

4.1 Phase I: Monitoring of conditions to confirm that equilibrium is achieved.

During Phase I, sites where leachate containment and/or Tier II soil facilities have been constructed, monitoring will take place on an annual basis, for an estimated period of five years following construction. The five-year term was selected on the basis that ground-temperature thermal regimes at these specific landfills would require three to five years to reach equilibrium.

At other locations, where existing landfills have been regraded and new landfills have been constructed, Phase I monitoring will be carried out on in the first, third and fifth years following construction.

An evaluation of the Phase I data will be carried out at the end of five years to confirm that thermal and chemical equilibrium had been achieved, and that no stability issues have been identified. The Phase I monitoring program may be extended, if required.

4.2 Phase II: Verification of equilibrium conditions established during Phase I.

The monitoring frequency in Phase II be downgraded from Phase I, and be carried out according to the following schedule: year 7, year 10, year 15 and year 25. Year 25 would mark the end of Phase II monitoring.

4.3 Phase III: Monitoring for long term issues such as liner integrity, permafrost stability, and significant storm events.

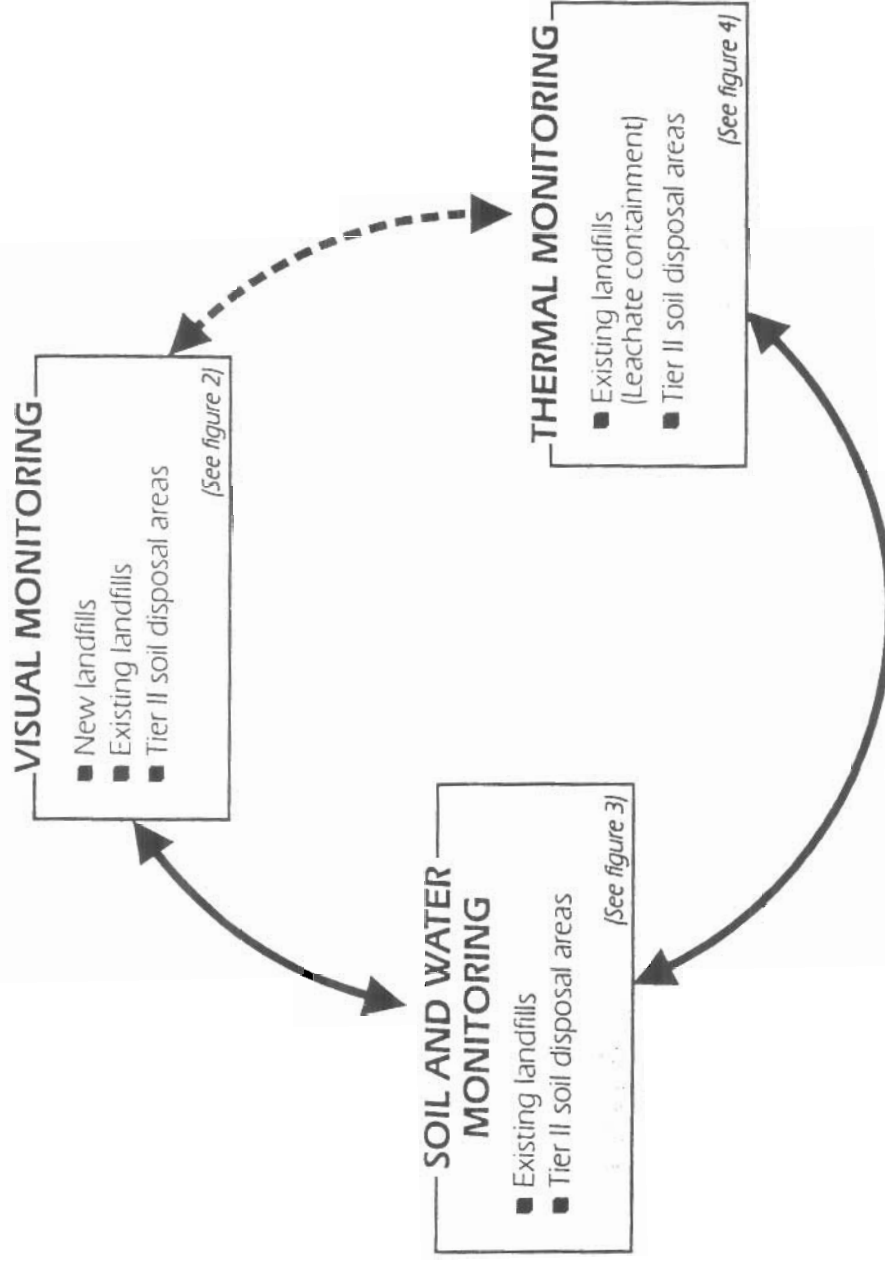
At the end of Phase II, 25 years after implementation of the remedial actions for a given landfill, a major re-evaluation of the monitoring program will be carried out prior to initiating Phase III. It is difficult to predict beyond 25 years how world events and improvements in technology may impact on monitoring requirements. Based on current technology and knowledge, a Phase III program should be implemented at 10 year intervals. The duration of the Phase III program will be estimated at the outset of the program and be subject to re-evaluation as new technologies are developed and new information becomes available.

