specified equations. Subpart WWW also contains monitoring, testing, recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

The only existing landfill Subpart WWW will apply to is the San Marcos landfill. This landfill already complies with all NSPS requirements because it meets similar requirements of District Rule 59. Subpart WWW will also apply to new landfills.

A public workshop regarding Subpart WWW was held on February 5, 1997. There was no opposition to adopting Subpart WWW by reference at the workshop.

Compliance with Board Policy on Adopting New Rules

On February 2, 1993, the Board directed that, with the exception of a regulation requested by business or a regulation for which a socioeconomic impact assessment is not required, no new or revised regulation shall be implemented unless specifically required by federal or state law. The proposed adopting Subpart WWW is consistent with this Board directive because it implements the Board policy and does not require a socioeconomic impact assessment.

Socioeconomic Impact Assessment

Section 40728.5 of the State Health and Safety Code requires the District to perform a socioeconomic impact assessment for new and revised rules and regulations significantly affecting air quality or emission limitations. Adopting Subpart WWW by reference will not affect air quality or emissions limitations because this federal regulation already applies throughout the country. Therefore, a socioeconomic impact assessment is not required.

California Environmental Quality Act

The California Environmental Quality Act requires an environmental review for certain actions. No significant adverse impacts on the environment have been suggested; no such impacts are reasonably possible. Adopting Subpart WWW by reference will not have a significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15308, as an action taken to assure the maintenance or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

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Re Rules and Regulations of the)
Air Pollution Control District)
of San Diego County)

**RESOLUTION ADDING SUBPART WWW
OF NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (NSPS)
TO REGULATION X
OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

On motion of Member Slater, seconded by Member Roberts
the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board, pursuant to Section 40702 of the Health and Safety Code, adopted Rules and Regulations of the Air Pollution Control District of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, said Board now desires to amend said Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, notice has been given and a public hearing has been had relating to the amendment of said Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 40725 of the Health and Safety Code.

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board, on July 25, 1995, adopted a procedure to adopt federal Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS) by reference.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board that the Rules and Regulations of the Air Pollution Control District of San Diego County be and hereby are amended as follows:

The addition of Subpart WWW - Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills to Regulation X - New Source Performance Standards is to read as follows:

(See attached Federal Register/Vol. 61, dated March 12, 1996.)

§ 60.16 Priority list.

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Other Source Categories

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Municipal solid waste landfills.⁴

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7. Section 60.30 is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 60.30 Scope.

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(c) Subpart Cc—Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.

8. Part 60 is further amended by adding the Subpart Cc to read as follows:

Subpart Cc—Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

Sec.

60.30c Scope.

60.31c Definitions.

60.32c Designated facilities.

60.33c Emission guidelines for municipal solid waste landfill emissions.

60.34c Test methods and procedures.

60.35c Reporting and recordkeeping guidelines.

60.36c Compliance times.

Subpart Cc—Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills**§ 60.30c Scope.**

This subpart contains emission guidelines and compliance times for the control of certain designated pollutants from certain designated municipal solid waste landfills in accordance with section 111(d) of the Act and subpart B.

§ 60.31c Definitions.

Terms used but not defined in this subpart have the meaning given them in the Act and in subparts A, B, and WWW of this part.

Municipal solid waste landfill or MSW landfill means an entire disposal facility in a contiguous geographical space where household waste is placed in or on land. An MSW landfill may also receive other types of RCRA Subtitle D wastes such as commercial solid waste, nonhazardous sludge, conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste, and industrial solid waste. Portions of an MSW landfill may be separated by access roads. An MSW landfill may be publicly or privately owned. An MSW landfill may be a new MSW landfill, an existing MSW landfill or a lateral expansion.

⁴Not prioritized, since an NSPS for this major source category has already been promulgated.

§ 60.32c Designated facilities.

(a) The designated facility to which the guidelines apply is each existing MSW landfill for which construction, reconstruction or modification was commenced before May 30, 1991.

(b) Physical or operational changes made to an existing MSW landfill solely to comply with an emission guideline are not considered a modification or reconstruction and would not subject an existing MSW landfill to the requirements of subpart WWW [see § 60.750 of Subpart WWW].

§ 60.33c Emission guidelines for municipal solid waste landfill emissions.

(a) For approval, a State plan shall include control of MSW landfill emissions at each MSW landfill meeting the following three conditions:

(1) The landfill has accepted waste at any time since November 8, 1987, or has additional design capacity available for future waste deposition;

(2) The landfill has a design capacity greater than or equal to 2.5 million megagrams or 2.5 million cubic meters.

The landfill may calculate design capacity in either megagrams or cubic meters for comparison with the exemption values. Any density conversions shall be documented and submitted with the report; and

(3) The landfill has a nonmethane organic compound emission rate of 50 megagrams per year or more.

(b) For approval, a State plan shall include the installation of a collection and control system meeting the conditions provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(ii) of this part at each MSW landfill meeting the conditions in paragraph (a) of this section. The State plan shall include a process for State review and approval of the site-specific design plans for the gas collection and control system(s).

(c) For approval, a State plan shall include provisions for the control of collected MSW landfill emissions through the use of control devices meeting the requirements of paragraph (c)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, except as provided in § 60.24.

(1) An open flare designed and operated in accordance with the parameters established in § 60.18; or

(2) A control system designed and operated to reduce NMOC by 98 weight percent; or

(3) An enclosed combustor designed and operated to reduce the outlet NMOC concentration to 20 parts per million as hexane by volume, dry basis at 3 percent oxygen, or less.

§ 60.34c Test methods and procedures.

For approval, a State plan shall include provisions for: the calculation

of the landfill NMOC emission rate listed in § 60.754, as applicable, to determine whether the landfill meets the condition in § 60.33c(a)(3); the operational standards in § 60.753; the compliance provisions in § 60.755; and the monitoring provisions in § 60.756.

§ 60.35c Reporting and recordkeeping guidelines.

For approval, a State plan shall include the recordkeeping and reporting provisions listed in §§ 60.757 and 60.758, as applicable, except as provided under § 60.24.

§ 60.36c Compliance times.

(a) Except as provided for under paragraph (b) of this section, planning, awarding of contracts, and installation of MSW landfill air emission collection and control equipment capable of meeting the emission guidelines established under § 60.33c shall be accomplished within 30 months after the effective date of a State emission standard for MSW landfills.

(b) For each existing MSW landfill meeting the conditions in § 60.33c(a)(1) and § 60.33c(a)(2) whose NMOC emission rate is less than 50 megagrams per year on the effective date of the State emission standard, installation of collection and control systems capable of meeting emission guidelines in § 60.33c shall be accomplished within 30 months of the date when the condition in § 60.33c(a)(3) is met (i.e., the date of the first annual nonmethane organic compounds emission rate which equals or exceeds 50 megagrams per year).

9. Part 60 is amended by adding a new subpart WWW to read as follows:

Subpart WWW—Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

Sec.

60.750 Applicability, designation of affected facility, and delegation of authority.

60.751 Definitions.

60.752 Standards for air emissions from municipal solid waste landfills.

60.753 Operational standards for collection and control systems.

60.754 Test methods and procedures.

60.755 Compliance provisions.

60.756 Monitoring of operations.

60.757 Reporting requirements.

60.758 Recordkeeping requirements.

60.759 Specifications for active collection systems.

Subpart WWW—Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills**§ 60.750 Applicability, designation of affected facility, and delegation of authority.**

(a) The provisions of this subpart apply to each municipal solid waste

landfill that commenced construction, reconstruction or modification or began accepting waste on or after May 30, 1991. Physical or operational changes made to an existing MSW landfill solely to comply with Subpart Cc of this part are not considered construction, reconstruction, or modification for the purposes of this section.

(b) The following authorities shall be retained by the Administrator and not transferred to the State: None.

§ 60.751 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, all terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Act or in subpart A of this part.

Active collection system means a gas collection system that uses gas mover equipment.

Active landfill means a landfill in which solid waste is being placed or a landfill that is planned to accept waste in the future.

Closed landfill means a landfill in which solid waste is no longer being placed, and in which no additional solid wastes will be placed without first filing a notification of modification as prescribed under § 60.7(a)(4). Once a notification of modification has been filed, and additional solid waste is placed in the landfill, the landfill is no longer closed. A landfill is considered closed after meeting the criteria of § 258.60 of this title.

Closure means that point in time when a landfill becomes a closed landfill.

Commercial solid waste means all types of solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, and other nonmanufacturing activities, excluding residential and industrial wastes.

Controlled landfill means any landfill at which collection and control systems are required under this subpart as a result of the nonmethane organic compounds emission rate. The landfill is considered controlled at the time either

- (1) A notification of intent to install a collection and control system or
- (2) A collection and control system design plan is submitted in compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(i).

Design capacity means the maximum amount of solid waste a landfill can accept, as specified in the construction or operating permit issued by the State, local, or Tribal agency responsible for regulating the landfill.

Disposal facility means all contiguous land and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land used for the disposal of solid waste.

Emission rate cutoff means the threshold annual emission rate to which a landfill compares its estimated emission rate to determine if control under the regulation is required.

Enclosed combustor means an enclosed firebox which maintains a relatively constant limited peak temperature generally using a limited supply of combustion air. An enclosed flare is considered an enclosed combustor.

Flare means an open combustor without enclosure or shroud.

Gas mover equipment means the equipment (i.e., fan, blower, compressor) used to transport landfill gas through the header system.

Household waste means any solid waste (including garbage, trash, and sanitary waste in septic tanks) derived from households (including, but not limited to, single and multiple residences, hotels and motels, bunkhouses, ranger stations, crew quarters, campgrounds, picnic grounds, and day-use recreation areas).

Industrial solid waste means solid waste generated by manufacturing or industrial processes that is not a hazardous waste regulated under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, parts 264 and 265 of this title. Such waste may include, but is not limited to, waste resulting from the following manufacturing processes: electric power generation; fertilizer/agricultural chemicals; food and related products/by-products; inorganic chemicals; iron and steel manufacturing; leather and leather products; nonferrous metals manufacturing/foundries; organic chemicals; plastics and resins manufacturing; pulp and paper industry; rubber and miscellaneous plastic products; stone, glass, clay, and concrete products; textile manufacturing; transportation equipment; and water treatment. This term does not include mining waste or oil and gas waste.

Interior well means any well or similar collection component located inside the perimeter of the landfill. A perimeter well located outside the landfilled waste is not an interior well.

Landfill means an area of land or an excavation in which wastes are placed for permanent disposal, and that is not a land application unit, surface impoundment, injection well, or waste pile as those terms are defined under § 257.2 of this title.

Lateral expansion means a horizontal expansion of the waste boundaries of an existing MSW landfill. A lateral expansion is not a modification unless

it results in an increase in the design capacity of the landfill.

Municipal solid waste landfill or *MSW landfill* means an entire disposal facility in a contiguous geographical space where household waste is placed in or on land. An MSW landfill may also receive other types of RCRA Subtitle D wastes (§ 257.2 of this title) such as commercial solid waste, nonhazardous sludge, conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste, and industrial solid waste. Portions of an MSW landfill may be separated by access roads. An MSW landfill may be publicly or privately owned. An MSW landfill may be a new MSW landfill, an existing MSW landfill, or a lateral expansion.

Municipal solid waste landfill emissions or *MSW landfill emissions* means gas generated by the decomposition of organic waste deposited in an MSW landfill or derived from the evolution of organic compounds in the waste.

NMOC means nonmethane organic compounds, as measured according to the provisions of § 60.754.

Nondegradable waste means any waste that does not decompose through chemical breakdown or microbiological activity. Examples are, but are not limited to, concrete, municipal waste combustor ash, and metals.

Passive collection system means a gas collection system that solely uses positive pressure within the landfill to move the gas rather than using gas mover equipment.

Sludge means any solid, semisolid, or liquid waste generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, exclusive of the treated effluent from a wastewater treatment plant.

Solid waste means any garbage, sludge from a wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges that are point sources subject to permits under 33 U.S.C. 1342, or source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

Sufficient density means any number, spacing, and combination of collection

system components, including vertical wells, horizontal collectors, and surface collectors, necessary to maintain emission and migration control as determined by measures of performance set forth in this part.

Sufficient extraction rate means a rate sufficient to maintain a negative pressure at all wellheads in the collection system without causing air infiltration, including any wellheads connected to the system as a result of expansion or excess surface emissions, for the life of the blower.

§ 60.752 Standards for air emissions from municipal solid waste landfills.

(a) Each owner or operator of an MSW landfill having a design capacity less than 2.5 million megagrams by mass or 2.5 million cubic meters by volume shall submit an initial design capacity report to the Administrator as provided in § 60.757(a). The landfill may calculate design capacity in either megagrams or cubic meters for comparison with the exemption values. Any density conversions shall be documented and submitted with the report. For purposes of part 70 permitting, a landfill with a design capacity less than 2.5 million megagrams or 2.5 million cubic meters does not require an operating permit under part 70 of this chapter. Submittal of the initial design capacity report shall fulfill the requirements of this subpart except as provided for in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(1) The owner or operator shall submit to the Administrator an amended design capacity report, as provided for in § 60.757(a)(3), when there is any increase in the design capacity of a landfill subject to the provisions of this subpart, whether the increase results from an increase in the area or depth of the landfill, a change in the operating procedures of the landfill, or any other means.

(2) If any increase in the maximum design capacity of a landfill exempted from the provisions of § 60.752(b) through § 60.759 of this subpart on the basis of the design capacity exemption in paragraph (a) of this section results in a revised maximum design capacity equal to or greater than 2.5 million megagrams or 2.5 million cubic meters, the owner or operator shall comply with the provision of paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Each owner or operator of an MSW landfill having a design capacity equal to or greater than 2.5 million megagrams or 2.5 million cubic meters, shall either comply with paragraph (b)(2) of this section or calculate an NMOC emission rate for the landfill using the procedures

specified in § 60.754. The NMOC emission rate shall be recalculated annually, except as provided in § 60.757(b)(1)(ii) of this subpart. The owner or operator of an MSW landfill subject to this subpart with a design capacity greater than or equal to 2.5 million megagrams or 2.5 million cubic meters is subject to part 70 permitting requirements. When a landfill is closed, and either never needed control or meets the conditions for control system removal specified in § 60.752(b)(2)(v) of this subpart, a part 70 operating permit is no longer required.

(1) If the calculated NMOC emission rate is less than 50 megagrams per year, the owner or operator shall:

(i) Submit an annual emission report to the Administrator, except as provided for in § 60.757(b)(1)(ii); and

(ii) Recalculate the NMOC emission rate annually using the procedures specified in § 60.754(a)(1) until such time as the calculated NMOC emission rate is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year, or the landfill is closed.

