Operation/Maintenance and Abandonment/Restoration Plans for the Clean Up of the CAM-4, Pelly Bay DEW Line Site

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1. INTRODUCTION

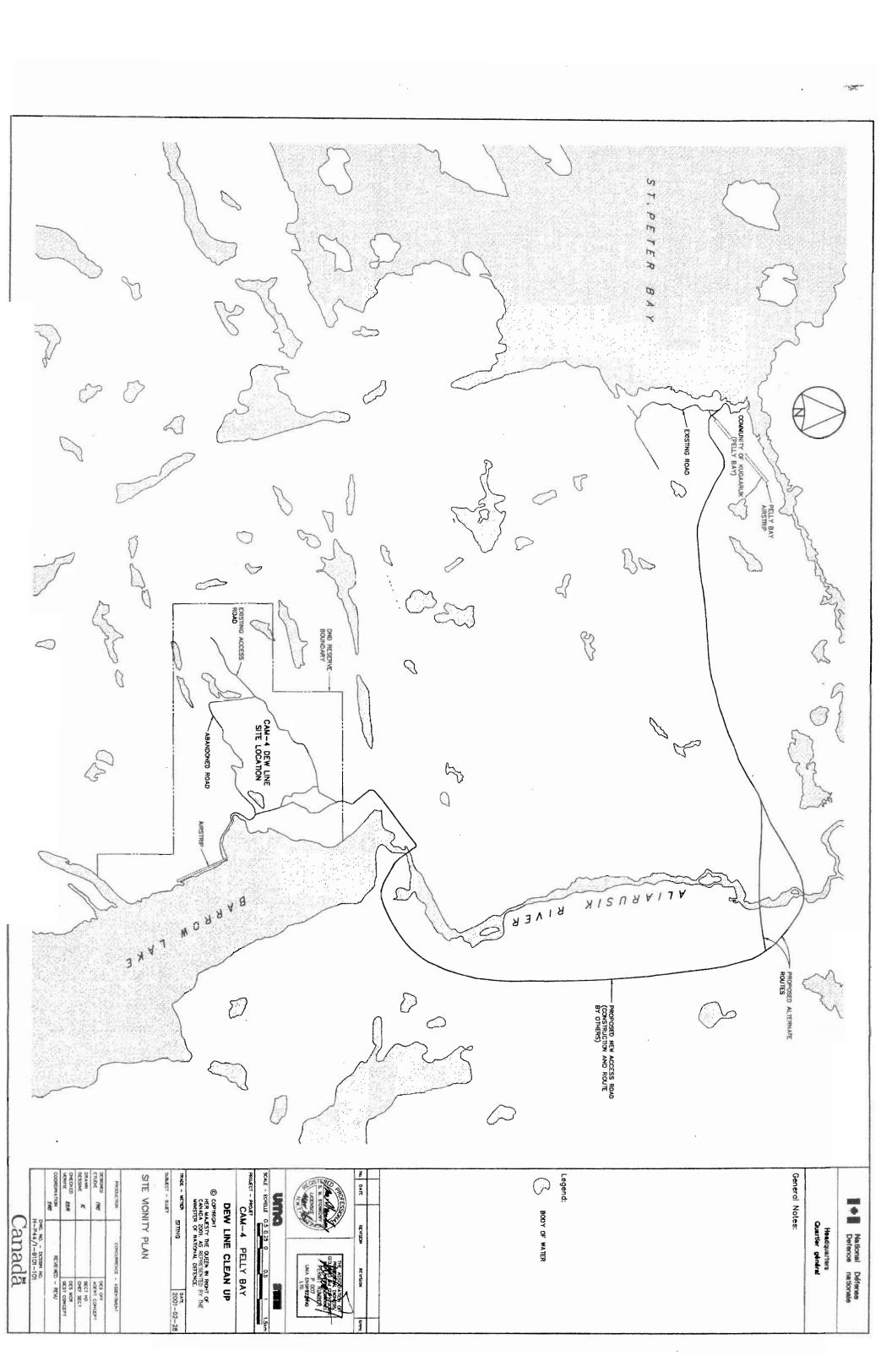
The landfills at the former CAM-4, Pelly Bay DEW Line site are being specifically constructed for the disposal of demolition debris and contaminated soils from the site clean up activities. The landfills are not for the use of the Municipality for the disposal of domestic waste, although the Contractor may dispose of minimal camp wastes within these landfills. All landfills constructed at the CAM-4 site will be closed at the end of the 2002 construction season, likely in October 2002.

