



State of Oregon
Department of
Environmental
Quality

DEQ Solid Waste Program

LANDFILL INSPECTION REPORT

FACILITY:	Riverbend Landfill				
COUNTY:	Yamhill		PERMIT NO:	345	
INSPECTOR(S):	Bob Schwarz		INSPECTION DATE:	Apr. 8, 2014	
	Start time:	8:30 am	End time:	11:30 am	
Site Weather Conditions: Cloudy, mid 50s F					
Facility Representatives:		Tim Watson, Jeff O'Leary			
Inspection type:	Announced landfill inspection				
Facility Type:	MSW Landfill				
INSPECTION SUMMARY/KEY ITEMS:					
Litter. During March 19 inspection, did observed plastic bags blowing off the landfill on the NE side. The litter fence on this side had large holes and bags were escaping from the landfill. As shown in photos below, the fence has been repaired. I did not see blowing litter during this inspection, though some plastic was captured by the litter fence.					
Erosion and sediment controls. Road sweeping contractor has received approval from ODOT. Road is largely free of mud and rocks. However, it is stained brown, despite cleaning efforts.					
MSE berm. Work continues. Reinforced fill zone soil (granular soil) has not met specs recently regarding grain size distribution. This issue has temporary stopped import and placement of the fill zone on the outside of the berm. Clay soil on the inside of the berm is being spread today.					
Soil sloughing on north side of landfill. As noted in photos below, soil is sloughing on perimeter berm on landfill's north side. Geosyntec is working to address this problem.					

I.	OPERATIONS	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
1.	Ownership. Facility ownership up to date?			x	
	Notes:				
2.	Waste Acceptance. Permittee accepts authorized waste only?			X	
3.	Special Waste Management. SWMP up to date?			X	
	Notes:				
4.	Prohibited Waste. Permittee accepts no prohibited waste? a) hazardous waste b) liquid wastes, lead acid batteries, used oil, vehicles, waste tires c) source separated recyclables d) asbestos e) infectious waste f) large metal jacketed appliances g) explosives			x	
	Notes:				
5.	Prohibited Waste Discovery. Permittee complies with prohibited waste discovery and reporting requirements?			X	
	Notes:				
6.	Open Burning. Does it occur?			x	
	Notes:				
7.	Operational Methods. Operations comply with approved operations plan?			x	
	Notes: No operational problems noted.				
8.	Operations Plan. Operations plan up-to-date and DEQ-approved?	X			
	Notes:				
9.	Permittee Self-Reporting. Permittee reports and corrects non-compliance conditions?	X			
	Notes: WM addressing cleanup of leachate spill just SW of landfill. Consultant report to follow.				
10.	Permit. Copy of Permit displayed and accessible to facility personnel?			X	
	Notes:				

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11.	Visual Screening. Landfill screened from public view?	X			
	Notes: Landfill extends above the perimeter trees. In any event, landfill is visible from higher elevations, and is a significant issue for neighbors. However, this is not prohibited in permit.				
12.	Waste Unloading. Signs, fences, barriers clearly define waste unloading areas?	x			
	Notes:				
13.	Litter. Litter controlled and picked up?	X			
	Notes: I observed approximately 50 to 100 bags on the north and east sides of the landfill, blowing to the northeast. The tall litter fence placed there had several very large holes, and some of the bags were getting through the holes and leaving the landfill. Tim Watson mentioned that these slopes were free of litter just a few hours before, and were the result of the wind gusts that had started in the afternoon. Tim also said he was working on getting bids for repair of the litter fence. Following my inspection, I contacted the landfill by email and requested details of schedule for repair of the fence and improved litter control efforts.				
14.	Vector control. Active landfill area has minimal birds, insects, rodents?	X			
	Notes:				
15.	Air Quality, Noise. Dust, odors and noise controlled?	X			
	Odors. I did not observe odors off the property.				
16.	Access. Entry roads are safe, provide all weather access and are well maintained?	x			
	Notes:				
17.	Entrance Signs. Entrance signs indicate facility name, emergency phone #, schedule, acceptable and prohibited wastes, and restrict site access?	x			
	Notes:				
18.	Public Access. Adequate security, prevents unauthorized entry and dumping?			X	
	Notes:				
19.	Cover Methods. Cover (including ADC) complies with DEQ- approved operations plan?			X	
	Notes:				

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20.	Records. Permittee keeps records and reports of waste types and amounts of recyclables received and types reported to DEQ			X	
	Notes: Record provided electronically to DEQ.				
21.	Records retention. Permittee keeps all records for at least 5 years?			X	
	Notes:				
22.	Tire Storage. Permittee stores no more than 100 whole tires on site? No more than 2000 tires with continuous contract with removal contractor?			X	
	Notes:				
23.	Fire Protection. Permittee provides adequate on-site fire control measures? Has arranged for assistance from local Fire Department if needed?			X	
	Notes:				
24.	DEQ Fees. Permittee pays annual per-ton fees to DEQ?			X	
	Notes:				