(A) If the NMOC emission rate, upon recalculation required in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year, the owner or operator shall install a collection and control system in compliance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(B) If the landfill is permanently closed, a closure notification shall be submitted to the Administrator as provided for in § 60.757(d).

(2) If the calculated NMOC emission rate is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year, the owner or operator shall:

(i) Submit a collection and control system design plan prepared by a professional engineer to the Administrator within 1 year:

(A) The collection and control system as described in the plan shall meet the design requirements of paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

(B) The collection and control system design plan shall include any alternatives to the operational standards, test methods, procedures, compliance measures, monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting provisions of §§ 60.753 through 60.758 proposed by the owner or operator.

(C) The collection and control system design plan shall either conform with specifications for active collection systems in § 60.759 or include a demonstration to the Administrator's satisfaction of the sufficiency of the alternative provisions to § 60.759.

(D) The Administrator shall review the information submitted under

paragraphs (b)(2)(i) (A), (B) and (C) of this section and either approve it, disapprove it, or request that additional information be submitted. Because of the many site-specific factors involved with landfill gas system design, alternative systems may be necessary. A wide variety of system designs are possible, such as vertical wells, combination horizontal and vertical collection systems, or horizontal trenches only, leachate collection components, and passive systems.

(ii) Install a collection and control system within 18 months of the submittal of the design plan under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section that effectively captures the gas generated within the landfill.

(A) An active collection system shall:

(1) Be designed to handle the maximum expected gas flow rate from the entire area of the landfill that warrants control over the intended use period of the gas control or treatment system equipment;

(2) Collect gas from each area, cell, or group of cells in the landfill in which the initial solid waste has been placed for a period of:

(i) 5 years or more if active; or
(ii) 2 years or more if closed or at final grade;

(3) Collect gas at a sufficient extraction rate;

(4) Be designed to minimize off-site migration of subsurface gas.

(B) A passive collection system shall:

(1) Comply with the provisions specified in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii), (A) (1), (2), and (4) of this section.

(2) Be installed with liners on the bottom and all sides in all areas in which gas is to be collected. The liners shall be installed as required under § 258.40 of this title.

(iii) Route all the collected gas to a control system that complies with the requirements in either paragraph (b)(2)(iii) (A), (B) or (C) of this section.

(A) An open flare designed and operated in accordance with § 60.18;

(B) A control system designed and operated to reduce NMOC by 98 weight-percent, or, when an enclosed combustion device is used for control, to either reduce NMOC by 98 weight percent or reduce the outlet NMOC concentration to less than 20 parts per million by volume, dry basis as hexane at 3 percent oxygen. The reduction efficiency or parts per million by volume shall be established by an initial performance test, required under § 60.8 using the test methods specified in § 60.754(d).

(1) If a boiler or process heater is used as the control device, the landfill gas

stream shall be introduced into the flame zone.

(2) The control device shall be operated within the parameter ranges established during the initial or most recent performance test. The operating parameters to be monitored are specified in § 60.756;

(C) Route the collected gas to a treatment system that processes the collected gas for subsequent sale or use. All emissions from any atmospheric vent from the gas treatment system shall be subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(2)(iii) (A) or (B) of this section.

(iv) Operate the collection and control device installed to comply with this subpart in accordance with the provisions of §§ 60.753, 60.755 and 60.756.

(v) The collection and control system may be capped or removed provided that all the conditions of paragraphs (b)(2)(v) (A), (B), and (C) of this section are met:

(A) The landfill shall be no longer accepting solid waste and be permanently closed under the requirements of § 258.60 of this title. A closure report shall be submitted to the Administrator as provided in § 60.757(d);

(B) The collection and control system shall have been in operation a minimum of 15 years; and

(C) Following the procedures specified in § 60.754(b) of this subpart, the calculated NMOC gas produced by the landfill shall be less than 50 megagrams per year on three successive test dates. The test dates shall be no less than 90 days apart, and no more than 180 days apart.

§ 60.753 Operational standards for collection and control systems.

Each owner or operator of an MSW landfill gas collection and control system used to comply with the provisions of § 60.752(b)(2)(ii) of this subpart shall:

(a) Operate the collection system such that gas is collected from each area, cell, or group of cells in the MSW landfill in which solid waste has been in place for:

- (1) 5 years or more if active; or
- (2) 2 years or more if closed or at final grade;

(b) Operate the collection system with negative pressure at each wellhead except under the following conditions:

(1) A fire or increased well temperature. The owner or operator shall record instances when positive pressure occurs in efforts to avoid a fire. These records shall be submitted with the annual reports as provided in § 60.757(f)(1);

(2) Use of a geomembrane or synthetic cover. The owner or operator shall develop acceptable pressure limits in the design plan;

(3) A decommissioned well. A well may experience a static positive pressure after shut down to accommodate for declining flows. All design changes shall be approved by the Administrator;

(c) Operate each interior wellhead in the collection system with a landfill gas temperature less than 55 °C and with either a nitrogen level less than 20 percent or an oxygen level less than 5 percent. The owner or operator may establish a higher operating temperature, nitrogen, or oxygen value at a particular well. A higher operating value demonstration shall show supporting data that the elevated parameter does not cause fires or significantly inhibit anaerobic decomposition by killing methanogens.

(1) The nitrogen level shall be determined using Method 3C, unless an alternative test method is established as allowed by § 60.752(b)(2)(i) of this subpart.

(2) Unless an alternative test method is established as allowed by § 60.752(b)(2)(i) of this subpart, the oxygen shall be determined by an oxygen meter using Method 3A except that:

(i) The span shall be set so that the regulatory limit is between 20 and 50 percent of the span;

(ii) A data recorder is not required;

(iii) Only two calibration gases are required, a zero and span, and ambient air may be used as the span;

(iv) A calibration error check is not required;

(v) The allowable sample bias, zero drift, and calibration drift are ±10 percent.

(d) Operate the collection system so that the methane concentration is less than 500 parts per million above

background at the surface of the landfill. To determine if this level is exceeded, the owner or operator shall conduct surface testing around the perimeter of the collection area along a pattern that traverses the landfill at 30 meter intervals and where visual observations indicate elevated concentrations of landfill gas, such as distressed vegetation and cracks or seeps in the cover. The owner or operator may establish an alternative traversing pattern that ensures equivalent coverage. A surface monitoring design plan shall be developed that includes a topographical map with the monitoring route and the rationale for any site-specific deviations from the 30 meter intervals. Areas with steep slopes or other dangerous areas may be excluded from the surface testing.

(e) Operate the system such that all collected gases are vented to a control system designed and operated in compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii). In the event the collection or control system is inoperable, the gas mover system shall be shut down and all valves in the collection and control system contributing to venting of the gas to the atmosphere shall be closed within 1 hour; and

(f) Operate the control or treatment system at all times when the collected gas is routed to the system.

(g) If monitoring demonstrates that the operational requirement in paragraphs (b), (c), or (d) of this section are not met, corrective action shall be taken as specified in § 60.752(a)(3) through (5) or § 60.755(c) of this subpart. If corrective actions are taken as specified in § 60.755, the monitored exceedance is not a violation of the operational requirements in this section.

§ 60.754 Test methods and procedures.

(a)(1) The landfill owner or operator shall calculate the NMOC emission rate using either the equation provided in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section or the equation provided in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section. The values to be used in both equations are 0.05 per year for k, 170 cubic meters per megagram for L_o, and 4,000 parts per million by volume as hexane for the C_{NMOC}.

(i) The following equation shall be used if the actual year-to-year solid waste acceptance rate is known.

$$M_{NMOC} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2 k L_o M_i (e^{-k_i}) (C_{NMOC}) (3.6 \times 10^{-9})$$

where,

M_{NMOC} = Total NMOC emission rate from the landfill, megagrams per year

k = methane generation rate constant, year^{-1}

L_0 = methane generation potential, cubic meters per megagram solid waste

M_i = mass of solid waste in the i^{th} section, megagrams

t_i = age of the i^{th} section, years

C_{NMOC} = concentration of NMOC, parts per million by volume as hexane

3.6×10^{-9} = conversion factor

The mass of nondegradable solid waste may be subtracted from the total mass of solid waste in a particular section of the landfill when calculating the value for M_i if the documentation provisions of § 60.758(d)(2) are followed.

(ii) The following equation shall be used if the actual year-to-year solid waste acceptance rate is unknown.

$$M_{NMOC} = 2L_0 R (e^{-kt} - e^{-k}) (C_{NMOC}) (3.6 \times 10^{-9})$$

where,

M_{NMOC} = mass emission rate of NMOC, megagrams per year

L_0 = methane generation potential, cubic meters per megagram solid waste

R = average annual acceptance rate, megagrams per year

k = methane generation rate constant, year^{-1}

t = age of landfill, years

C_{NMOC} = concentration of NMOC, parts per million by volume as hexane

c = time since closure, years. For active landfill $c = 0$ and $e^{-kc} = 1$

3.6×10^{-9} = conversion factor

The mass of nondegradable solid waste may be subtracted from the average annual acceptance rate when calculating a value for R , if the documentation provisions of § 60.758(d)(2) are followed.

(2) *Tier 1.* The owner or operator shall compare the calculated NMOC mass emission rate to the standard of 50 megagrams per year.

(i) If the NMOC emission rate calculated in paragraph (a)(1) of this section is less than 50 megagrams per year, then the landfill owner shall submit an emission rate report as provided in § 60.757(b)(1), and shall recalculate the NMOC mass emission rate annually as required under § 60.752(b)(1).

(ii) If the calculated NMOC emission rate is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year, then the landfill owner shall either comply with § 60.752(b)(2), or determine a site-specific NMOC concentration and recalculate the NMOC emission rate using the procedures provided in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(3) *Tier 2.* The landfill owner or operator shall determine the NMOC concentration using the following sampling procedure. The landfill owner or operator shall install at least two sample probes per hectare of landfill

surface that has retained waste for at least 2 years. If the landfill is larger than 25 hectares in area, only 50 samples are required. The sample probes should be located to avoid known areas of nondegradable solid waste. The owner or operator shall collect and analyze one sample of landfill gas from each probe to determine the NMOC concentration using Method 25C of appendix A of this part or Method 18 of appendix A of this part. If using Method 18 of appendix A of this part, the minimum list of compounds to be tested shall be those published in the most recent Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors (AP-42). If composite sampling is used, equal volumes shall be taken from each sample probe. If more than the required number of samples are taken, all samples shall be used in the analysis. The landfill owner or operator shall divide the NMOC concentration from Method 25C of appendix A of this part by six to convert from C_{NMOC} as carbon to C_{NMOC} as hexane.

(i) The landfill owner or operator shall recalculate the NMOC mass emission rate using the equations provided in paragraph (a)(1)(i) or (a)(1)(ii) of this section and using the average NMOC concentration from the collected samples instead of the default value in the equation provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(ii) If the resulting mass emission rate calculated using the site-specific NMOC concentration is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year, then the landfill owner or operator shall either comply with § 60.752(b)(2), or determine the site-specific methane generation rate constant and recalculate the NMOC emission rate using the site-specific methane generation rate using the procedure specified in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(iii) If the resulting NMOC mass emission rate is less than 50 megagrams per year, the owner or operator shall submit a periodic estimate of the emission rate report as provided in § 60.757(b)(1) and retest the site-specific NMOC concentration every 5 years using the methods specified in this section.

(4) *Tier 3.* The site-specific methane generation rate constant shall be determined using the procedures provided in Method 2E of appendix A of this part. The landfill owner or operator shall estimate the NMOC mass emission rate using equations in paragraph (a)(1)(i) or (a)(1)(ii) of this section and using a site-specific methane generation rate constant k , and the site-specific NMOC concentration as determined in paragraph (a)(3) of this section instead of the default values

provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. The landfill owner or operator shall compare the resulting NMOC mass emission rate to the standard of 50 megagrams per year.

(i) If the NMOC mass emission rate as calculated using the site-specific methane generation rate and concentration of NMOC is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year, the owner or operator shall comply with § 60.752(b)(2).

(ii) If the NMOC mass emission rate is less than 50 megagrams per year, then the owner or operator shall submit a periodic emission rate report as provided in § 60.757(b)(1) and shall recalculate the NMOC mass emission rate annually, as provided in § 60.757(b)(1) using the equations in paragraph (a)(1) of this section and using the site-specific methane generation rate constant and NMOC concentration obtained in paragraph (a)(3) of this section. The calculation of the methane generation rate constant is performed only once, and the value obtained is used in all subsequent annual NMOC emission rate calculations.

(5) The owner or operator may use other methods to determine the NMOC concentration or a site-specific k as an alternative to the methods required in paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(4) of this section if the method has been approved by the Administrator as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B).

(b) After the installation of a collection and control system in compliance with § 60.755, the owner or operator shall calculate the NMOC emission rate for purposes of determining when the system can be removed as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(v), using the following equation:

$$M_{NMOC} = 1.89 \times 10^{-3} Q_{LFG} C_{NMOC}$$

where,

M_{NMOC} = mass emission rate of NMOC, megagrams per year

Q_{LFG} = flow rate of landfill gas, cubic meters per minute

C_{NMOC} = NMOC concentration, parts per million by volume as hexane

(1) The flow rate of landfill gas, Q_{LFG} , shall be determined by measuring the total landfill gas flow rate at the common header pipe that leads to the control device using a gas flow measuring device calibrated according to the provisions of section 4 of Method 2E of appendix A of this part.

(2) The average NMOC concentration, C_{NMOC} , shall be determined by collecting and analyzing landfill gas sampled from the common header pipe before the gas moving or condensate

removal equipment using the procedures in Method 25C or Method 18 of appendix A of this part. If using Method 18 of appendix A of this part, the minimum list of compounds to be tested shall be those published in the most recent Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors (AP-42). The sample location on the common header pipe shall be before any condensate removal or other gas refining units. The landfill owner or operator shall divide the NMOC concentration from Method 25C of appendix A of this part by six to convert from C_{NMOC} as carbon to C_{NMOC} as hexane.

(3) The owner or operator may use another method to determine landfill gas flow rate and NMOC concentration if the method has been approved by the Administrator as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B).