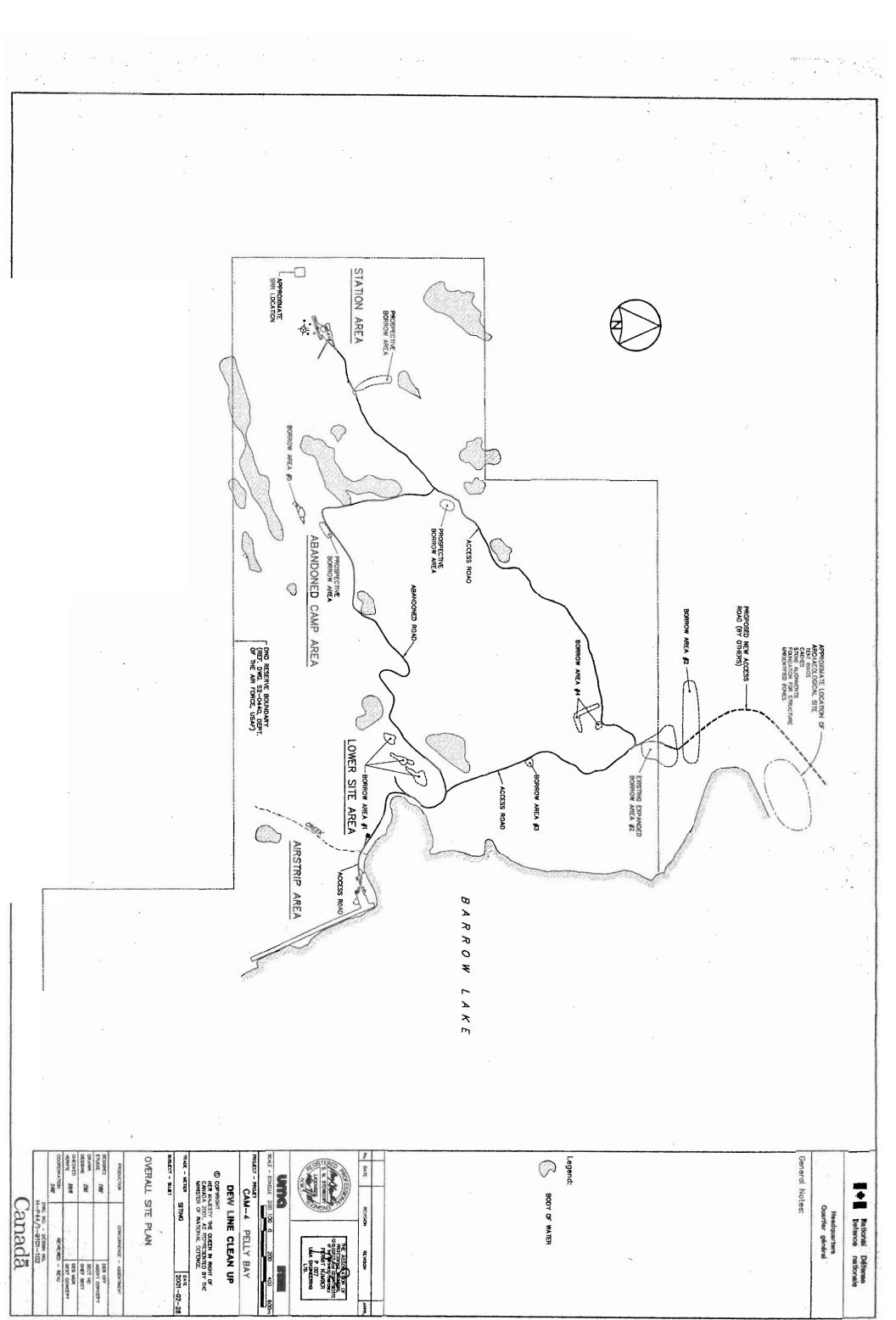
Please refer to Drawings 101, 102, 103 and 104 at the end of this section, which show the location of the landfill areas with reference to the Site Vicinity Plan, Overall site Plan and Project Layout.