5.0 Interpreting Monitoring Results

Monitoring results (thermal, chemical and visual) have to be interpreted in concert with one another. An increase in chemical concentrations, for instance, from one year to the next does not necessarily trigger action if there are no other signs of landfill instability. Stability problems would have to be established by a geotechnical engineer with northern experience. Action will be taken based on trends in chemical data rather than isolated results.

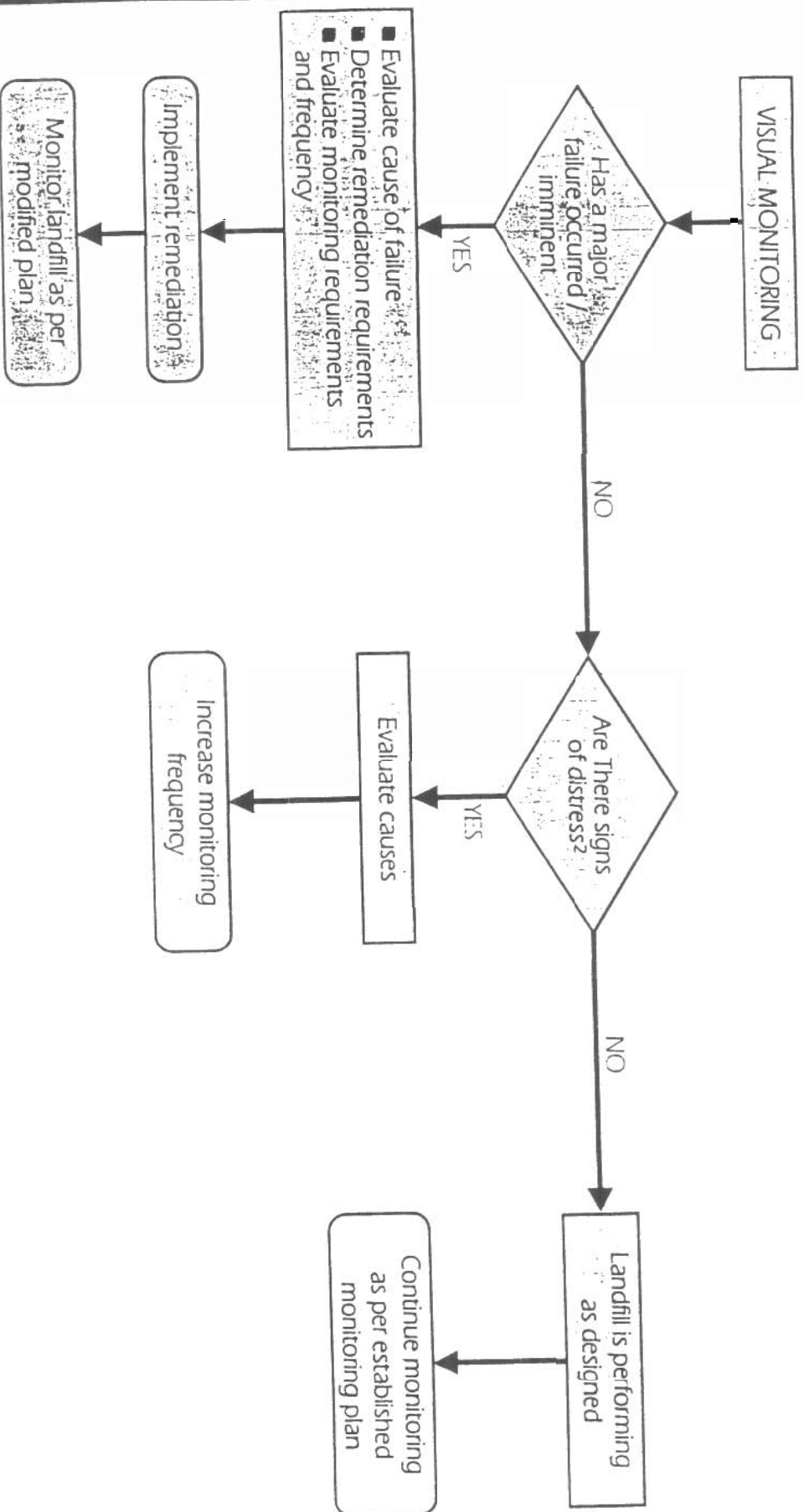
Normally, the first step to be taken when a potential problem is identified is to intensify the monitoring program. If a problem has been confirmed, then remedial action will be undertaken.