(c) The owner or operator of each MSW landfill subject to the provisions of this subpart shall estimate the NMOC emission rate for comparison to the PSD major source and significance levels in §§ 51.166 or 52.21 of this chapter using AP-42 or other approved measurement procedures. If a collection system, which complies with the provisions in § 60.752(b)(2) is already installed, the owner or operator shall estimate the NMOC emission rate using the procedures provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) For the performance test required in § 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B), Method 25 or Method 18 of appendix A of this part shall be used to determine compliance with 98 weight-percent efficiency or the 20 ppmv outlet concentration level, unless another method to demonstrate compliance has been approved by the Administrator as provided by § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B). If using Method 18 of appendix A of this part, the minimum list of compounds to be tested shall be those published in the most recent Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors (AP-42). The following equation shall be used to calculate efficiency:

$$\text{Control Efficiency} = \frac{(\text{NMOC}_{\text{in}} - \text{NMOC}_{\text{out}})}{(\text{NMOC}_{\text{in}})}$$

where,

NMOC_{in} = mass of NMOC entering control device

NMOC_{out} = mass of NMOC exiting control device

§ 60.755 Compliance provisions.

(a) Except as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B), the specified methods in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section shall be used to determine whether the gas collection system is in compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(i).

(1) For the purposes of calculating the maximum expected gas generation flow rate from the landfill to determine compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii)(A)(1), one of the following equations shall be used. The k and L_0 kinetic factors should be those published in the most recent Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors (AP-42) or other site specific values demonstrated to be appropriate and approved by the Administrator. If k has been determined as specified in § 60.754(a)(4), the value of k determined from the test shall be used. A value of no more than 15 years shall be used for the intended use period of the gas mover equipment. The active life of the landfill is the age of the landfill plus the estimated number of years until closure.

(i) For sites with unknown year-to-year solid waste acceptance rate:

$$Q_m = 2L_0 R (e^{-kt} - e^{-k})$$

where,

Q_m = maximum expected gas generation flow rate, cubic meters per year

L_0 = methane generation potential, cubic meters per megagram solid waste

R = average annual acceptance rate, megagrams per year

k = methane generation rate constant, year⁻¹

t = age of the landfill at equipment installation plus the time the owner or operator intends to use the gas mover equipment or active life of the landfill, whichever is less. If the equipment is installed after closure, t is the age of the landfill at installation, years

c = time since closure, years (for an active landfill $c = 0$ and $e^{-kc} = 1$)

(ii) For sites with known year-to-year solid waste acceptance rate:

$$Q_M = \sum_{i=1}^n 2k L_0 M_i (e^{-k t_i})$$

where,

Q_M = maximum expected gas generation flow rate, cubic meters per year

k = methane generation rate constant, year⁻¹

L_0 = methane generation potential, cubic meters per megagram solid waste

M_i = mass of solid waste in the i^{th} section, megagrams

t_i = age of the i^{th} section, years

(iii) If a collection and control system has been installed, actual flow data may be used to project the maximum expected gas generation flow rate instead of, or in conjunction with, the equations in paragraphs (a)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section. If the landfill is still accepting waste, the actual measured flow data will not equal the maximum expected gas generation rate, so calculations using the equations in paragraphs (a)(1) (i) or (ii) or other methods shall be used to predict the maximum expected gas generation rate

over the intended period of use of the gas control system equipment.

(2) For the purposes of determining sufficient density of gas collectors for compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii)(A)(2), the owner or operator shall design a system of vertical wells, horizontal collectors, or other collection devices, satisfactory to the Administrator, capable of controlling and extracting gas from all portions of the landfill sufficient to meet all operational and performance standards.

(3) For the purpose of demonstrating whether the gas collection system flow rate is sufficient to determine compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii)(A)(3), the owner or operator shall measure gauge pressure in the gas collection header at each individual well, monthly. If a positive pressure exists, action shall be initiated to correct the exceedance within 5 calendar days, except for the three conditions allowed under § 60.753(b). If negative pressure cannot be achieved without excess air infiltration within 15 calendar days of the first measurement, the gas collection system shall be expanded to correct the exceedance within 120 days of the initial measurement of positive pressure. Any attempted corrective measure shall not cause exceedances of other operational or performance standards.

(4) Owners or operators are not required to install additional wells as required in paragraph (a)(3) of this section during the first 180 days after gas collection system start-up.

(5) For the purpose of identifying whether excess air infiltration into the landfill is occurring, the owner or operator shall monitor each well monthly for temperature and nitrogen or oxygen as provided in § 60.753(c). If a well exceeds one of these operating parameters, action shall be initiated to correct the exceedance within 5 calendar days. If correction of the exceedance cannot be achieved within 15 calendar days of the first measurement, the gas collection system shall be expanded to correct the exceedance within 120 days of the initial exceedance. Any attempted corrective measure shall not cause exceedances of other operational or performance standards.

(6) An owner or operator seeking to demonstrate compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii)(A)(4) through the use of a collection system not conforming to the specifications provided in § 60.759 shall provide information satisfactory to the Administrator as specified in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(C) demonstrating that off-site migration is being controlled.

(b) For purposes of compliance with § 60.753(a), each owner or operator of a controlled landfill shall place each well or design component as specified in the approved design plan as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i). Each well shall be installed within 60 days of the date in which the initial solid waste has been in place for a period of:

- (1) 5 years or more if active; or
- (2) 2 years or more if closed or at final grade.

(c) The following procedures shall be used for compliance with the surface methane operational standard as provided in § 60.753(d).

(1) After installation of the collection system, the owner or operator shall monitor surface concentrations of methane along the entire perimeter of the collection area and along a serpentine pattern spaced 30 meters apart (or a site-specific established spacing) for each collection area on a quarterly basis using an organic vapor analyzer, flame ionization detector, or other portable monitor meeting the specifications provided in paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) The background concentration shall be determined by moving the probe inlet upwind and downwind outside the boundary of the landfill at a distance of at least 30 meters from the perimeter wells.

(3) Surface emission monitoring shall be performed in accordance with section 4.3.1 of Method 21 of appendix A of this part, except that the probe inlet shall be placed within 5 to 10 centimeters of the ground. Monitoring shall be performed during typical meteorological conditions.

(4) Any reading of 500 parts per million or more above background at any location shall be recorded as a monitored exceedance and the actions specified in paragraphs (c)(4)(i) through (v) of this section shall be taken. As long as the specified actions are taken, the exceedance is not a violation of the operational requirements of § 60.753(d).

(i) The location of each monitored exceedance shall be marked and the location recorded.

(ii) Cover maintenance or adjustments to the vacuum of the adjacent wells to increase the gas collection in the vicinity of each exceedance shall be made and the location shall be re-monitored within 10 calendar days of detecting the exceedance.

(iii) If the re-monitoring of the location shows a second exceedance, additional corrective action shall be taken and the location shall be monitored again within 10 days of the second exceedance. If the re-monitoring shows a third exceedance for the same

location, the action specified in paragraph (c)(4)(v) of this section shall be taken, and no further monitoring of that location is required until the action specified in paragraph (c)(4)(v) has been taken.

(iv) Any location that initially showed an exceedance but has a methane concentration less than 500 ppm methane above background at the 10-day re-monitoring specified in paragraph (c)(4)(ii) or (iii) of this section shall be re-monitored 1 month from the initial exceedance. If the 1-month remonitoring shows a concentration less than 500 parts per million above background, no further monitoring of that location is required until the next quarterly monitoring period. If the 1-month remonitoring shows an exceedance, the actions specified in paragraph (c)(4)(iii) or (v) shall be taken.

(v) For any location where monitored methane concentration equals or exceeds 500 parts per million above background three times within a quarterly period, a new well or other collection device shall be installed within 120 calendar days of the initial exceedance. An alternative remedy to the exceedance, such as upgrading the blower, header pipes or control device, and a corresponding timeline for installation may be submitted to the Administrator for approval.

(5) The owner or operator shall implement a program to monitor for cover integrity and implement cover repairs as necessary on a monthly basis.

(d) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with the provisions in paragraph (c) of this section shall comply with the following instrumentation specifications and procedures for surface emission monitoring devices:

(1) The portable analyzer shall meet the instrument specifications provided in section 3 of Method 21 of appendix A of this part, except that "methane" shall replace all references to VOC.

(2) The calibration gas shall be methane, diluted to a nominal concentration of 500 parts per million in air.

(3) To meet the performance evaluation requirements in section 3.1.3 of Method 21 of appendix A of this part, the instrument evaluation procedures of section 4.4 of Method 21 of appendix A of this part shall be used.

(4) The calibration procedures provided in section 4.2 of Method 21 of appendix A of this part shall be followed immediately before commencing a surface monitoring survey.

(e) The provisions of this subpart apply at all times, except during periods of start-up, shutdown, or malfunction, provided that the duration of start-up, shutdown, or malfunction shall not exceed 5 days for collection systems and shall not exceed 1 hour for treatment or control devices.

§ 60.756 Monitoring of operations.

Except as provided in

§ 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B).

(a) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii)(A) for an active gas collection system shall install a sampling port and a thermometer or other temperature measuring device at each wellhead and:

(1) Measure the gauge pressure in the gas collection header on a monthly basis as provided in § 60.755(a)(3); and

(2) Monitor nitrogen or oxygen concentration in the landfill gas on a monthly basis as provided in § 60.755(a)(5); and

(3) Monitor temperature of the landfill gas on a monthly basis as provided in § 60.755(a)(5).

(b) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) using an enclosed combustor shall calibrate, maintain, and operate according to the manufacturer's specifications, the following equipment.

(1) A temperature monitoring device equipped with a continuous recorder and having an accuracy of ± 1 percent of the temperature being measured expressed in degrees Celsius or ± 0.5 °C, whichever is greater. A temperature monitoring device is not required for boilers or process heaters with design heat input capacity greater than 44 megawatts.

(2) A gas flow rate measuring device that provides a measurement of gas flow to or bypass of the control device. The owner or operator shall either:

(i) Install, calibrate, and maintain a gas flow rate measuring device that shall record the flow to the control device at least every 15 minutes; or

(ii) Secure the bypass line valve in the closed position with a car-seal or a lock-and-key type configuration. A visual inspection of the seal or closure mechanism shall be performed at least once every month to ensure that the valve is maintained in the closed position and that the gas flow is not diverted through the bypass line.

(c) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) using an open flare shall install, calibrate, maintain, and operate according to the manufacturer's specifications the following equipment:

(1) A heat sensing device, such as an ultraviolet beam sensor or

thermocouple, at the pilot light or the flame itself to indicate the continuous presence of a flame.

(2) A device that records flow to or bypass of the flare. The owner or operator shall either:

(i) Install, calibrate, and maintain a gas flow rate measuring device that shall record the flow to the control device at least every 15 minutes; or

(ii) Secure the bypass line valve in the closed position with a car-seal or a lock-and-key type configuration. A visual inspection of the seal or closure mechanism shall be performed at least once every month to ensure that the valve is maintained in the closed position and that the gas flow is not diverted through the bypass line.

(d) Each owner or operator seeking to demonstrate compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) using a device other than an open flare or an enclosed combustor shall provide information satisfactory to the Administrator as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B) describing the operation of the control device, the operating parameters that would indicate proper performance, and appropriate monitoring procedures. The Administrator shall review the information and either approve it, or request that additional information be submitted. The Administrator may specify additional appropriate monitoring procedures.

(e) Each owner or operator seeking to install a collection system that does not meet the specifications in § 60.759 or seeking to monitor alternative parameters to those required by § 60.753 through § 60.756 shall provide information satisfactory to the Administrator as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B) and (C) describing the design and operation of the collection system, the operating parameters that would indicate proper performance, and appropriate monitoring procedures. The Administrator may specify additional appropriate monitoring procedures.

(f) Each owner or operator seeking to demonstrate compliance with § 60.755(c), shall monitor surface concentrations of methane according to the instrument specifications and procedures provided in § 60.755(d). Any closed landfill that has no monitored exceedances of the operational standard in three consecutive quarterly monitoring periods may skip to annual monitoring. Any methane reading of 500 ppm or more above background detected during the annual monitoring returns the frequency for that landfill to quarterly monitoring.

§ 60.757 Reporting requirements.

Except as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B),

(a) Each owner or operator subject to the requirements of this subpart shall submit an initial design capacity report to the Administrator.

(1) The initial design capacity report shall fulfill the requirements of the notification of the date construction is commenced as required under § 60.7(a)(1) and shall be submitted no later than the earliest day from the following:

(i) 90 days of the issuance of the State, Local, Tribal, or RCRA construction or operating permit; or

(ii) 30 days of the date of construction or reconstruction as defined under § 60.15; or

(iii) 30 days of the initial acceptance of solid waste.

(2) The initial design capacity report shall contain the following information:

(i) A map or plot of the landfill, providing the size and location of the landfill, and identifying all areas where solid waste may be landfilled according to the provisions of the State, local, Tribal, or RCRA construction or operating permit;

(ii) The maximum design capacity of the landfill. Where the maximum design capacity is specified in the State or local construction or RCRA permit, a copy of the permit specifying the maximum design capacity may be submitted as part of the report. If the maximum design capacity of the landfill is not specified in the permit, the maximum design capacity shall be calculated using good engineering practices. The calculations shall be provided, along with such parameters as depth of solid waste, solid waste acceptance rate, and compaction practices as part of the report. The State, Tribal, local agency or Administrator may request other reasonable information as may be necessary to verify the maximum design capacity of the landfill.

(3) An amended design capacity report shall be submitted to the Administrator providing notification of any increase in the design capacity of the landfill, whether the increase results from an increase in the permitted area or depth of the landfill, a change in the operating procedures, or any other means which results in an increase in the maximum design capacity of the landfill above 2.5 million megagrams or 2.5 million cubic meters. The amended design capacity report shall be submitted within 90 days of the issuance of an amended construction or operating permit, or the placement of waste in additional land, or the change in operating procedures which will

result in an increase in maximum design capacity, whichever occurs first.

(b) Each owner or operator subject to the requirements of this subpart shall submit an NMOC emission rate report to the Administrator initially and annually thereafter, except as provided for in paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) or (b)(3) of this section. The Administrator may request such additional information as may be necessary to verify the reported NMOC emission rate.

(1) The NMOC emission rate report shall contain an annual or 5-year estimate of the NMOC emission rate calculated using the formula and procedures provided in § 60.754(a) or (b), as applicable.

(i) The initial NMOC emission rate report shall be submitted within 90 days of the date waste acceptance commences and may be combined with the initial design capacity report required in paragraph (a) of this section. Subsequent NMOC emission rate reports shall be submitted annually thereafter, except as provided for in paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (b)(3) of this section.