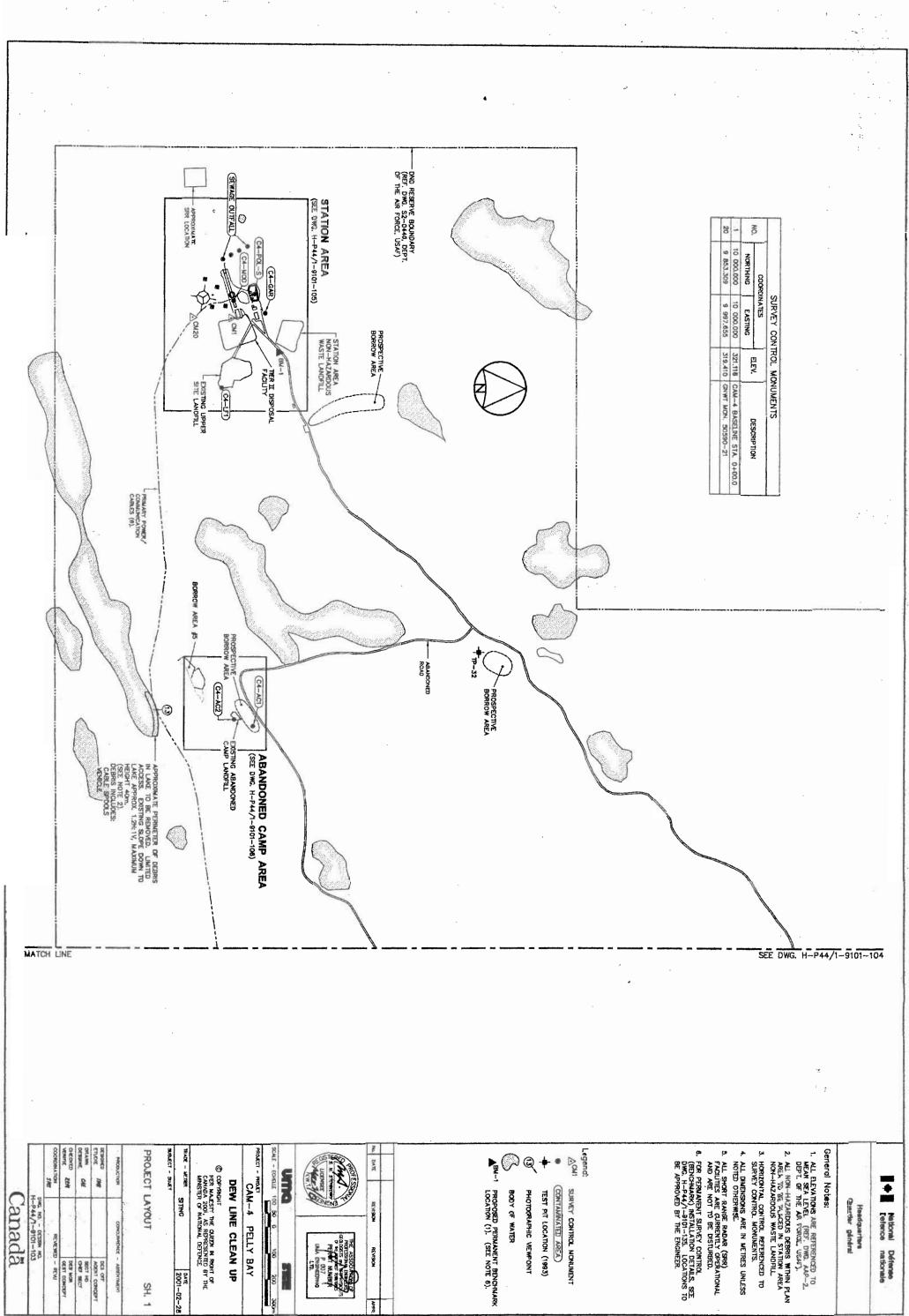
The purpose of this report is to provide the Nunavut Water Board with additional information regarding the construction and consequent closure of these landfills. This report also provides information on the landfill performance monitoring program, which will be conducted for 25 years after construction/closure of the landfills has been completed.

All work conducted with regard to construction, operation and maintenance and closure of the landfills shall follow the Environmental Protection Plan, which is part of the formal documents with the Contractor and was included with the water use license application, and the Contingency Plan also submitted to the Water Board.

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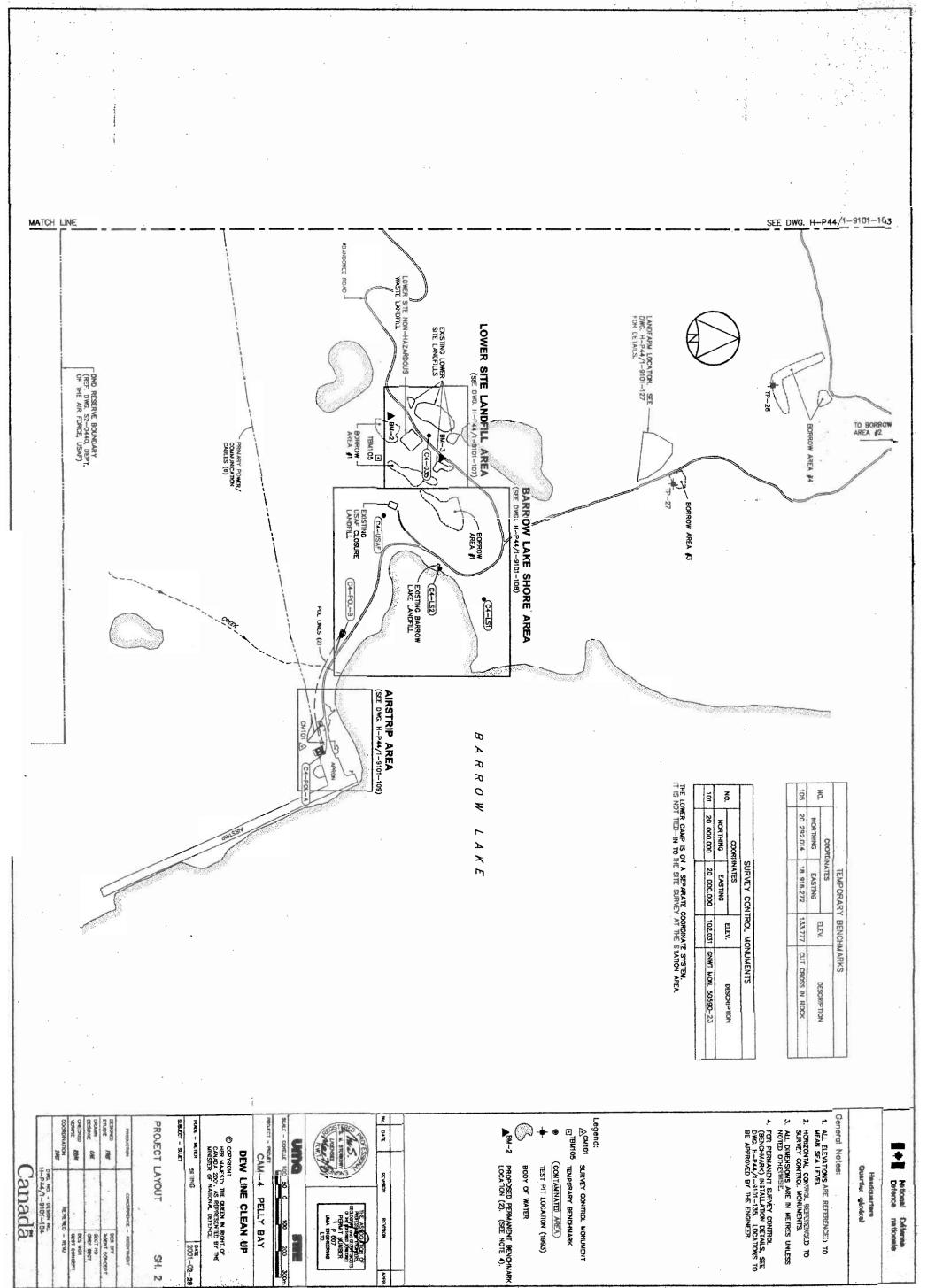
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2. PROPOSED LANDFILLS/DISPOSAL FACILITIES