The flowcharts in Figures 1 to 4 illustrates the decision-making process to be applied to monitoring data. The following section outlines actions to be taken if the monitoring program indicates a deficiency in a landfill.



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SUMMARY FLOW CHART



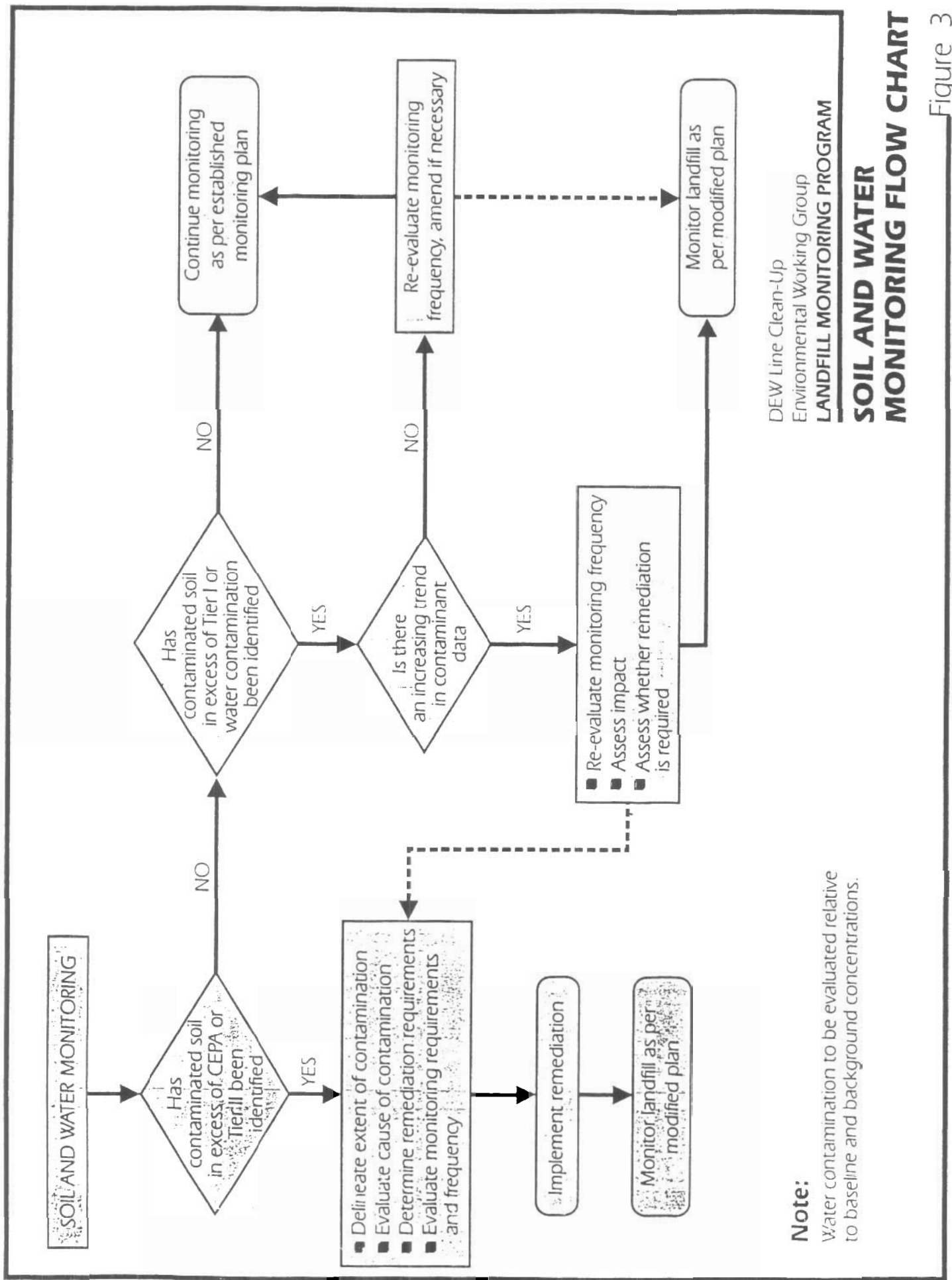