(ii) If the estimated NMOC emission rate as reported in the annual report to the Administrator is less than 50 megagrams per year in each of the next 5 consecutive years, the owner or operator may elect to submit an estimate of the NMOC emission rate for the next 5-year period in lieu of the annual report. This estimate shall include the current amount of solid waste-in-place and the estimated waste acceptance rate for each year of the 5 years for which an NMOC emission rate is estimated. All data and calculations upon which this estimate is based shall be provided to the Administrator. This estimate shall be revised at least once every 5 years. If the actual waste acceptance rate exceeds the estimated waste acceptance rate in any year reported in the 5-year estimate, a revised 5-year estimate shall be submitted to the Administrator. The revised estimate shall cover the 5-year period beginning with the year in which the actual waste acceptance rate exceeded the estimated waste acceptance rate.

(2) The NMOC emission rate report shall include all the data, calculations, sample reports and measurements used to estimate the annual or 5-year emissions.

(3) Each owner or operator subject to the requirements of this subpart is exempted from the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section, after the installation of a collection and control system in compliance with § 60.752(b)(2), during such time as the collection and control system is in

operation and in compliance with §§ 60.753 and 60.755.

(c) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of § 60.752(b)(2)(i) shall submit a collection and control system design plan to the Administrator within 1 year of the first report, required under paragraph (b) of this section, in which the emission rate exceeds 50 megagrams per year, except as follows:

(1) If the owner or operator elects to recalculate the NMOC emission rate after Tier 2 NMOC sampling and analysis as provided in § 60.754(a)(3) and the resulting rate is less than 50 megagrams per year, annual periodic reporting shall be resumed, using the Tier 2 determined site-specific NMOC concentration, until the calculated emission rate is equal to or greater than 50 megagrams per year or the landfill is closed. The revised NMOC emission rate report, with the recalculated emission rate based on NMOC sampling and analysis, shall be submitted within 180 days of the first calculated exceedance of 50 megagrams per year.

(2) If the owner or operator elects to recalculate the NMOC emission rate after determining a site-specific methane generation rate constant (k), as provided in Tier 3 in § 60.754(a)(4), and the resulting NMOC emission rate is less than 50 Mg/yr, annual periodic reporting shall be resumed. The resulting site-specific methane generation rate constant (k) shall be used in the emission rate calculation until such time as the emissions rate calculation results in an exceedance. The revised NMOC emission rate report based on the provisions of § 60.754(a)(4) and the resulting site-specific methane generation rate constant (k) shall be submitted to the Administrator within 1 year of the first calculated emission rate exceeding 50 megagrams per year.

(d) Each owner or operator of a controlled landfill shall submit a closure report to the Administrator within 30 days of waste acceptance cessation. The Administrator may request additional information as may be necessary to verify that permanent closure has taken place in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 258.60. If a closure report has been submitted to the Administrator, no additional wastes may be placed into the landfill without filing a notification of modification as described under § 60.7(a)(4).

(e) Each owner or operator of a controlled landfill shall submit an equipment removal report to the Administrator 30 days prior to removal or cessation of operation of the control equipment.

(1) The equipment removal report shall contain all of the following items:

(i) A copy of the closure report submitted in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section;

(ii) A copy of the initial performance test report demonstrating that the 15 year minimum control period has expired; and

(iii) Dated copies of three successive NMOC emission rate reports demonstrating that the landfill is no longer producing 50 megagrams or greater of NMOC per year.

(2) The Administrator may request such additional information as may be necessary to verify that all of the conditions for removal in § 60.752(b)(2)(v) have been met.

(f) Each owner or operator of a landfill seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2) using an active collection system designed in accordance with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii) shall submit to the Administrator annual reports of the recorded information in (f)(1) through (f)(6) of this paragraph. The initial annual report shall be submitted within 180 days of installation and start-up of the collection and control system, and shall include the initial performance test report required under § 60.8. For enclosed combustion devices and flares, reportable exceedances are defined under § 60.758(c).

(1) Value and length of time for exceedance of applicable parameters monitored under § 60.756(a), (b), (c), and (d).

(2) Description and duration of all periods when the gas stream is diverted from the control device through a bypass line or the indication of bypass flow as specified under § 60.756.

(3) Description and duration of all periods when the control device was not operating for a period exceeding 1 hour and length of time the control device was not operating.

(4) All periods when the collection system was not operating in excess of 5 days.

(5) The location of each exceedance of the 500 parts per million methane concentration as provided in § 60.753(d) and the concentration recorded at each location for which an exceedance was recorded in the previous month.

(6) The date of installation and the location of each well or collection system expansion added pursuant to paragraphs (a)(3), (b), and (c)(4) of § 60.755.

(g) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(i) shall include the following information with the initial performance test report required under § 60.8:

(1) A diagram of the collection system showing collection system positioning including all wells, horizontal

collectors, surface collectors, or other gas extraction devices, including the locations of any areas excluded from collection and the proposed sites for the future collection system expansion;

(2) The data upon which the sufficient density of wells, horizontal collectors, surface collectors, or other gas extraction devices and the gas mover equipment sizing are based;

(3) The documentation of the presence of asbestos or nondegradable material for each area from which collection wells have been excluded based on the presence of asbestos or nondegradable material;

(4) The sum of the gas generation flow rates for all areas from which collection wells have been excluded based on nonproductivity and the calculations of gas generation flow rate for each excluded area; and

(5) The provisions for increasing gas mover equipment capacity with increased gas generation flow rate, if the present gas mover equipment is inadequate to move the maximum flow rate expected over the life of the landfill; and

(6) The provisions for the control of off-site migration.

§ 60.758 Recordkeeping requirements.

Except as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(B),

(a) Each owner or operator of an MSW landfill subject to the provisions of § 60.752(b) shall keep for at least 5 years up-to-date, readily accessible, on-site records of the maximum design capacity, the current amount of solid waste in-place, and the year-by-year waste acceptance rate. Off-site records may be maintained if they are retrievable within 4 hours. Either paper copy or electronic formats are acceptable.

(b) Each owner or operator of a controlled landfill shall keep up-to-date, readily accessible records for the life of the control equipment of the data listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) of this section as measured during the initial performance test or compliance determination. Records of subsequent tests or monitoring shall be maintained for a minimum of 5 years. Records of the control device vendor specifications shall be maintained until removal.

(1) Where an owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart seeks to demonstrate compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(ii):

(i) The maximum expected gas generation flow rate as calculated in § 60.755(a)(1). The owner or operator may use another method to determine the maximum gas generation flow rate,

if the method has been approved by the Administrator.

(i) The density of wells, horizontal collectors, surface collectors, or other gas extraction devices determined using the procedures specified in § 60.759(a)(1).

(2) Where an owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart seeks to demonstrate compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) through use of an enclosed combustion device other than a boiler or process heater with a design heat input capacity greater than 44 megawatts:

(i) The average combustion temperature measured at least every 15 minutes and averaged over the same time period of the performance test.

(ii) The percent reduction of NMOC determined as specified in § 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B) achieved by the control device.

(3) Where an owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart seeks to demonstrate compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B)(1) through use of a boiler or process heater of any size: a description of the location at which the collected gas vent stream is introduced into the boiler or process heater over the same time period of the performance testing.

(4) Where an owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart seeks to demonstrate compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(A) through use of an open flare, the flare type (i.e., steam-assisted, air-assisted, or nonassisted), all visible emission readings, heat content determination, flow rate or bypass flow rate measurements, and exit velocity determinations made during the performance test as specified in § 60.18; continuous records of the flare pilot flame or flare flame monitoring and records of all periods of operations during which the pilot flame of the flare flame is absent.

(c) Each owner or operator of a controlled landfill subject to the provisions of this subpart shall keep for 5 years up-to-date, readily accessible continuous records of the equipment operating parameters specified to be monitored in § 60.756 as well as up-to-date, readily accessible records for periods of operation during which the parameter boundaries established during the most recent performance test are exceeded.

(1) The following constitute exceedances that shall be recorded and reported under § 60.757(f):

(i) For enclosed combustors except for boilers and process heaters with design heat input capacity of 44 megawatts (150 million British thermal unit per hour) or greater, all 3-hour periods of

operation during which the average combustion temperature was more than 28 °C below the average combustion temperature during the most recent performance test at which compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) was determined.

(ii) For boilers or process heaters, whenever there is a change in the location at which the vent stream is introduced into the flame zone as required under paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section.

(2) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall keep up-to-date, readily accessible continuous records of the indication of flow to the control device or the indication of bypass flow or records of monthly inspections of car-seals or lock-and-key configurations used to seal bypass lines, specified under § 60.756.

(3) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart who uses a boiler or process heater with a design heat input capacity of 44 megawatts or greater to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) shall keep an up-to-date, readily accessible record of all periods of operation of the boiler or process heater. (Examples of such records could include records of steam use, fuel use, or monitoring data collected pursuant to other State, local, Tribal, or Federal regulatory requirements.)

(4) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with the provisions of this subpart by use of an open flare shall keep up-to-date, readily accessible continuous records of the flame or flare pilot flame monitoring specified under § 60.756(c), and up-to-date, readily accessible records of all periods of operation in which the flame or flare pilot flame is absent.

(d) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall keep for the life of the collection system an up-to-date, readily accessible plot map showing each existing and planned collector in the system and providing a unique identification location label for each collector.

(1) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall keep up-to-date, readily accessible records of the installation date and location of all newly installed collectors as specified under § 60.755(b).

(2) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall keep readily accessible documentation of the nature, date of deposition, amount, and location of asbestos-containing or nondegradable waste excluded from collection as provided in § 60.759(a)(3)(i) as well as any nonproductive areas excluded from collection as provided in § 60.759(a)(3)(ii).

(e) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall keep for at least 5 years up-to-date, readily accessible records of all collection and control system exceedances of the operational standards in § 60.753, the reading in the subsequent month whether or not the second reading is an exceedance, and the location of each exceedance.

§ 60.759 Specifications for active collection systems.

(a) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(i) shall site active collection wells, horizontal collectors, surface collectors, or other extraction devices at a sufficient density throughout all gas producing areas using the following procedures unless alternative procedures have been approved by the Administrator as provided in § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(C) and (D):

(1) The collection devices within the interior and along the perimeter areas shall be certified to achieve comprehensive control of surface gas emissions by a professional engineer. The following issues shall be addressed in the design: depths of refuse, refuse gas generation rates and flow characteristics, cover properties, gas system expandability, leachate and condensate management, accessibility, compatibility with filling operations, integration with closure end use, air intrusion control, corrosion resistance, fill settlement, and resistance to the refuse decomposition heat.

(2) The sufficient density of gas collection devices determined in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall address landfill gas migration issues and augmentation of the collection system through the use of active or passive systems at the landfill perimeter or exterior.

(3) The placement of gas collection devices determined in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall control all gas producing areas, except as provided by paragraphs (a)(3)(i) and (a)(3)(ii) of this section.

(i) Any segregated area of asbestos or nondegradable material may be excluded from collection if documented as provided under § 60.758(d). The documentation shall provide the nature, date of deposition, location and amount of asbestos or nondegradable material deposited in the area, and shall be provided to the Administrator upon request.

(ii) Any nonproductive area of the landfill may be excluded from control, provided that the total of all excluded areas can be shown to contribute less than 1 percent of the total amount of NMOC emissions from the landfill. The

amount, location, and age of the material shall be documented and provided to the Administrator upon request. A separate NMOC emissions estimate shall be made for each section proposed for exclusion, and the sum of all such sections shall be compared to the NMOC emissions estimate for the entire landfill. Emissions from each section shall be computed using the following equation:

$$Q_i = 2 k L_o M_i (e^{-kt_i}) (C_{NMOC}) (3.6 \times 10^{-9})$$

where,

Q_i = NMOC emission rate from the i^{th} section, megagrams per year

k = methane generation rate constant, year⁻¹

L_o = methane generation potential, cubic meters per megagram solid waste

M_i = mass of the degradable solid waste in the i^{th} section, megagram

t_i = age of the solid waste in the i^{th} section, years

C_{NMOC} = concentration of nonmethane organic compounds, parts per million by volume

3.6×10^{-9} = conversion factor

(iii) The values for k , L_o , and C_{NMOC} determined in field testing shall be used, if field testing has been performed in determining the NMOC emission rate or the radii of influence. If field testing has not been performed, the default values for k , L_o , and C_{NMOC} provided in § 60.754(a)(1) shall be used. The mass of nondegradable solid waste contained within the given section may be subtracted from the total mass of the section when estimating emissions provided the nature, location, age, and amount of the nondegradable material is documented as provided in paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section.

(b) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(A) shall construct the gas collection devices using the following equipment or procedures:

(1) The landfill gas extraction components shall be constructed of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, fiberglass, stainless steel, or other nonporous corrosion resistant material of suitable dimensions to: convey projected amounts of gases; withstand installation, static, and settlement forces; and withstand planned overburden or traffic loads. The collection system shall extend as

necessary to comply with emission and migration standards. Collection devices such as wells and horizontal collectors shall be perforated to allow gas entry without head loss sufficient to impair performance across the intended extent of control. Perforations shall be situated with regard to the need to prevent excessive air infiltration.

(2) Vertical wells shall be placed so as not to endanger underlying liners and shall address the occurrence of water within the landfill. Holes and trenches constructed for piped wells and horizontal collectors shall be of sufficient cross-section so as to allow for their proper construction and completion including, for example, centering of pipes and placement of gravel backfill. Collection devices shall be designed so as not to allow indirect short circuiting of air into the cover or refuse into the collection system or gas into the air. Any gravel used around pipe perforations should be of a dimension so as not to penetrate or block perforations.

(3) Collection devices may be connected to the collection header pipes below or above the landfill surface. The connector assembly shall include a positive closing throttle valve, any necessary seals and couplings, access couplings and at least one sampling port. The collection devices shall be constructed of PVC, HDPE, fiberglass, stainless steel, or other nonporous material of suitable thickness.

(c) Each owner or operator seeking to comply with § 60.752(b)(2)(i)(A) shall convey the landfill gas to a control system in compliance with § 60.752(b)(2)(iii) through the collection header pipe(s). The gas mover equipment shall be sized to handle the maximum gas generation flow rate expected over the intended use period of the gas moving equipment using the following procedures:

(1) For existing collection systems, the flow data shall be used to project the maximum flow rate. If no flow data exists, the procedures in paragraph (c)(2) of this section shall be used.

(2) For new collection systems, the maximum flow rate shall be in accordance with § 60.755(a)(1).