2.1 Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill

There will be two Non-Hazardous Waste (NHW) Landfills constructed at the CAM-4 site, one is to be located at the Station Area at the Upper Site, and the other facility is to be located at the Lower Site area. Drawings 105 and 107 show the locations of these landfills.

The NHW landfills will be used for the disposal of demolition debris and non-hazardous site debris.

NHW landfills are designed on the premise that moisture migration into the landfill material need not be eliminated completely. The debris is generally dry material, and is not considered to generate leachate. Therefore, it is not necessary to eliminate all moisture infiltration into and out of the landfill.

The landfill is constructed by building containment berms around the perimeter of the landfill area. The containment berms are to have a maximum outside sideslope of 3 horizontal (H):1 vertical (V), and inside sideslope of 1.5H:1V. The shallower outside sideslopes are to minimize surface erosion. The berms are to be constructed in lifts 0.3 metres (m) thick and compacted to 95% of Standard Proctor density. The top of the berm should have a minimum width of 3 m for constructability.

Placement of non-hazardous material is to be in designated areas in uniform, horizontal lifts between and against the berms. The thickness of each lift shall be such that all voids within the waste can be filled with intermediate cover to reduce settlement and ground subsidence. The maximum thickness of each waste lift shall not exceed 1 m. The total maximum thickness of the landfill debris should be about 3 m. The waste is to be compacted during placement with heavy equipment.

All demolition materials and debris is to be cut to minimize displacement and lifting of landfilled materials resulting from landfill compaction operations so that the maximum depth of any one material component within the landfill does not exceed 1 m, and to satisfy the overall landfill dimension requirements.

Structural steel materials are to be cut into separate pieces prior to placement in the landfill. Large materials, including structural steel members, timbers, communication dishes, etc., are to be placed on the base of the landfill or on the base on an intermediate fill cover so that the materials lay on a compacted, flat surface. Hollow components or objects, such as tanks, are to be cut to allow nesting of materials. As a minimum, hollow components are to be cut in half, parallel to the lengthwise axis. Within the landfill, the underside of the nested materials is to be supported with intermediate cover or other debris material to minimize displacement and lifting of materials.

All metal demolition material and debris is to be segregated from other material when placed in the landfill. All asbestos material is to be segregated from other materials and consolidated in one single location within the landfill. The asbestos is to be double-bagged and hand-placed in the landfill. Daily intermediate cover of minimum 150 mm Type 6 fill is to be placed on asbestos waste. Barrels are to be crushed, cut or shredded to reduce the original barrel volume by 75%.

Intermediate cover is to be placed to a maximum loose thickness of 300 mm over each layer of non-hazardous material or as required to infill voids within the waste layer, and compact with the random action of tracked equipment. Sufficient passes are to be made with the tracked equipment to subject every point on the surface to a minimum of three separate passes.

The number of layers of 300 mm deep intermediate cover to be placed within the landfill is dependent on the total depth of waste material to be placed as presented in Table 2.1.