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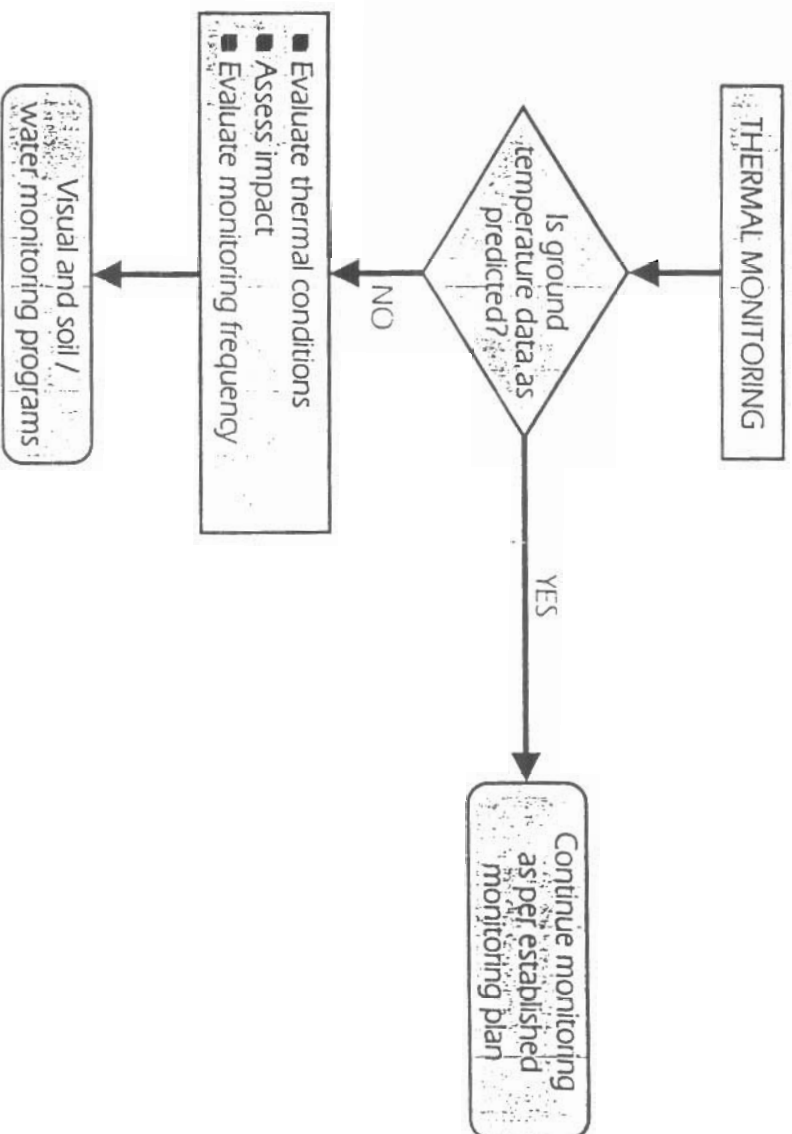
- 1 Major Failure: significant exposed debris (> 25% of surface area) due to erosion, settlement, frost action; berm failure (slope stability)
- 2 Signs of Distress: Voids due to settlement, ponding on surface, and/or tension cracks, and/or erosion.