10. Part 60 is further amended by adding Methods 2E, 3C and 25C to appendix A as follows:

Appendix A—Reference Methods

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Method 2E—Determination of Landfill Gas; Gas Production Flow Rate

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method applies to the measurement of landfill gas (LFG) production flow rate from municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills and is used to calculate the flow rate of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) from landfills. This method also applies to calculating a site-specific k value as provided in § 60.754(a)(4). It is unlikely that a site-specific k value obtained through Method 2E testing will lower the annual emission estimate below 50 Mg/yr NMOC unless the Tier 2 emission estimate is only slightly higher than 50 Mg/yr NMOC. Dry, arid regions may show a more significant difference between the default and calculated k values than wet regions.

1.2 Principle. Extraction wells are installed either in a cluster of three or at five locations dispersed throughout the landfill. A blower is used to extract LFG from the landfill. LFG composition, landfill pressures near the extraction well, and volumetric flow rate of LFG extracted from the wells are measured and the landfill gas production flow rate is calculated.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Well Drilling Rig. Capable of boring a 0.6 meters diameter hole into the landfill to a minimum of 75 percent of the landfill depth. The depth of the well shall not exceed the bottom of the landfill or the liquid level.

2.2 Gravel. No fines. Gravel diameter should be appreciably larger than perforations stated in sections 2.10 and 3.2 of this method.

2.3 Bentonite.

2.4 Backfill Material. Clay, soil, and sandy loam have been found to be acceptable.

2.5 Extraction Well Pipe. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), high density polyethylene (HDPE), fiberglass, stainless steel, or other suitable nonporous material capable of transporting landfill gas with a minimum diameter of 0.075 meters and suitable wall-thickness.

2.6 Wellhead Assembly. Valve capable of adjusting gas flow at the wellhead and outlet, and a flow measuring device, such as an in-line orifice meter or pitot tube. A schematic of the wellhead assembly is shown in figure 1.

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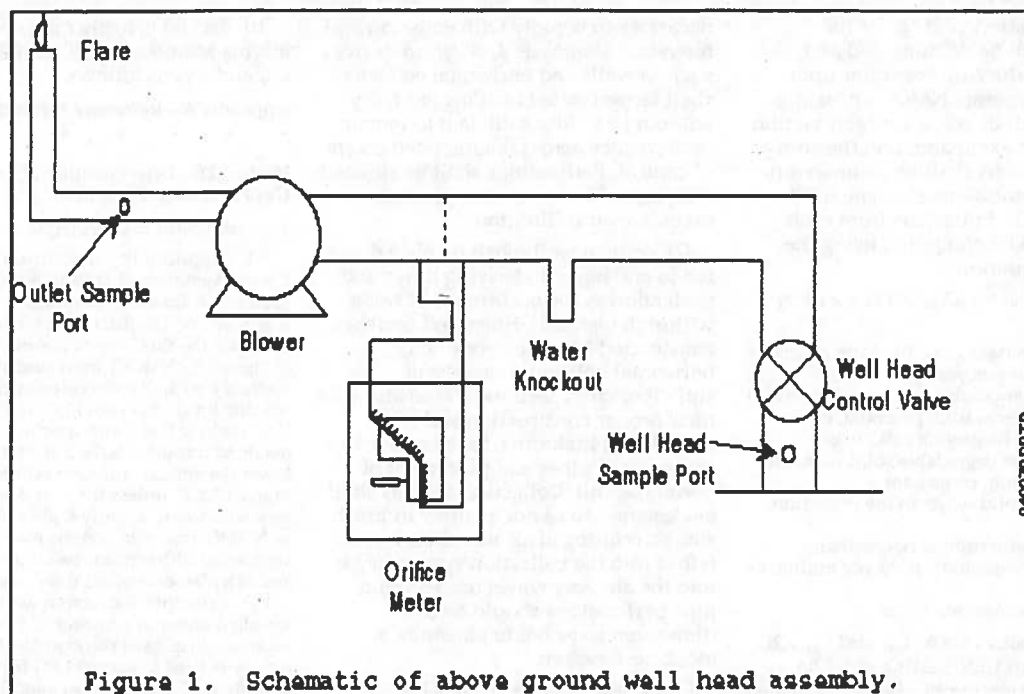


Figure 1. Schematic of above ground well head assembly.

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2.7 Cap. PVC, HDPE, fiberglass, stainless steel, or other suitable nonporous material capable of transporting landfill gas with a suitable wall-thickness.

2.8 Header Piping. PVC, HDPE, fiberglass, stainless steel, or other suitable nonporous material capable of transporting landfill gas with a suitable wall-thickness.

2.9 Auger. Capable of boring a 0.15 to 0.23 meters diameter hole to a depth equal to the top of the perforated section of the extraction well, for pressure probe installation.

2.10 Pressure Probe. PVC or stainless steel (316), 0.025 meters. Schedule 40 pipe. Perforate the bottom two thirds. A minimum requirement for perforations is slots or holes with an open area equivalent to four 6.0 millimeter diameter holes spaced 90° apart every 0.15 meters.

2.11 Blower and Flare Assembly. A water knockout, flare or incinerator, and an explosion-proof blower, capable of extracting LFG at a flow rate of at least 8.5 cubic meters per minute.

2.12 Standard Pitot Tube and Differential Pressure Gauge for Flow Rate Calibration with Standard Pitot. Same as Method 2, sections 2.1 and 2.8.

2.13 Gas flow measuring device.

Permanently mounted Type S pitot tube or an orifice meter.

2.14 Barometer. Same as Method 4, section 2.1.5.

2.15 Differential Pressure Gauge. Water-filled U-tube manometer or equivalent, capable of measuring within 0.02 mm Hg, for measuring the pressure of the pressure probes.

3. Procedure

3.1 Placement of Extraction Wells. The landfill owner or operator shall either install a single cluster of three extraction wells in a test area or space five wells over the landfill. The cluster wells are recommended but may be used only if the composition, age of the solid waste, and the landfill depth of the test area can be determined. CAUTION: Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should conduct the test. Landfill gas contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist at or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as installing explosion-proof equipment and refraining from smoking.

3.1.1 Cluster Wells. Consult landfill site records for the age of the solid waste, depth, and composition of various sections of the landfill. Select an area near the perimeter of the landfill with a depth equal to or greater than the average depth of the landfill and with the average age of the solid waste between 2 and 10 years old. Avoid areas known to contain nondecomposable materials, such as concrete and asbestos. Locate wells as shown in figure 2.

Because the age of the solid waste in a test area will not be uniform, calculate a weighted average to determine the average age of the solid waste as follows.

$$A_{avg} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i A_i$$

where,

A_{avg} = average age of the solid waste tested, year

f_i = fraction of the solid waste in the i^{th} section

A_i = age of the i^{th} fraction, year

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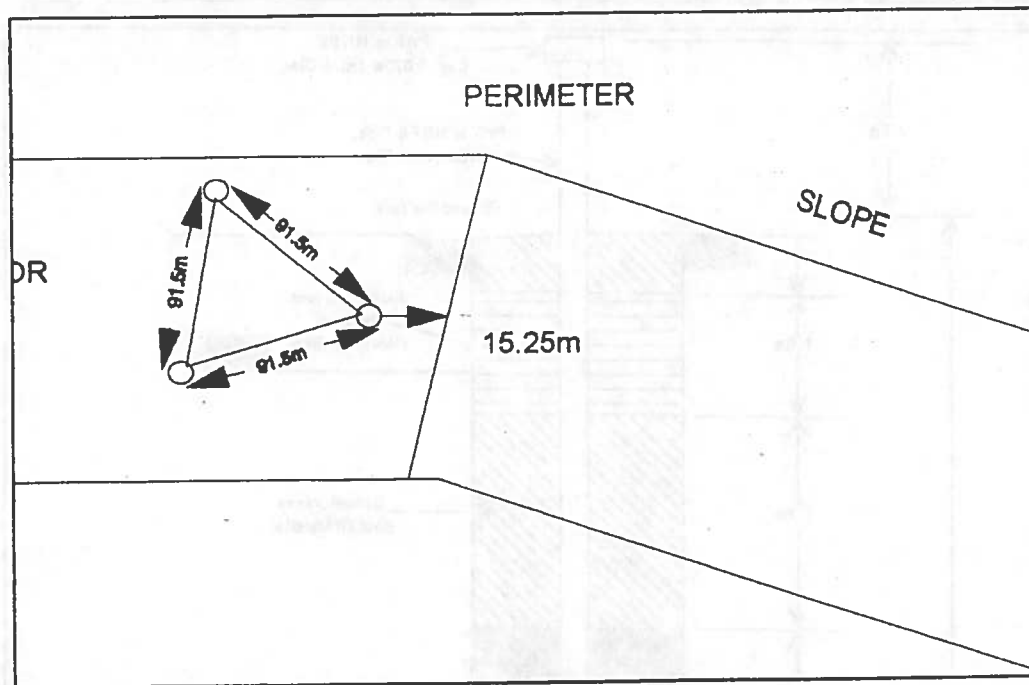


Figure 2. Location of Cluster Wells

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3.1.2 Equal Volume Wells. This procedure is used when the composition, age of solid waste, and landfill depth are not well known. Divide the portion of the landfill that has had waste for at least 2 years into five areas representing equal volumes. Locate an extraction well near the center of each area. Avoid areas known to contain nondecomposable materials, such as concrete and asbestos.

3.2 Installation of Extraction Wells. Use a well drilling rig to dig a 0.6 meters diameter hole in the landfill to a minimum of 75 percent of the landfill depth, not to exceed the bottom of the landfill or the water table. Perforate the bottom two thirds of the extraction well pipe. Perforations shall not be closer than 6 meters from the cover. Perforations shall be holes or slots with an open area equivalent to 1.0 centimeter diameter holes spaced 90 degrees apart every 0.1 to 0.2 meters. Place the extraction well in the center of the hole and backfill with 2.0 to 7.5 centimeters gravel to a level 0.3 meters above the perforated section. Add a layer of backfill material 1.2 meters thick. Add a layer of bentonite 1.0 meter thick, and backfill the remainder of the hole with cover material or material equal in permeability to the existing cover material. The specifications for extraction well installation are shown in figure 3.

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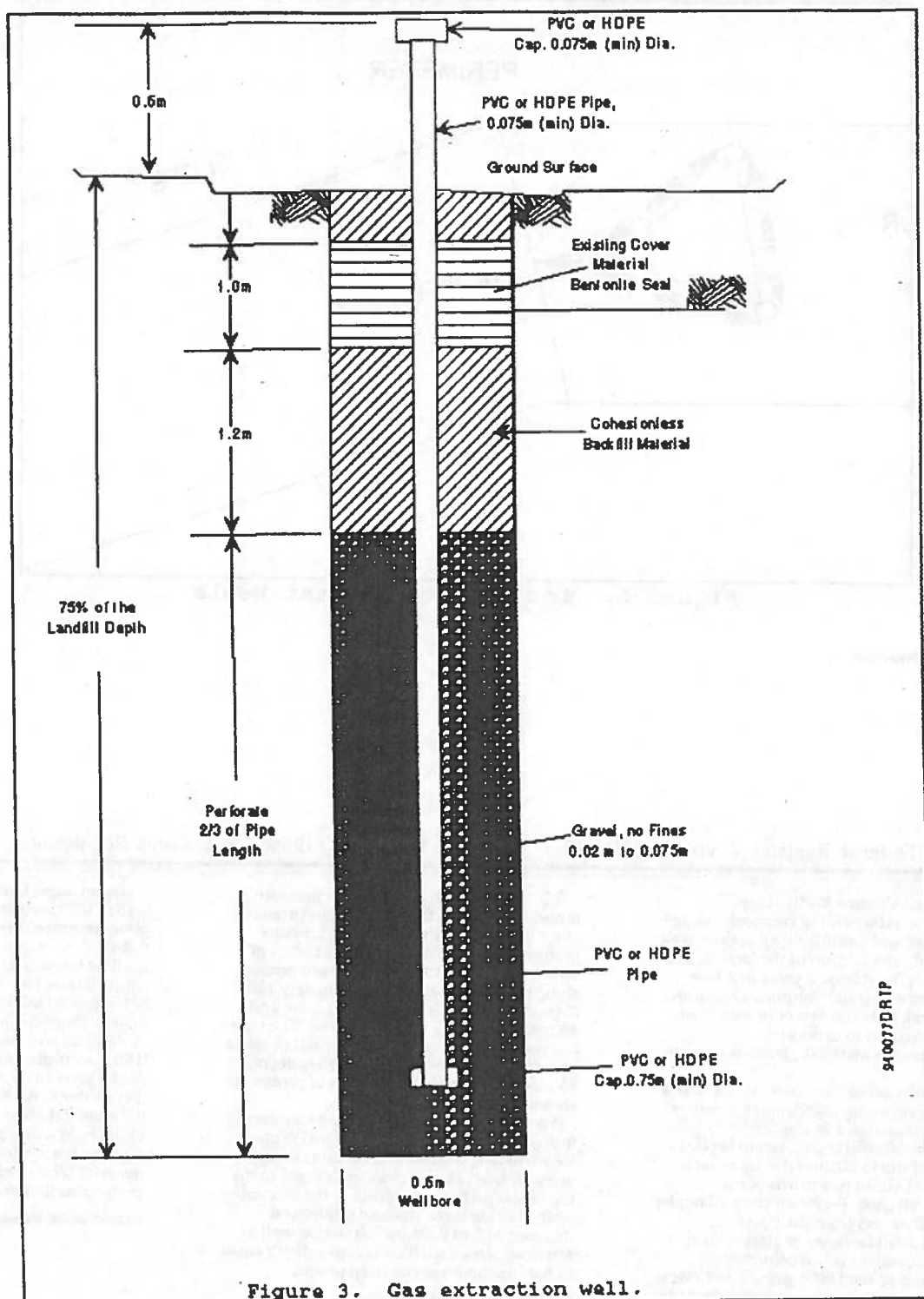
3.3 Pressure Probes. Shallow pressure probes are used in the check for infiltration of air into the landfill, and deep pressure probes are used to determine the radius of influence. Locate the deep pressure probes along three radial arms approximately 120 degrees apart at distances of 3, 15, 30, and 45 meters from the extraction well. The tester has the option of locating additional pressure probes at distances every 15 meters beyond 45 meters. Example placements of probes are shown in figure 4.