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Table 2.1
Number of Intermediate Cover Layers Required

| Total Waste Material Depth | Number of Intermediate Cover Layers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <1 metre | 0 | |
| >1 metre, <2 metres | 1 | |
| > 2 metres, <3 metres | 2 | |

Additional Type 6 cover material is to be placed on the final lift of debris to a level that all debris is covered with Type 6 fill prior to placement of Type 2 cover material. The additional cover material is to be placed and compacted to a minimum of 95% Maximum Dry Density, to completely infill voids within the waste layer and prior to placement of the final cover. Moisture conditioning may be required to obtain the specified density. Special care should be taken to place and compact intermediate fill cover material against exposed rock faces and areas inaccessible to tracked compaction equipment to specified requirements.

The landfill surface must be graded to avoid water ponding and minimize infiltration, which could increase seasonal thaw depth. The landfill surface, however, must be gentle to avoid erosion of the cover materials. The landfill surface grade should be greater than 2 m and not exceed approximately 8%. The fill material should be well graded so it is erosion resistant and has moderate water infiltration.

Record Drawings of the landfill construction are to be maintained by the Contractor and provided to the Owner [Defence Construction Canada (DCC)/Department of National Defence (DND)] upon completion of the project.

Following completion of the landfill closure, groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to facilitate monitoring of the landfill performance. A description of the landfill monitoring program is included in Section 3 of this report.

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2.2 Tier II Disposal Facility

The Tier II Disposal Facility is to be constructed at the CAM-4 site for the disposal of Tier II contaminated soils. Please refer to Drawing 105 for the location of the Tier II Disposal Facility.

The Tier II Soil Disposal Facility will consist of a lined containment system with sufficient cover material to ensure freezeback, and to ensure that it remains in a frozen condition. The liner system will consist of a 60 millimetre high density polyethylene (HDPE) liner protected on either side by a non-woven geotextile or possibly a geocomposite clay liner. A minimum cover thickness of 2.3 m is required for the Tier II facility.

Fill material used for the frozen containment berms surrounding the landfill must be a non-saline, well-graded material that must be placed and compacted with a degree of saturation greater than 90% and have a minimum dry density of 95% of Standard Proctor Density.

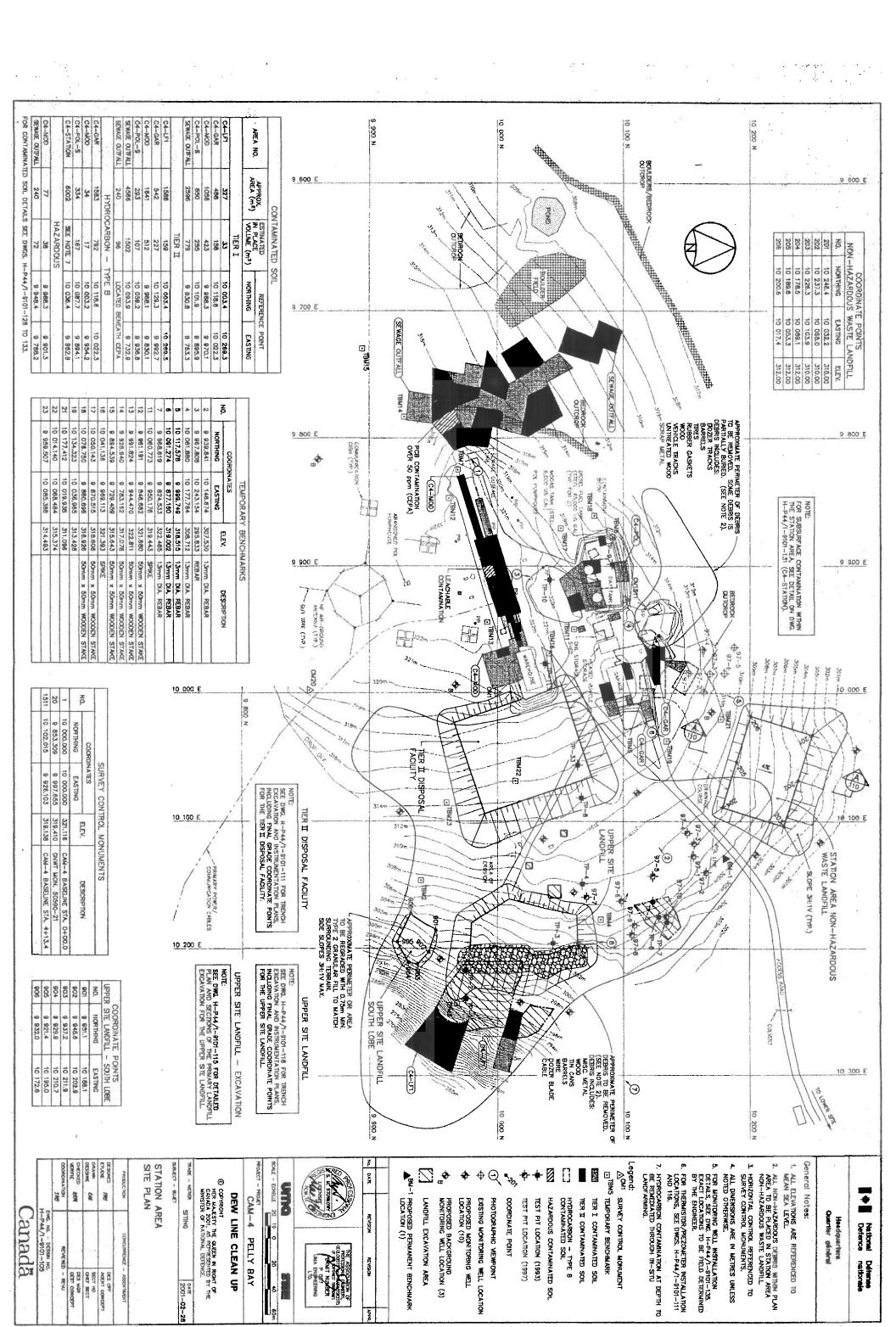
The size and configuration of the frozen saturated berms are based on the thermal analysis and constructability. The berms are to be a minimum of 3 m wide at their crest, and have a maximum outside sideslope of 2H:1V, and inside sideslope of 2H:1V. The berms will have a key trench excavated up to 1.5 m to permafrost or to acceptable foundation conditions. The key trench will be 4 m wide at its base and have roughly 1H:1V sideslopes.