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VISUAL MONITORING FLOW CHART

Figure 2





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THERMAL MONITORING FLOW CHART

Figure 4

6.0 Impact of Monitoring Results

The possible results and the associated potential mitigation requirements for the landfill monitoring components are described in the following subsections. For all instances, the mitigation requirements are dependent on the severity of the deficiency, and will be assessed by a professional geotechnical engineer with northern engineering design and construction experience. In addition, the assessment and implementation of resulting remediation requirements will be carried out in a staged approach to ensure that the proposed solutions address the specific requirements in a logical and cost effective manner.

6.1 Visual Inspection

If the results of the visual inspection program indicate evidence of significant settlement, ponding, or frost jacking, it may be necessary to implement one or more of the following mitigative measures:

- increase the frequency of the visual monitoring program
- place erosion protection material such as riprap, vegetation mats, etc.
- recompact existing debris material and existing granular material
- place additional granular fill
- regrade, as required, to promote positive drainage away from the deficient landfill area.

It should be noted that settlement of the landfill surface may not necessarily result in failure of the landfill. Settlement (typically differential settlement) that results in ponding and infiltration of surface water could lead to erosion and frost jacking problems. If the visual monitoring program results indicate evidence of sloughing of landfill perimeter berms and thermal contraction cracks, it may be necessary to implement one or more of the following mitigative measures:

- flatten granular berm slopes
- compact existing granular slopes
- place and compact additional granular fill material

6.2 Soil and Groundwater Monitoring

The results of the soil and groundwater monitoring program will be compared against baseline data established prior to the initial landfill development or remediation program. Results of the analysis of soil and groundwater samples that show decreasing trends of contamination at the perimeter of landfills typically indicate that the implemented landfill remediation has been effective. Conversely, if the results indicate increasing levels of contamination, then it may be necessary to implement one or all of the following:

- Increase the frequency of the monitoring program.
- Carry out a review and evaluation of the nature and extent of the contamination, including the incorporation of the results of the visual monitoring program. The major objective of this evaluation will be to determine the cause of the contaminant migration problem, and in particular to determine if it is the result of ineffective design, material (e.g. liner) failure, improper compaction, selection and use of inadequate granular material, poor grading, etc. This evaluation may require intrusive investigation into and around the landfill.
- Depending on the results of the above, it may be necessary to remove and replace liner material, reconstruct containment berms, etc.
- Assess the requirement to excavate and dispose of the contaminated soil; this would include the delineation of the vertical and areal extent of the contamination.
- Excavate and dispose of contaminated soil and/or excavate all or part(s) of the landfill, as required.

The requirement for the specific scope and extent of remediation, as outlined above, will also incorporate an risk evaluation of the potential impacts of the contamination based on the principles defined in the Landfill Risk Evaluation Matrix. The need for the risk evaluation is predicated on the understanding that not all affected sites pose the same risk to the environment, and consequently remediation requirements will vary.

6.3 Thermal Monitoring

The results of the thermal monitoring program will be compared against the parameters for freezeback that were incorporated into the geothermal design of the landfills. It is important that the overall assessment of these results consider the results of both the visual and soil/groundwater monitoring programs. If the thermal monitoring results indicate ground temperatures that are significantly higher (greater than 2° C) than

predicted during the geothermal analyses carried out as part of the design, then it may be necessary to implement one or more of the following:

- Increase the frequency of the recording and assessment of results from the thermal monitors.
- Establish, based on the results of the soil and groundwater monitoring programs, if groundwater and/or soil contaminant levels beyond the perimeter of the landfill have increased. Incorporate the results of a risk assessment. Assess the impacts, as outlined above, to determine the appropriate remediation requirements.
- If it established that a slower than expected freezeback period has resulted in the migration of contamination beyond the landfill and depending on the results of the above risk assessment, then it may be necessary to implement one or more of the following:

- determine if the rate of the freezeback progress is continuing, or if freezeback within the landfill has terminated; is at steady-state;
- excavate and dispose of contaminated soil and/or excavate all or part of the landfill, as required;
- place additional granular cover material or other insulating material (styrofoam insulation, vegetation) over the landfill to provide an increased insulation barrier over the landfill;
- reconstruct and/or re-saturate the perimeter berms of the landfill.