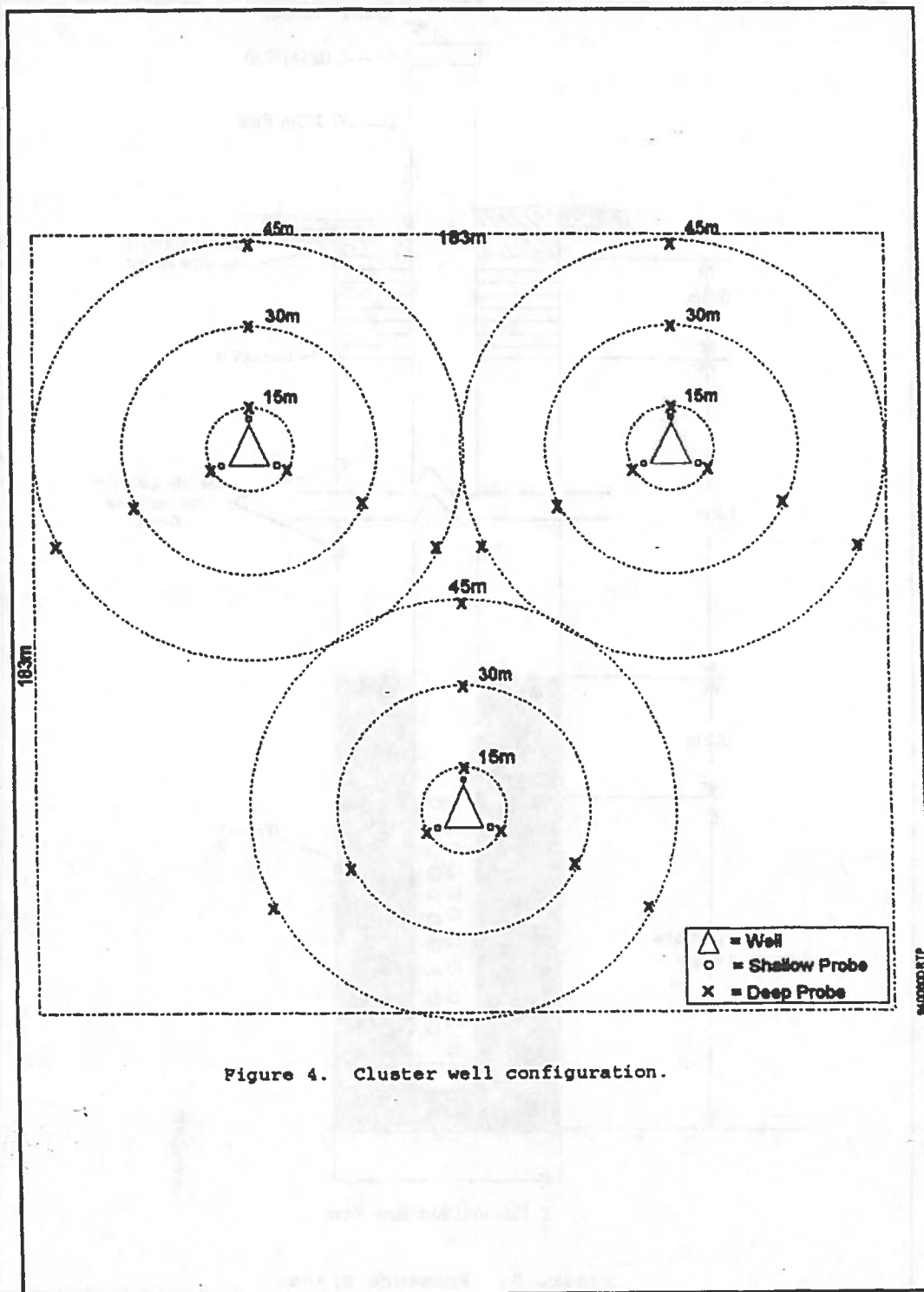
The probes located 15, 30, and 45 meters from each well, and any additional probes located along the three radial arms (deep probes), shall extend to a depth equal to the top of the perforated section of the extraction wells. Locate three shallow probes at a distance of 3 m from the extraction well. Shallow probes shall extend to a depth equal to half the depth of the deep probes.

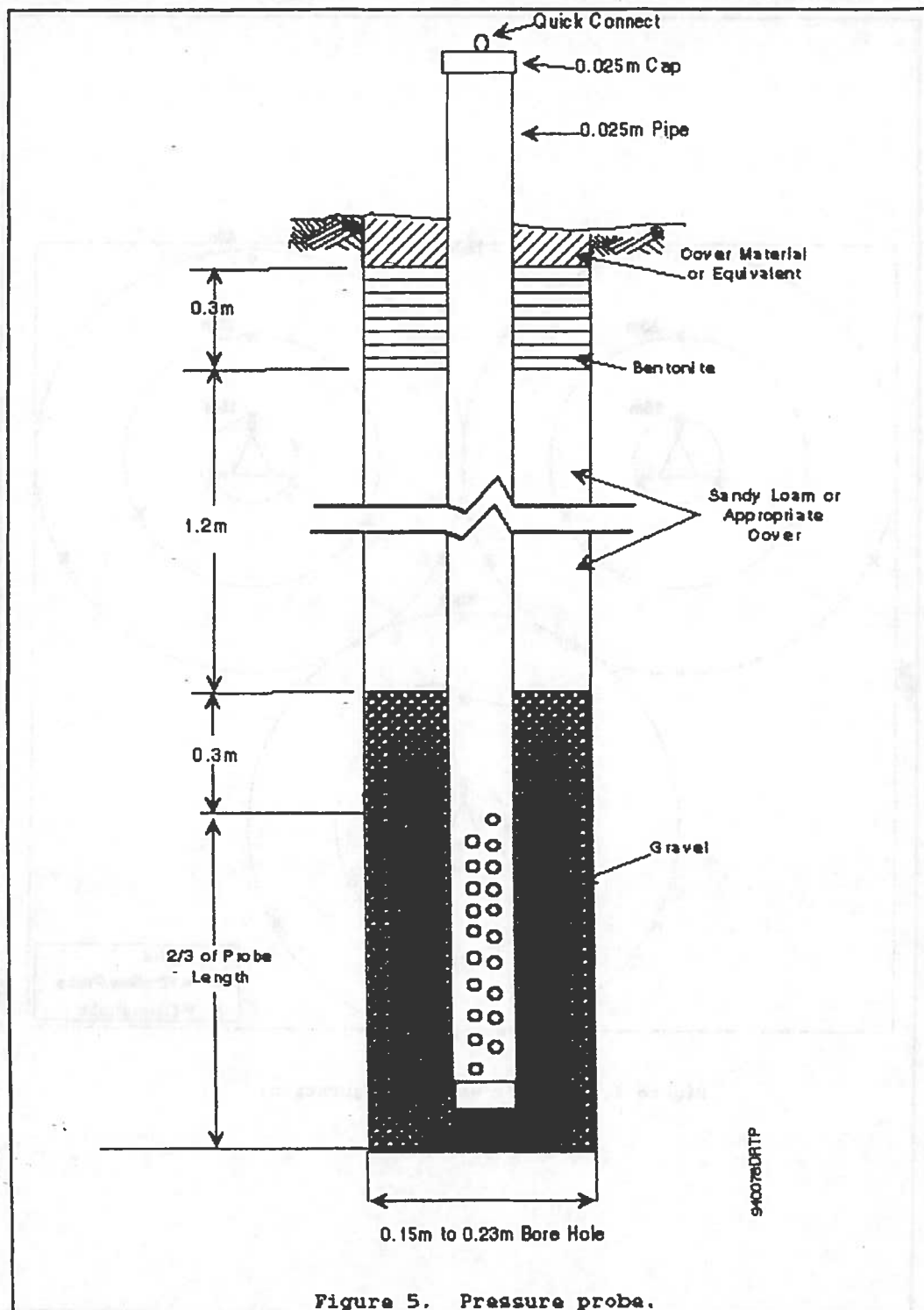
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Use an auger to dig a hole, approximately 0.15 to 0.23 meters in diameter, for each pressure probe. Perforate the bottom two thirds of the pressure probe. Perforations shall be holes or slots with an open area equivalent to four 6.0 millimeter diameter holes spaced 90 degrees apart every 0.15 meters. Place the pressure probe in the center of the hole and backfill with gravel to a level 0.30 meters above the perforated section. Add a layer of backfill material at least 1.2 meters thick. Add a layer of bentonite at least 0.3 meters thick, and backfill the remainder of the hole with cover material or material equal in permeability to the existing cover material. The specifications for pressure probe installation are shown in figure 5.

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3.4 LFG Flow Rate Measurement.

Determine the flow rate of LFG from the test wells continuously during testing with an orifice meter. Alternative methods to measure the LFG flow rate may be used with approval of the Administrator. Locate the orifice meter as shown in figure 1. Attach the wells to the blower and flare assembly. The individual wells may be ducted to a common header so that a single blower and flare assembly and flow meter may be used. Use the procedures in section 4.1 to calibrate the flow meter.

3.5 Leak Check. A leak check of the above ground system is required for accurate flow rate measurements and for safety. Sample LFG at the wellhead sample port and at a point downstream of the flow measuring device. Use Method 3C to determine nitrogen (N_2) concentrations. Determine the difference by using the formula below.

$$\text{Difference} = C_o - C_w$$

where,

C_o = concentration of N_2 at the outlet, ppmv

C_w = concentration of N_2 at the wellhead, ppmv

The system passes the leak check if the difference is less than 10,000 ppmv. If the system fails the leak check, make the appropriate adjustments to the above ground system and repeat the leak check.

3.6 Static Testing. The purpose of the static testing is to determine the initial conditions of the landfill. Close the control valves on the wells so that there is no flow of landfill gas from the well. Measure the gauge pressure (P_g) at each deep pressure probe and the barometric pressure (P_{bar}) every 8 hours for 3 days. Convert the gauge pressure of each deep pressure probe to absolute pressure by using the following equation. Record as P_i .

$$P_i = P_{bar} + P_g$$

where,

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure, mm Hg

P_g = Gauge pressure of the deep probes, mm Hg

P_i = Initial absolute pressure of the deep probes during static testing, mm Hg

3.6.1 For each probe, average all of the 8 hr deep pressure probe readings and record as P_{ia} . The P_{ia} is used in section 3.7.6 to determine the maximum radius of influence.

3.6.2 Measure the LFG temperature and the static flow rate of each well once during static testing using a flow measurement device, such as a Type S pitot tube and measure the temperature of the landfill gas. The flow measurements should be made either just before or just after the measurements of the probe pressures and are used in determining the initial flow from the extraction well during the short term testing. The temperature measurement is used in the check for infiltration.

3.7 Short Term Testing. The purpose of short term testing is to determine the maximum vacuum that can be applied to the wells without infiltration of air into the landfill. The short term testing is done on one well at a time. During the short term testing, burn LFG with a flare or incinerator.

3.7.1 Use the blower to extract LFG from a single well at a rate at least twice the static

flow rate of the respective well measured in section 3.6.2. If using a single blower and flare assembly and a common header system, close the control valve on the wells not being measured. Allow 24 hours for the system to stabilize at this flow rate.

3.7.2 Check for infiltration of air into the landfill by measuring the temperature of the LFG at the wellhead, the gauge pressures of the shallow pressure probes, and the LFG N_2 concentration by using Method 3C.

CAUTION: Increased vacuum at the wellhead may cause infiltration of air into the landfill, which increases the possibility of a landfill fire. Infiltration of air into the landfill may occur if any of the following conditions are met: the LFG N_2 concentration is more than 20 percent, any of the shallow probes have a negative gauge pressure, or the temperature has increased above 55°C or the maximum established temperature during static testing. If infiltration has not occurred, increase the blower vacuum by 4 mm Hg, wait 24 hours, and repeat the infiltration check. If at any time, the temperature change exceeds the limit, stop the test until it is safe to proceed. Continue the above steps of increasing blower vacuum by 4 mm Hg, waiting 24 hours, and checking for infiltration until the concentration of N_2 exceeds 20 percent or any of the shallow probes have a negative gauge pressure, at which time reduce the vacuum at the wellhead so that the N_2 concentration is less than 20 percent and the gauge pressures of the shallow probes are positive. This is the maximum vacuum at which infiltration does not occur.

3.7.3 At this maximum vacuum, measure P_{bar} every 8 hours for 24 hours and record the LFG flow rate as Q_i and the probe gauge pressures for all of the probes as P_r . Convert the gauge pressures of the deep probes to absolute pressures for each 8-hour reading at Q_i as follows:

$$P = P_{bar} + P_r$$

where,

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure, mm Hg

P_r = Final absolute pressure of the deep probes during short term testing, mm Hg

P = Pressure of the deep probes, mm Hg

3.7.4 For each probe, average the 8-hr deep pressure probe readings and record as P_{ra} .

3.7.5 For each probe, compare the initial average pressure (P_{ia}) from section 3.6.1 to the final average pressure (P_{ra}). Determine the furthestmost point from the wellhead along each radial arm where $P_{ra} \leq P_{ia}$. This distance is the maximum radius of influence (ROI), which is the distance from the well affected by the vacuum. Average these values to determine the average maximum radius of influence (R_{ma}).

The average R_{ma} may also be determined by plotting on semi-log paper the pressure differentials ($P_{ra} - P_{ia}$) on the y-axis (abscissa) versus the distances (3, 15, 30 and 45 meters) from the wellhead on the x-axis (ordinate). Use a linear regression analysis to determine the distance when the pressure differential is zero. Additional pressure probes may be used to obtain more points on the semi-log plot of pressure differentials versus distances.

3.7.6 Calculate the depth (D_{st}) affected by the extraction well during the short term test

as follows. If the computed value of D_{st} exceeds the depth of the landfill, set D_{st} equal to the landfill depth.

$$D_{st} = WD + R_{ma}^2$$

where,

D_{st} = depth, m

WD = well depth, m

R_{ma} = maximum radius of influence, m

3.7.7 Calculate the void volume for the extraction well (V) as follows.

$$V = 0.40 \pi R_{ma}^2 D_{st}$$

where,

V = void volume of test well, m³

R_{ma} = maximum radius of influence, m

D_{st} = depth, m

3.7.8 Repeat the procedures in section 3.7 for each well.

3.8 Calculate the total void volume of the test wells (V_t) by summing the void volumes (V) of each well.

3.9 Long Term Testing. The purpose of long term testing is to determine the methane generation rate constant, k . Use the blower to extract LFG from the wells. If a single blower and flare assembly and common header system are used, open all control valves and set the blower vacuum equal to the highest stabilized blower vacuum demonstrated by any individual well in section 3.7. Every 8 hours, sample the LFG from the wellhead sample port, measure the gauge pressures of the shallow pressure probes, the blower vacuum, the LFG flow rate, and use the criteria for infiltration in section 3.7.2 and Method 3C to check for infiltration. If infiltration is detected, do not reduce the blower vacuum, but reduce the LFG flow rate from the well by adjusting the control valve on the wellhead. Adjust each affected well individually. Continue until the equivalent of two total void volumes (V_t) have been extracted, or until $V_t = 2 V_v$.