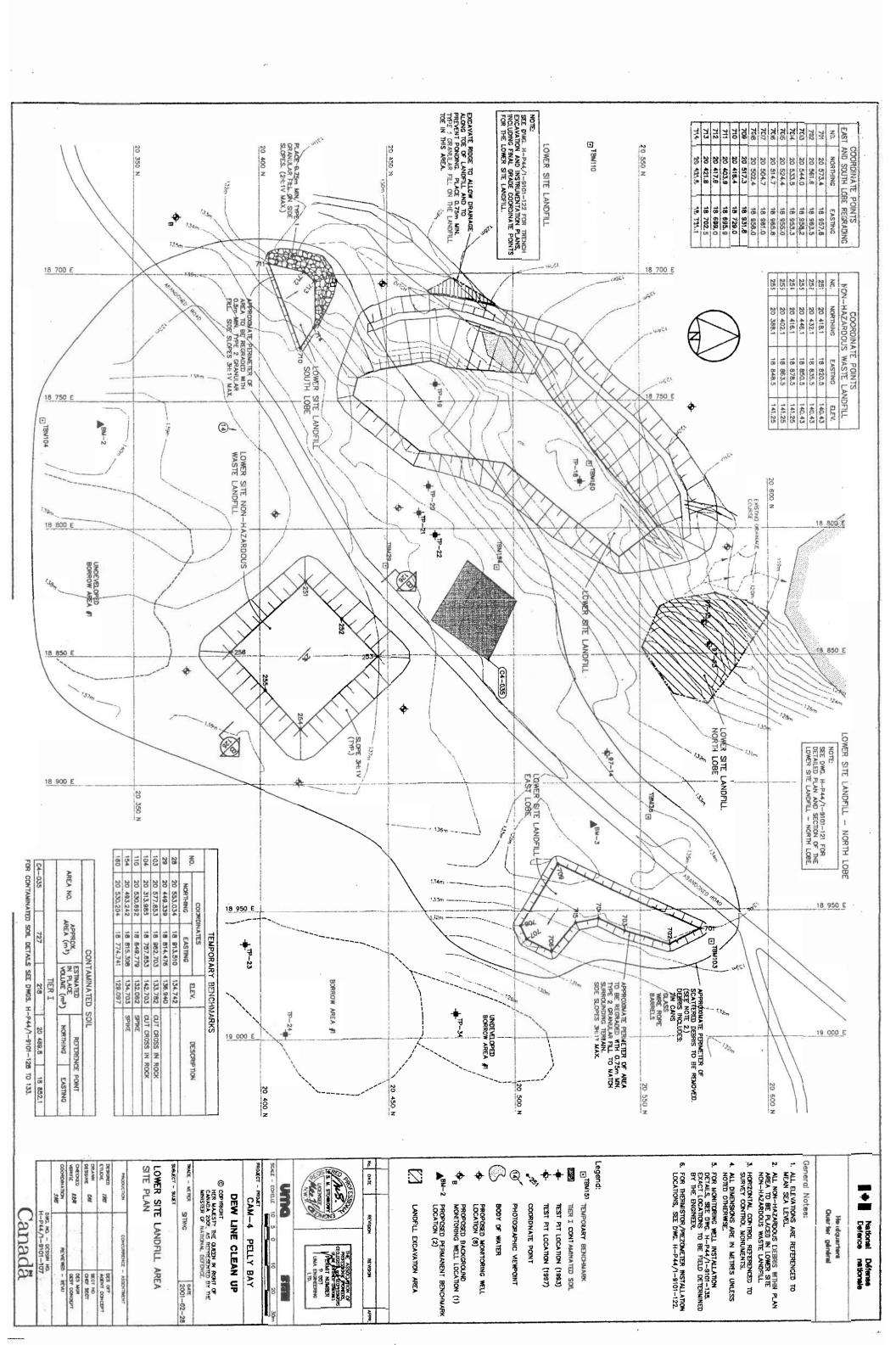
Tier II contaminated soil is to be placed in the landfill in lifts not exceeding 200 mm in loose thickness. The soil is to be compacted with the random action of tracked equipment. Type 6 granular fill is to be placed as intermediate fill to a maximum loose thickness of 200 mm over each layer of highly organic Tier II contaminated soil. The final cover of the landfill is to be constructed to specified thicknesses and grades, including the installation of geomembrane lining systems.