II.	SITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
25.	Site Development. Landfill development meets DEQ-approved site development plan?			x	
	Notes:				
26.	Engineering Plans. Permittee submitted engineering plans for DEQ review and approval at least 6-months before constructing new cells, final closure features, environmental control systems or ancillary facilities?	x			
	Notes:				

III	FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
27.	Design Conformance. All landfill facility construction conforms to DEQ-approved plans and specifications?	x			
	Notes:				
28.	Construction CQA. Facility Construction complies with DEQ-approved CQA plan?	x			
	Notes:				
29.	Construction Certification. Permittee submitted construction certification reports to DEQ for review and approval after constructing new facilities?			X	
	Notes:				
30.	New Approved Disposal Units. DEQ approved placement of waste in new cell?			X	
	Notes:				

IV	<u>LEACHATE MANAGEMENT</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
31.	Leachate Prevention. Permittee effectively minimizes leachate generation in active and inactive cells through systematic use of daily cover, intermediate (plastic) cover and phased final closure (close-as-you-go) strategies?			x	
	Notes:				
32.	Leachate Seeps. No leachate seeps present beyond lined cell footprints?			x	
	Notes:				
33.	Leachate collection system (LCS). Permittee maintains 1-foot or less hydraulic head in primary leachate collection system and continuously removes leachate from collection systems? All LCS systems and equipment in good condition and well maintained?			x	
	Notes: Daily sump level readings are provided quarterly.				

<u>IV</u>	<u>LEACHATE MANAGEMENT</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
34.	Leak Detection system (LDS). No leachate or other fluids detected in LDS? Permittee reports to DEQ any incidents of leakage through the primary liner system? LDS Systems well maintained?			X	
	Notes: This is evaluated in the annual report.				
35.	Leachate Storage/Treatment Ponds. Permittee maintains at least 3-feet of pond-dike freeboard above liquid surface? Access restricted by fencing and locked gates? Signs posted indicating pond contents and “no trespassing”? Ponds well maintained, structurally stable, no significant soil erosion, slope failures leaks or seeps? Odor control measures effective?			x	
	Notes:				
36.	Leachate Treatment/Disposal. Leachate treatment methods comply with DEQ-approved leachate management plan? Existing facilities adequate or plans in development to address long-term leachate treatment and disposal? Treatment systems well maintained and functional?			x	
	Notes:				

<u>V</u>	<u>STORMWATER MANAGEMENT</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
37.	Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SPCP). Up-to-date SPCP maintained in the Operating Record. Plan reflects site-specific conditions at the landfill?	x			
	Notes:				
38.	Stormwater Drainage Structures. Pipes, culverts, ditches, swales, berms, dikes, straw bales, erosion control matting, riprap, and other structures are well maintained, constructed per DEQ-approved design plans and specifications?	x			
	Notes:				
39.	Flood Control Structures. Perimeter flood control dikes are well maintained, structurally sound, in good condition?			x	
	Notes:				

<u>VI</u>	<u>LANDFILL GAS MANAGEMENT</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
40.	Landfill Gas Extraction System. Vertical wells and horizontal collectors are well maintained and sufficient in number to prevent excessive odors and subsurface gas migration? Header pipes, valves and associated equipment are functional and well maintained? Landfill-wide odors not excessive?			x	
	Notes:				
41.	Condensate Collection/Disposal. Condensate collection system well maintained, functional? Condensate sumps and storage tank(s) well maintained, no fluid leaks, odors not excessive? Permittee has records of condensate volumes and its chemical characteristics? Permittee routinely tests underground condensate sumps for subsurface leakage?			x	
	Notes:				
42.	Landfill Gas Blower/Flare station. Blower/flare station equipment functional and well maintained? Equipment installed reflects DEQ-approved design? No fluid leaks from condensate knockout tanks or other sources, no excessive odors?			X	
	Notes:				
43.	Equipment safety. Landfill gas system test equipment and ancillary structures are intrinsically safe (no confined spaces susceptible to landfill gas accumulation)?			x	
	Notes:				
44.	On-site, buildings offices. On-site structures setback adequately from the landfill or have engineering controls and monitoring to prevent and detect landfill gas intrusion and explosion hazards?			x	
	Notes:				
45.	Landfill Gas to Energy Facilities. Facilities are well maintained, no excessive odors, no fluid leaks from pipes or other equipment?			x	
	Notes:				