3.9.1 Calculate V_t , the total volume of LFG extracted from the wells, as follows.

$$V_t = \sum_{i=1}^n 60 Q_i t_{vi}$$

where,

V_t = total volume of LFG extracted from wells, m³

Q_i = LFG flow rate measured at orifice meter at the i^{th} interval, cubic meters per minute

t_{vi} = time of the i^{th} interval, hour (usually 8)

3.9.2 Record the final stabilized flow rate as Q_r . If, during the long term testing, the flow rate does not stabilize, calculate Q_r by averaging the last 10 recorded flow rates.

3.9.3 For each deep probe, convert each gauge pressure to absolute pressure as in section 3.7.4. Average these values and record as P_{sa} . For each probe, compare P_{ia} to P_{sa} . Determine the furthestmost point from the wellhead along each radial arm where $P_{sa} \leq P_{ia}$. This distance is the stabilized radius of influence. Average these values to determine the average stabilized radius of influence (R_{sa}).

3.10 Determine the NMOC mass emission rate using the procedures in section 5.

3.11 Deactivation of pressure probe holes. Upon completion of measurements, if pressure probes are removed, restore the

integrity of the landfill cover by backfilling and sealing to prevent venting of LFG to the atmosphere or air infiltration.

4. Calibrations

Gas Flow Measuring Device Calibration Procedure. Locate a standard pitot tube in line with a gas flow measuring device. Use the procedures in Method 2D, section 4, to calibrate the orifice meter. Method 3C may be used to determine the dry molecular weight. It may be necessary to calibrate more than one gas flow measuring device to bracket the landfill gas flow rates. Construct a calibration curve by plotting the pressure drops across the gas flow measuring device for each flow rate versus the average dry gas volumetric flow rate in cubic meters per minute of the gas. Use this calibration curve to determine the volumetric flow from the wells during testing.

5. Calculations

5.1 Nomenclature.

A_{avg} =average age of the solid waste tested, year
 A_i =age of solid waste in the i th fraction, year
 A =age of landfill, year
 A_r =acceptance rate, megagrams per year
 C_{NMOC} =NMOC concentration, ppmv as hexane ($C_{NMOC}=C_i/6$)
 C_i =NMOC concentration, ppmv (carbon equivalent) from Method 25C
 D =depth affected by the test wells, m
 D_{st} =depth affected by the test wells in the short term test, m
 D_{LF} =landfill depth, m
 f =fraction of decomposable solid waste in the landfill
 f_i =fraction of the solid waste in the i th section
 k =methane generation rate constant, year⁻¹
 L_0 =methane generation potential, cubic meters per megagram
 L_r =revised methane generation potential to account for the amount of nondecomposable material in the landfill, cubic meters per megagram
 M_i =mass of solid waste of the i th section, megagrams
 M_r =mass of decomposable solid waste affected by the test well, megagrams
 M_w =number of wells
 P_{bar} =atmospheric pressure, mm Hg
 P_g =gauge pressure of the deep pressure probes, mm Hg
 P_i =initial absolute pressure of the deep pressure probes during static testing, mm Hg
 P_{ia} =average initial absolute pressure of the deep pressure probes during static testing, mm Hg
 P_r =final absolute pressure of the deep pressure probes during short term testing, mm Hg
 P_{ra} =average final absolute pressure of the deep pressure probes during short term testing, mm Hg
 P_s =final absolute pressure of the deep pressure probes during long term testing, mm Hg
 P_{sa} =average final absolute pressure of the deep pressure probes during long term testing, mm Hg
 Q_B =required blow flow rate, cubic meters per minute

Q_r =final stabilized flow rate, cubic meters per minute

Q_i =LFG flow rate measured at orifice meter during the i th interval, cubic meters per minute

Q_{sa} =maximum LFG flow rate at each well determined by short term test, cubic meters per minute

Q_i =NMOC mass emission rate, cubic meters per minute

R_m =maximum radius of influence, m
 R_{ma} =average maximum radius of influence, m

R_s =stabilized radius of influence for an individual well, m

R_{sa} =average stabilized radius of influence, m

t_i =age of section i , year

t_t =total time of long term testing, year

V_t =void volume of test well, m³

V_r =volume of solid waste affected by the test well, m³

V_i =total volume of solid waste affected by the long term testing, m³

V_v =total void volume affected by test wells, m³

WD =well depth, m

ρ =solid waste density, m³ (Assume 0.64 megagrams per cubic meter if data are unavailable)

5.2 Use the following equation to calculate the depth affected by the test well. If using cluster wells, use the average depth of the wells for WD . If the value of D is greater than the depth of the landfill, set D equal to the landfill depth.

$$D = WD + R_{sa}$$

5.3 Use the following equation to calculate the volume of solid waste affected by the test well.

$$V_r = R_{sa}^2 \pi D$$

5.4 Use the following equation to calculate the mass affected by the test well.

$$M_r = V_r \rho$$

5.5 Modify L_0 to account for the nondecomposable solid waste in the landfill.

$$L_r = f L_0$$

5.6 In the following equation, solve for k by iteration. A suggested procedure is to select a value for k , calculate the left side of the equation, and if not equal to zero, select another value for k . Continue this process until the left hand side of the equation equals zero, #0.001.

$$ke^{-k} A_{avg} - \left(5.256 \times 10^5 \right) \frac{Q_r}{2 L_r M_r} = 0$$

5.7 Use the following equation to determine landfill NMOC mass emission rate if the yearly acceptance rate of solid waste has been consistent (± 10 percent) over the life of the landfill.

$$Q_i = 2 L_r A_r (1 - e^{-k} A) C_{NMOC} / (5.256 \times 10^{11})$$

5.8 Use the following equation to determine landfill NMOC mass emission rate if the acceptance rate has not been consistent over the life of the landfill.

$$Q_i = \frac{2 L_r C_{NMOC}}{(5.256 \times 10^{11})} \sum_{i=1}^n M_i e^{-k t_i}$$

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Method 3C—Determination of Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrogen, and Oxygen From Stationary Sources

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method applies to the analysis of carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrogen (N₂), and oxygen (O₂) in samples from municipal solid waste landfills and other sources when specified in an applicable subpart.

1.2 Principle. A portion of the sample is injected into a gas chromatograph (GC) and the CO₂, CH₄, N₂, and O₂ concentrations are determined by using a thermal conductivity detector (TCD) and integrator.

2. Range and Sensitivity

2.1 Range. The range of this method depends upon the concentration of samples. The analytical range of TCD's is generally between approximately 10 ppmv and the upper percent range.

2.2 Sensitivity. The sensitivity limit for a compound is defined as the minimum detectable concentration of that compound, or the concentration that produces a signal-to-noise ratio of three to one. For CO₂, CH₄, N₂, and O₂, the sensitivity limit is in the low ppmv range.

3. Interferences

Since the TCD exhibits universal response and detects all gas components except the carrier, interferences may occur. Choosing the appropriate GC or shifting the retention times by changing the column flow rate may help to eliminate resolution interferences.

To assure consistent detector response, helium is used to prepare calibration gases. Frequent exposure to samples or carrier gas containing oxygen may gradually destroy filaments.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Gas Chromatograph. GC having at least the following components:

4.1.1 Separation Column. Appropriate column(s) to resolve CO₂, CH₄, N₂, O₂, and other gas components that may be present in the sample.

4.1.2 Sample Loop. Teflon or stainless steel tubing of the appropriate diameter.

Note: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

4.1.3 Conditioning System. To maintain the column and sample loop at constant temperature.

4.1.4 Thermal Conductivity Detector.

4.2 Recorder. Recorder with linear strip chart. Electronic integrator (optional) is recommended.

4.3 Teflon Tubing. Diameter and length determined by connection requirements of cylinder regulators and the GC.

4.4 Regulators. To control gas cylinder pressures and flow rates.

4.5 Adsorption Tubes. Applicable traps to remove any O₂ from the carrier gas.

5. Reagents

5.1 Calibration and Linearity Gases. Standard cylinder gas mixtures for each compound of interest with at least three concentration levels spanning the range of suspected sample concentrations. The calibration gases shall be prepared in helium.

5.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, high-purity.

6. Analysis

6.1 Sample Collection. Use the sample collection procedures described in Methods 3 or 25C to collect a sample of landfill gas (LFG).

6.2 Preparation of GC. Before putting the GC analyzer into routine operation, optimize the operational conditions according to the manufacturer's specifications to provide good resolution and minimum analysis time. Establish the appropriate carrier gas flow and set the detector sample and reference cell flow rates at exactly the same levels. Adjust the column and detector temperatures to the recommended levels. Allow sufficient time for temperature stabilization. This may typically require 1 hour for each change in temperature.

6.3 Analyzer Linearity Check and Calibration. Perform this test before sample analysis. Using the gas mixtures in section 5.1, verify the detector linearity over the range of suspected sample concentrations with at least three points per compound of interest. This initial check may also serve as the initial instrument calibration. All subsequent calibrations may be performed using a single-point standard gas provided the calibration point is within 20 percent of the sample component concentration. For each instrument calibration, record the carrier and detector flow rates, detector filament and block temperatures, attenuation factor, injection time, chart speed, sample loop volume, and component concentrations. Plot a linear regression of the standard concentrations versus area values to obtain the response factor of each compound. Alternatively, response factors of uncorrected component concentrations (wet basis) may be generated using instrumental integration. Note: Peak height may be used instead of peak area throughout this method.

6.4 Sample Analysis. Purge the sample loop with sample, and allow to come to atmospheric pressure before each injection. Analyze each sample in duplicate, and calculate the average sample area (A). The

results are acceptable when the peak areas for two consecutive injections agree within 5 percent of their average. If they do not agree, run additional samples until consistent area data are obtained. Determine the tank sample concentrations according to section 7.2.

7. Calculations

Carry out calculations retaining at least one extra decimal figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off results only after the final calculation.

7.1 Nomenclature.

A = average sample area

B_w = moisture content in the sample, fraction

C = component concentration in the sample, dry basis, ppmv

C_i = calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv
C equivalent

C_{im} = measured NMOC concentration, ppmv
C equivalent

P_{bar} = barometric pressure, mm Hg

P_{ti} = gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute

P_{ti} = gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute

P_{tr} = final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute

P_w = vapor pressure of H₂O (from table 3C-1), mm Hg

T_{ti} = sample tank temperature before sampling, °K

T_t = sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K

T_{tr} = sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K

r = total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r)

R = Mean calibration response factor for specific sample component, area/ppmv

TABLE 3C-1.—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature °C	Vapor Pressure of H ₂ O, mm Hg
4	6.1
6	7.0
8	8.0
10	9.2
12	10.5
14	12.0
16	13.6
18	15.5
20	17.5
22	19.8
24	22.4
26	25.2
28	28.3
30	31.8

7.2 Concentration of Sample Components. Calculate C for each compound using Equations 3C-1 and 3C-2. Use the temperature and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w. If the sample was diluted with helium using the procedures in Method 25C, use Equation 3C-3 to calculate the concentration.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_{bar}} \quad 3C-1$$

$$C = \frac{A}{R(1 - B_w)} \quad 3C-2$$

$$C = \frac{\frac{P_{tr}}{T_{tr}}}{\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}} \cdot \frac{A}{R(1 - B_w)} \quad 3C-3$$

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Method 25C—Determination of Nonmethane Organic Compounds (NMOC) in MSW Landfill Gases

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) as carbon in MSW landfill gases.

1.2 Principle. A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augered to a depth of 1.0 meter below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), and methane (CH₄); the NMOC are oxidized to CO₂, reduced to CH₄, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. The sample probe shall be capped at the bottom and shall have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe shall be long enough to go through and extend no less than 1.0 meter below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

2.2 Sampling Train.

2.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 500 ml/min or less (30.5±3.1 m³/min). The control valve shall be made of stainless steel.

2.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

2.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg.

2.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, with a minimum volume of 4 liters and equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

2.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

2.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

2.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 4.2.1.

2.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6.0 millimeters smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 1.0 meter into the landfill.

2.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill.

2.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 4.2.2.

2.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 meters into the landfill.

2.6.2 Pea Gravel.

2.6.3 Bentonite.

2.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 2.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.4, respectively, of Method 25.

3. Reagents

3.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 3.2.

3.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 3.4, except omit section 3.4.3.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change is noted. Include the results of the leak check in the test report.

4.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in sections 4.2.1 or 4.2.2. CAUTION: Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

4.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 1.0 meter below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator.

Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend not less than 1.0 meter below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 meters above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

4.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole through the landfill cover and to at least 1.0 meter below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 meters from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 meters above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24 hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augered probe before sampling.

4.3 Sample Train Assembly. Prepare the sample by evacuating and filling the sample tank with helium three times. After the third evacuation, charge the sample tank with helium to a pressure of approximately 325 mm Hg. Record the pressure, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in figure 1.

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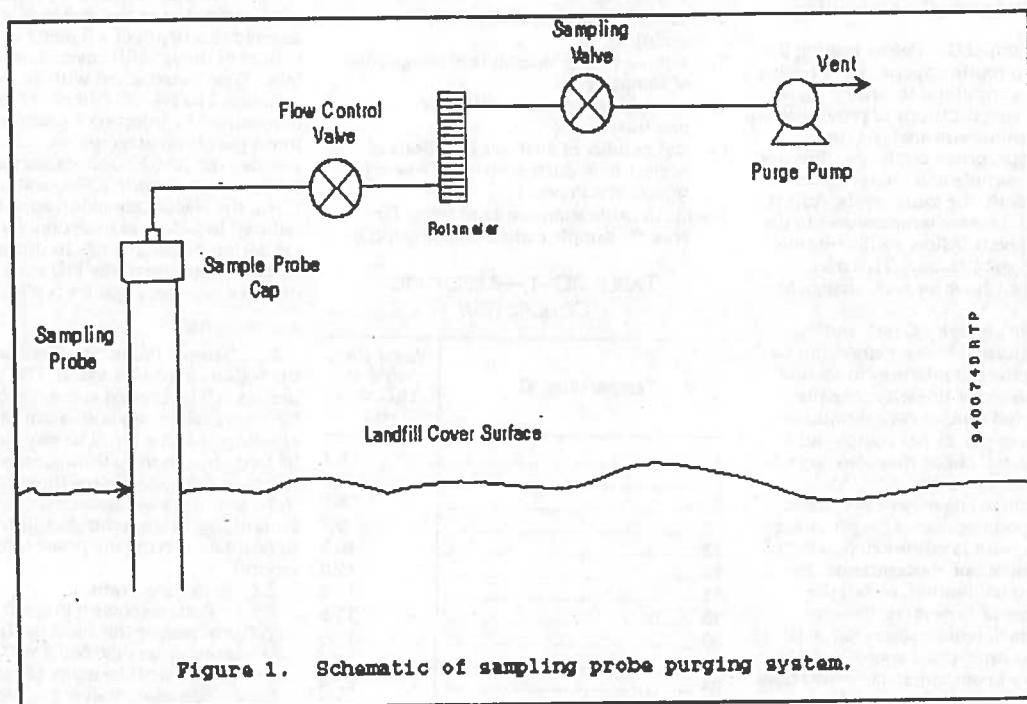


Figure 1. Schematic of sampling probe purging system.