Record Drawings of the landfill construction are to be maintained by the Contractor and provided to the Owner (DCC/DND) upon completion of the project.

Following completion of the landfill closure, groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to facilitate monitoring of the landfill performance. A description of the landfill monitoring plan is in Section 3 of this report.

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3. LANDFILL MONITORING PROGRAM

All landfills and disposal facilities are to be monitored to assess the performance of the facilities and to mitigate potential impacts to neighbouring lands.

For Non-Hazardous Waste Landfills, the landfill monitoring requirements include:

- Visual Monitoring;
- Active Layer Groundwater Sampling; and,
- Soil Sampling.

For Tier II Disposal Facilities, the landfill monitoring requirements include:

- Visual monitoring;
- Active layer Groundwater Sampling;
- Soil Sampling; and,
- Thermal Monitoring.

The following sections describe the various requirements of the landfill monitoring program.

3.1 Landfill Monitoring Requirements

The specific components of the landfill monitoring program are based on the type of landfill, and the remediation or closure design. For any specific landfill, these components may include:

<u>Visual Monitoring</u>: the physical integrity of the landfill will be inspected and reported using hand drawn sketches. Documentation will include:

Evidence of settlement, ponding, frost action, erosion, and lateral movement.

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Sloughing of berms, thermal contraction cracks, etc.

Photographic records will be provided from ground and air, to document the general condition of the landfill and to substantiate all recorded observations. The location of all photographic viewpoints will be referenced to existing monuments.

Soil and Active Layer Water Monitoring: the soil and active layer water monitoring program will consist of baseline/background assessment, as well as contaminant evaluation. Background conditions represent soil and water quality from an area not impacted by the landfill. Background (naturally occurring) values will be obtained from samples collected from areas that have not been directly influenced by activities at the DEW Line site, but are indicative of the pre-vailing geochemistry. These samples are taken hydraulically upgradient and at some distance from the landfill. Baseline conditions refer to existing soil and water quality at the landfill area, prior to any remediation and/or construction work being carried out. These samples are generally collected from areas both up and downgradient of the landfill.

Soil and active layer water samples (where required) will be collected prior to construction/closure of a landfill, to represent background as well as baseline conditions. The results of subsequent landfill monitoring events will be compared to these baseline and background values to evaluate any potential changes in environmental conditions.

In general, one monitoring well will be installed upgradient and two to three wells will be installed downgradient of the landfill during the construction phase. Using water elevation data from a minimum of three wells allows assessment of the hydraulic gradient and flow velocities. Review of analytical data from water samples collected from wells up and downgradient allows evaluation of potential impacts associated with the landfill. Soil samples will be collected from the toe of the landfill, generally from the same locations as the monitoring wells. Contamination in soil samples at the toe of the landfill reflects chronic input from water that may have infiltrated the landfill, and is an important indicator of contaminated leachate.

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Soil samples will be transported to an accredited laboratory for the following analyses:

- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs);
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH); and,
- Inorganic elements including: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc.

Prior to collection of samples from a monitoring well, the well will be purged and allowed to reach equilibrium. Physical measurements shall be collected prior to and after purging and shall be referenced to the top of the monitoring well pipe. Parameters include:

- Water elevation:
- Total depth of water;
- Presence of hydrocarbons; and,
- Hydrocarbon layer thickness (if appropriate).

Following withdrawal of a water sample, other physical measurements to be recorded include:

- Colour;
- Odour;
- pH;
- Conductivity; and,
- Temperature.

The water sample will be filtered, as required for specific analyses, and transferred into appropriate containers for transport to a laboratory for analysis. Parameters for analysis include:

 Inorganic elements: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc (total and dissolved concentrations);

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- PCBs; and,
- TPH.

If the landfill is in close proximity and hydraulically upgradient of a drinking water source, the water samples will be analyzed for the following parameters, in addition to the compounds and elements listed above:

- Inorganic elements with low detection limits (ppb); and,
- Major ions, hardness, and total dissolved solids.

The supplementary analyses provide additional information on the potential impacts related to the landfill, but do not necessarily provide an assessment of the potability of the water source. In the latter case, the results of the analysis of these drinking water samples will be compared to the most current version of Canadian and/or Territorial standards for drinking water for the parameters analyzed, in addition to comparison with background and baseline data.

Thermal Monitoring: geothermal analyses were carried out as part of the design to predict the length of time required for permafrost aggradation through landfills requiring leachate containment, as well as DCC Tier II soil disposal facilities. These analyses also provide information on the long and short term thermal regime in the ground, and the depth of the active layer in the cover material.