<u>VII</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
46.	Groundwater Monitoring Program. Permittee conducts groundwater monitoring program in accordance with the DEQ-approved EMP? a) EMP updated to incorporate new or replacement monitoring wells? b) Site characterization reports for new disposal cells submitted for DEQ review and approval? c) Permit specific concentration limits established for the site? d) Annual Environmental Monitoring Reports (AEMR) submitted to DEQ on schedule?			x	
	Notes:				
47.	Groundwater Sampling Program. Sampling techniques comply with DEQ-approved EMP? a) DEQ notified at least 10 working days before scheduled sampling event? b) DEQ lab notified at least 45 days before split-sampling event? c) DEQ Lab split-sampling report supports permittee's results?			x	
	Notes:				
48.	Groundwater Monitoring Well Network. All DEQ-approved detection and compliance wells are properly constructed, functional, and well maintained? a) Well casings vertical, in good condition and stable? b) Concrete pads in good condition, sealed to casings, and stable? c) Well caps on and locked? d) Wells properly identified and labeled? e) Any evidence of surface water ponding or erosion around well locations? f) Any damage to wells? Was it reported appropriately to DEQ within 14 days? g) Any unused wells are properly decommissioned?			x	
	Notes:				
49.	Stormwater Monitoring Program. Established stormwater monitoring stations have identifiable field markings, and are maintained for repeat monitoring events per NPDES stormwater permit requirements and DEQ-approved EMP?			x	
	Notes:				
50.	Leak detection System. Access risers and collection sumps and pumps are functional and well maintained? No fluids present in the leak detection system? Permittee has reported to DEQ and investigated the source of any seepage into the leak detection system?			x	
	Notes:				

<u>VII</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
51.	Surface Water Monitoring. Designated monitoring stations established and maintained for streams, ponds, lakes or other water bodies of interest per the DEQ-approved EMP?			x	
	Notes:				
52.	Landfill Gas Monitoring Program. Methane gas monitored in accordance with DEQ approved EMP? a) Monitoring results reported in AEMR and maintained in facility operating record? b) Probes are adequately placed and designed to monitor gas migration toward onsite and off-site structures and confined spaces? c) Permittee has inventoried susceptible confined spaces on and near the landfill, identified their locations on a site map, described their characteristics, and monitored for methane at these locations. d) Permittee monitors for landfill gas in liner leak detection system?			x	
	Notes:				
53.	Landfill Gas Monitoring Probes or Devices. All gas monitoring probes or sensors are properly constructed, labeled and maintained? a) Probes casings are vertical, in good condition, have locked security caps? b) Gas testing meter is properly calibrated before each monitoring event and maintained by manufacturer. c) Gas monitoring procedures conform to DEQ-approved EMP?			x	
	Notes:				

<u>VIII</u>	<u>LANDFILL CLOSURE</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
54.	Closure Process. Permittee has DEQ-approved closure plan and implements plan appropriately and effectively? Phased closure conforms to DEQ approved plans and schedule?			x	
	Notes:				

55.	Final Landfill Cover. Final cover system constructed in conformance with DEQ-approved plans and specs? a) Cover system in good condition and well maintained? b) Maintenance procedures consistent with DEQ approved O&M manual? c) Surface contours promote efficient drainage, prevent storm-water ponding?			X	
	Notes:				

<u>IX</u>	<u>FINANCIAL ASSURANCE</u>	In Compliance	Not in Compliance	N/A for this Inspection	Follow-up required
56.	Financial Assurance Plan. Has permittee updated the FA plan and documented the update in the facility operating record?			X	
	Notes:				
57.	Annual Certification. Has permittee submitted annual update certification to DEQ by the annual review date?			X	
	Notes:				
58.	Financial Assurance Expenditures. FA funds used only for closure, post-closure and corrective action?			X	
	Notes:				
59.	Continuous Financial Assurance. Permittee maintains continuous FA for the landfill?			X	
	Notes:				

Bob Schwarz

April 10, 2014

DEQ Representative

Date

PHOTOS



Photo shows the geosynthetic “chimney drain”. This is a geocomposite (drainage net sandwiched between two layers of geotextile) that runs vertically along the length of the berm, and separates the clay soil on the interior of the berm from the granular, reinforced soil on the exterior.



The contractor placed gravel along the outside of the chimney drain to protect it from damage during installation.



The clay for the berm interior is treated with cement to increase strength. Construction inspector hammers rod into treated clay as a qualitative test of the clay's strength.



Topsoil has been observed sloughing off the perimeter berm on the north side of the landfill. A tarp was placed over a portion of this area to reduce the amount of rain getting into the soil. Waste Management's consultant, GeoSyntec, is evaluating how to correct this problem.

NEXT THREE PHOTOS: Other areas on north berm with soil sloughing.





View of NE side of landfill. Blowing litter was observed during the previous inspection on March 19. Very little litter was observed today.



The litter fence installed on the NE side of the landfill. During the March 19 inspection, large holes were found in the fence. These have been repaired. Some litter was observed at the bottom of the fence.





View of landfill's NE slope. As noted above, blowing litter was observed during the March 19 inspection. Much less blowing litter was seen today.