4.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less (30.5 ± 3.1 m³/min). Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in figure 2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valves

and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less (30.5 ± 3.1 m³/min) until the sample tank gauge pressure is zero. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with helium and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may

be pressurized in the lab. If not analyzing for N₂, the sample cylinder may be pressurized with zero air. Use Method 3C to determine the percent N₂ in the sample. Presence of N₂ indicates infiltration of ambient air into the gas sample. The landfill sample is acceptable if the concentration of N₂ is less than 20 percent.

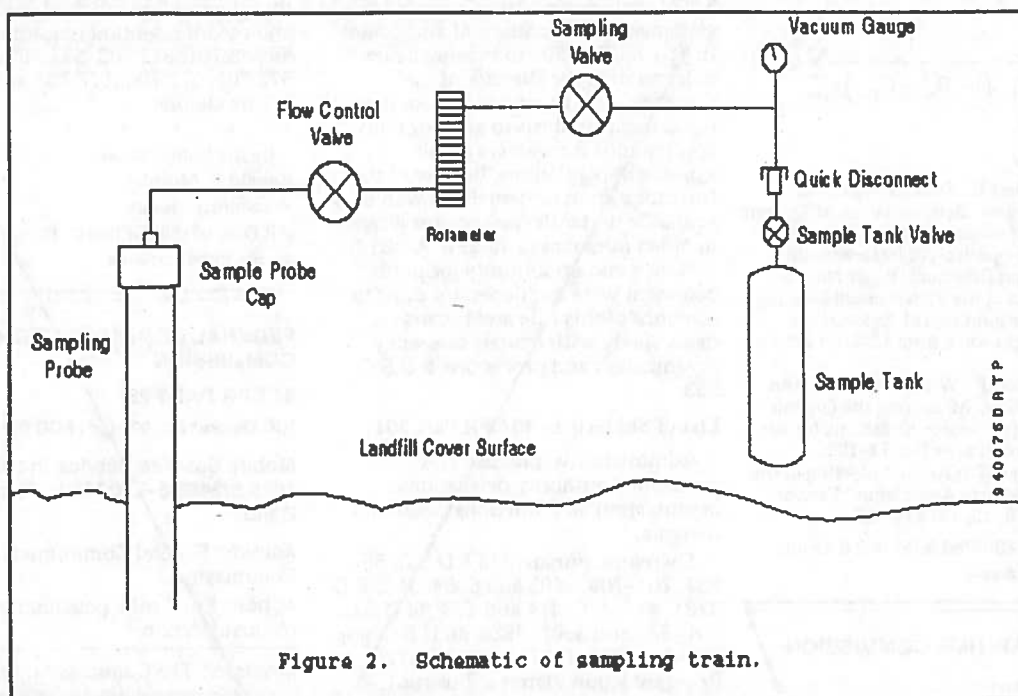


Figure 2. Schematic of sampling train.

4.5 Analysis. The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 5.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

4.5.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 5.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat the NMOC analyzer performance test (section 5.1) before proceeding.

4.5.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 4.4.2.

4.5.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO₂ in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO₂ peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

4.6 Audit Samples. Same as in Method 25, section 4.5.

4.7 Deactivation of Sample Probe Holes. Once sampling has taken place, either plug the sampling probes with a cap or remove the probes and refill the hole with cover material.

5. Calibration and Operational Checks

Maintain a record of performance of each item.

5.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 5.2, except omit the linearity checks for CO₂ standards.

5.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration. NMOC response factors, same as in Method 25, section 5.3.2.

6. Calculations

All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge of manometer pressure.

6.1 Nomenclature.

B_w=moisture content in the sample, fraction
C_{N2}=measured N₂ concentration, fraction
C_t=calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent
C_{tm}=measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent
P_b=barometric pressure, mm Hg
P_{ti}=gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute
P_t=gas sample tank pressure at completion of sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute
P_{tf}=final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute
P_w=vapor pressure of H₂O (from table 25C-1), mm Hg
T_i=sample tank temperature before sampling, °K

T_t=sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, but before pressurizing, °K

T_{tr}=sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K

r=total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j=injection number, 1 . . . r)

6.2 Water Correction. Use table 25C-1, the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b}$$

TABLE 25C-1.—MOISTURE CORRECTION

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6.3 NMOC Concentration. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank.

$$C_i = \frac{\frac{P_{if}}{T_{if}}}{\frac{P_{li}}{T_{li}} - \frac{P_{fi}}{T_{fi}}} \frac{1}{(1 - B_w - C_{N2})^r} \sum_{j=1}^r C_{im}^{(j)}$$

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

46 CFR Part 501

The Federal Maritime Commission—General

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission is revising its statement of delegations of authorities to include new authority delegated to the Director of the Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis to grant or deny applications for waivers of certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Austin L. Schmitt, Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001. (202) 523-5787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In Docket No. 94-31, *Information Form and Post-Effective Reporting Requirements for Agreements Among Ocean Common Carriers Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984*, the Federal Maritime Commission ("Commission") has amended its regulations set forth in 46 CFR Part 572 governing the filing, processing and review of agreements among ocean common carriers subject to the Shipping Act of 1984. The amended regulations provide that, upon a showing of good cause, the Commission may waive any part of their requirements, and set forth procedures and standards governing applications for a waiver.

This rule amends the Commission's statement of delegations of authorities in 46 CFR Part 501 to include a new delegation to the Director of the Commission's Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis to grant or deny applications for waivers of the agreement regulations. Review of the Director's grant or denial of a waiver is available under the procedures already in effect pursuant to 46 CFR 501.21(f).

Notice and opportunity for public comment were not necessary prior to issuance of this rule and because it deals solely with matters of agency organization and procedure. 5 U.S.C. 553.

List of Subjects in 46 CFR Part 501

Administrative practice and procedure; authority delegations; organization and functions; seals and insignia.

Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 551-557, 701-706, 2903 and 6304; 31 U.S.C. 3721; 41 U.S.C. 414 and 418; 44 U.S.C. 501-520 and 3501-3520; 46 U.S.C. app. 801-848, 876, 1111 and 1701-1720; Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961, 26 FR 7315, August 12, 1961; Pub. L. 89-56, 79 Stat. 195; and 5 CFR Part 2638, Part 501 of Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

PART 501—THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION—GENERAL

1. The authority citation for Part 501 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 551-557, 701-706, 2903 and 6304; 31 U.S.C. 3721; 41 U.S.C. 414 and 418; 44 U.S.C. 501-520 and 3501-3520; 46 U.S.C. app. 801-848, 876, 1111 and 1701-1720; Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961, 26 FR 7315, August 12, 1961; Pub. L. 89-56, 79 Stat. 195; 5 CFR Part 2638.

2. In section 501.26, paragraph (f) is amended by changing the reference to "572.404" to "572.406," and by changing the references to "572.501 and 572.502" to "572.404 and 572.405;" paragraphs (g) through (m) are redesignated (i) through (o); newly redesignated (i) (6) is removed; and new paragraphs (g) and (h) are added, as follows:

§ 501.26 Delegation to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis.

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(g) Authority to grant or deny applications filed under § 572.505 of this chapter for waiver of the information form requirements of §§ 572.503 and 572.504 of this chapter.

By the Commission.

(h) Authority to grant or deny applications filed under § 572.709 of

this chapter for waiver of the reporting and record retention requirements of §§ 572.701, 572.702, 572.703, 572.704, 572.705, 572.706, 572.707 and 572.708 of this chapter.

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By the Commission.

Ronald D. Murphy,
Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 25

[CC Docket No. 92-166; FCC 96-54]

Mobile Satellite Service in the 1610-1626.5/2483.5-2500 MHz Frequency Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; petition for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: The Commission has adopted, upon reconsideration, changes to the rules and policies establishing service and licensing rules for the Mobile Satellite Service in the 1610-1626.5/2483.5-2500 MHz Frequency Band. Specifically, we conclude that the "interim plan," designed to avoid interference between the Big LEO systems and the Russian Global Navigation Satellite System ("GLONASS"), is unnecessary at this time. We also clarify our views concerning position determination capabilities in Big LEO earth terminals, and modifications to feeder link proposals. In order to ensure that United States licensees do not engage in practices that are contrary to the goal of competitive markets world-wide, we also adopt a rule concerning exclusive arrangements for provision of Big LEO service. We also clarify our "two-tiered" processing scheme for financial qualifications. In addition, we make a number of minor editorial and clarifying changes to our technical rules.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Kensinger, International Bureau, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, Satellite Policy Branch, (202) 418-0773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order* in CC Docket No. 92-166; FCC 96-54, adopted February 12, 1996 and released February 15, 1996. The complete text of this Memorandum Opinion and Order is

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the subject addition of Subpart WWW to Regulation X shall take effect upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Air Pollution Control Board of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, State of California, this 13th day of August, 1997 by the following votes:

AYES: Jacob, Slater, Roberts, Horn
NOES:
ABSENT: Cox

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**NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (NSPS)
SUBPART WWW - STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOR
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW) LANDFILLS**

WORKSHOP REPORT

A workshop notice was mailed to all companies in San Diego County that may be subject to the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill NSPS. Notices were also mailed to all Economic Development Corporations and Chambers of Commerce in San Diego County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and other interested parties.

The workshop was held on February 20, 1997, and was attended by 11 people. The comments and District responses are as follows:

1. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

Why is the District adopting this NSPS by reference?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

Adopting federal NSPS regulations by reference eliminates a time consuming and costly local rule development process. It also minimizes potential conflicts between local and federal rules. In July 1995, the Air Pollution Control Board approved a procedure for adopting by reference all new and amended federal NSPS. This procedure is encouraged by EPA and is used by all other air districts in California.

2. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

Will the District hold other workshops to discuss alternatives to Subpart WWW emission standards?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

No. The District is proposing to adopt Subpart WWW by reference without any changes. In general, after any New Source Performance Standards regulation has been promulgated by EPA, it is very difficult for the District to deviate from the NSPS emission standards or establish equivalency for a local rule that differs significantly from the federal regulation.

However, an owner or operator of a landfill who is subject to Subpart WWW and is required to submit a collection and control system design plan may propose alternatives to the operational standards, test methods, procedures, compliance measures, monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting provisions of Subpart WWW. Such alternatives must be approved by the District and EPA.

3. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

Do all existing landfills (whether active or closed) with a design capacity less than 2.8 million tons have to submit an initial design capacity report?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

Yes. The Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (Subpart Cc) requires that all landfills, regardless of their design capacity, that accepted waste at any time since November 8, 1987 or that have additional design capacity available for future waste deposition submit an initial design capacity report.

4. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

The City of San Diego owns several landfills located on the same property. The city considers these landfills to be separate stationary sources. Other Government agencies have also permitted these landfills as separate stationary sources. Do Subparts WWW and Cc consider these landfills to be one or separate stationary sources?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

Based on EPA guidance, a landfill is considered a single stationary source if the landfill cells are contiguous and under common ownership or control, even if a road or golf course separates the landfill cells. Therefore, the landfills described in this comment constitute a single stationary source.

5. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

Who will be developing the reporting forms for the various reports required by Subpart WWW?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

The EPA has developed example forms for these reports for sources that elect to use them. These report formats can be found in Appendix H of the draft Enabling Guidance document available from the District or EPA. The District and landfill owners may use another report format as long as all the information specified by Subparts WWW or Cc is included.

6. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

Subpart Cc requires that the state develop a plan to implement and enforce the guidelines. When is EPA expected to approve the California state plan?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

The State plan has not yet been forwarded to EPA by ARB. ARB plans on submitting the State plan by the end of May, 1997.

7. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

When are the landfill owners required to submit the initial design capacity report?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

To comply with Subpart WWW, the owner/operator of a new or modified landfill must submit the design capacity report by no later than the earliest of the following: a) 90 days of the issuance of the State, Local, Tribal, or RCRA construction permit; or b) 30 days of the date of construction or reconstruction; or c) 30 days of the initial acceptance of solid waste.

Subpart Cc, which applies to existing landfills, does not identify the specific dates for the submittal of the initial design capacity report. The District will adopt a separate rule for existing landfills based on requirements of Subpart Cc and the appropriate provisions of Subpart WWW. The rule will contain the schedule for submitting design capacity reports and for demonstrating compliance with other applicable requirements.

8. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

District Rule 59 (Control of Waste Disposal Site Emissions) regulates the majority of existing landfills in San Diego County. Now, four of these landfills, which are also major stationary sources of VOC emissions, are subject to Subpart Cc. There are some inconsistencies between the requirements of Rule 59 and federal regulations. How will the District address these inconsistencies?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

All landfills that are major sources of VOC emissions are required to obtain Title V federal operating permits. The District will use Title V streamlining procedures to try to resolve any conflicting requirements between Rule 59 and federal regulations.

9. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

If a facility currently has emission collection and control systems in place, will any requirements of Subpart WWW or Subpart Cc, other than reporting, be applicable to this facility?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

Yes. The emission collection and control system at the facility must meet all the requirements of Subpart WWW. These include emission standards, operational standards for emission collection and control systems, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements and compliance provisions.

10. WORKSHOP COMMENT:

According to Subpart WWW, if a source exceeds the 500 ppm emission standard for non-methane organic compounds (NMOC), there are various mitigating steps that the source can take to correct the exceedance before it will be considered a rule violation. The District policy in the past was to consider the same exceedance a violation of Rule 59 without providing a source an opportunity to apply corrective measures. How will the District handle this situation now?

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

The District intends to resolve this conflict for major stationary sources through the Title V Operating Permit program as was described in the response to Comment #8. The District is considering whether to incorporate the referenced NSPS compliance approach in determining compliance with Rule 59. This is being evaluated in conjunction with the permitting of the San Marcos landfill expansion.