A thermal monitoring system provides measurement of subsurface ground temperatures, which allows comparison to and verification of the predicted ground temperatures. The thermal monitoring system consists of installation of thermistor strings, with 'thermistor beads' at selected intervals to provide ground temperature profiles at various locations within the landfill. The thermistor strings are attached to automated data-loggers that allow for remote collection. In general, a minimum of three thermistors will be installed at each landfill where permafrost aggradation through the landfill contents is an integral part of the design.

3.2 Landfill Monitoring Frequency

The landfill post-construction monitoring program consists of three phases:

3.2.1 Phase I: Monitoring of Conditions to Confirm that Equilibrium is Achieved

At Tier II Disposal Facilities, 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 will require three to five years to reach equilibrium.

At Non-Hazardous Waste Landfills, the Phase I monitoring may be carried out over a reduced frequency in the first, third and fifth years following construction.

An evaluation of all 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 had been identified. The Phase I monitoring program may be extended, if required, to provide sufficient data to establish equilibrium conditions.

3.2.2 Phase II: Verification of Equilibrium Conditions Established during Phase I

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

3.2.3 Phase III: Monitoring for Long Term Issues such as Liner Integrity, Permafrost Stability, and Significant Storm Events

At the end of the Phase II program, 25 years after construction, a re-evaluation of the landfill monitoring program will be carried out prior to initiating any Phase III program. The scope of the

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Phase III monitoring program has not been included, but is anticipated to be based on a 10 year

monitoring interval.

3.3 Interpretation of Landfill Monitoring Results

To effectively assess follow-up action requirements, it is necessary that monitoring results (thermal,

chemical and visual) be interpreted in concert with one another. An increase in chemical

concentrations, for instance, from one year to the next does not necessarily trigger remedial action if

there is no other evidence of landfill instability.

Should potential problems be identified during the landfill monitoring program, the frequency and

scope of the monitoring program will be increased. Following verification of the cause and extent

of the problem, the scope of any remedial action will be reviewed, and implemented, as appropriate.

In all cases, mitigation requirements are dependent on the severity of the deficiency, and are to be

assessed by a professional geotechnical engineer with northern engineering design and construction

experience. In addition, it is recommended that the assessment and implementation of resulting

remediation requirements be carried out in a staged approach to ensure that the proposed solutions

address the specific requirements in a logical and cost effective manner.

3.3.1 Visual Monitoring

If the results of the visual inspection program indicate evidence of significant settlement, erosion,

ponding, or frost jacking, it may be necessary to implement one or more of the following mitigative

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measures:

Increase the frequency of the visual monitoring program;

Place erosion protection material such as rip-rap, vegetation mats, etc.;

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- Re-compact existing debris material and existing granular material;
- Place additional granular fill;
- Mitigate the cause of erosion or settlement by regrading, 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. However, 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.
- Collect soil and water samples to monitor contaminant migration.

3.3.2 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 existing landfills typically indicate that the implemented landfill remediation has been effective.

Conversely, if monitoring results indicate increasing levels of contamination, it may be necessary to implement one or all of the following:

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- 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 if it is the result of ineffective design, material (i.e. 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 horizontal extent of the contamination.
- Excavate and dispose of contaminated soil, as required.

The requirement for the specific scope and extent of remediation, as outlined above, should also incorporate an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the contamination.

3.3.3 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 than predicted during the geothermal analysis carried out as part of the design, 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. Assess the environmental impacts to determine the appropriate remediation requirements.
- If it is 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 environmental
 impact assessment, it may be necessary to implement one or more of the following:
 - Determine if the rate of freezeback progress is continuing, or if freezeback within the landfill has terminated.
 - Excavate and dispose of contaminated soil, 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.

3.4 Review of Monitoring Results

An Environmental Working Group (EWG) has been established to provide technical support to the DEW Line Cleanup Steering Committee. This working group is comprised of qualified engineers and/or environmental scientists with expertise in environmental remediation and clean up in northern climates. The EWG has two designated representatives from each of the Parties, Owner and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI).

During the monitoring program, the EWG will review the results of the monitoring program in accordance with the methodology as described in the previous section. The results of the review and any recommendations regarding changes to the monitoring plan and/or remediation requirements will be reported to the Steering Committee.

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The requirement for Phase III monitoring will be evaluated at the end of the 25 years (end of Phase II). Monitoring may be terminated if the performance of the landfill was satisfactory over the monitoring period, from an environmental, geotechnical and thermal perspective, as appropriate. The assessment of satisfactory performance will be carried out jointly by the NTI and DND.

At the termination of the monitoring period, a decision on the disposition of the above ground installations of monitoring wells and thermistors, and associated marker posts, should be made. The decommissioning of monitoring installations shall be carried out in a manner such that, if required, they may be re-activated. Electronic equipment shall be returned to DND for re-use or disposal as appropriate, and other non-hazardous materials shall be removed from site and disposed of in an appropriate landfill area.

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