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B1. Tier II Soil Disposal Facility

B1.1 Landfill Summary

The Tier II Soil Disposal Facility is located approximately 550 m west of the main facilities area. The landfill was constructed for disposal of Tier II soil excavated during the clean up. The location and plan of the Tier II Disposal Facility is presented in Figure B-1.

The landfill has a double containment system consisting of a geomembrane liner and placement of sufficient surface fill to promote permafrost aggradation through the landfill contents. The liner was placed across the bottom of the landfill, along the berms and over top of the landfilled material.

For 2008, the monitoring requirements for the Tier II Soil Disposal Facility included visual inspection, soil sampling, groundwater sampling and thermal monitoring.

B1.2 Visual Monitoring

No significant erosion, settlement or indications of slope instability were observed at the Tier II Soil Disposal Facility. Overall landfill performance is assessed as “acceptable”. Appendix B1 presents a summary of the 2008 visual inspection results.

An area of minor orange staining was observed at the toe of the northeast slope (TII-4A in Appendix B2). Seepage was observed from the lower half of the northeast and southeast slopes (TII-6 and 7 in Appendix B2). No staining was observed on the slopes. Minor ponding of water and drainage was observed along the toes of the northwest, southeast and southwest slopes (TII-3, 9A and 10 in Appendix B2). No issues of concern that require immediate attention were identified.

B1.3 Soil Sampling

Soil samples were collected at the designated locations (BMW-3, MW-5, MW-8, MW-9, MW-14-A, MW-15 AND MW-16). Sampling locations are shown on Figure B-1. Two samples were collected at each station at depths of 0.10 – 0.15 m below ground surface and between 0.25 – 0.40 meters below ground surface. The photographs of each monitoring well and test pit location are included in Attachment B3.

No staining or free product was observed during the sampling event at the Tier II Soil Disposal Facility. There were no odours documented during the Tier II Disposal Facility sampling event, with the exception of one monitoring location, MW-16. An ambient hydrocarbon-like odour was detected during soil sampling at the MW-16 monitoring location.

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The laboratory analyses detected concentrations of TPH (C6-34) at monitoring locations MW-8, MW-9, MW-15 and MW-16. It is recommended that these results be evaluated in the context of the Landfill Monitoring Plan.

The analytical results and depths of samples are provided in Table B-1. The Laboratory Certificates of Analysis are provided in Appendix F.

B1.4 Groundwater Sampling

Groundwater measurements and monitoring system condition records were documented for observation wells BMW-3, MW-5, MW-8, MW-9, MW-14-A, MW-15 and MW-16. These records are provided in Attachment B4.

All groundwater monitoring wells slated for monitoring in 2008 at the Tier II Soil Disposal Facility contained sufficient volume for sampling. Samples were collected at a flow rate equal to the recharge rate of the monitoring well (and not exceeding 100mL/min). All monitors were sampled using a peristaltic pump and disposable LDPE tubing with the exception of BMW-3 and MW-16. The rechargeable battery provided with the peristaltic pump from the supplier proved to be faulty, thus monitors that were accessible by vehicle were sampled with the peristaltic pump runoff the vehicle battery. Monitors BMW-3 and MW-16 were not accessible by vehicle, therefore were purged and sampled using a disposable bailer.

Groundwater samples were not filtered and not preserved. Samples were analyzed for total concentration of inorganic metals, TPH (C6-C32) and PCB.

TPH (C6-C32) was detected in monitoring wells MW-5, MW-8, MW-9, MW-14-A, MW-15 and MW-16. The results should be evaluated in the context of the Landfill Monitoring Plan as well as compared with DCC internal standards.

The results are presented in Table B-2. The laboratory Certificates of Analysis are provided in Appendix F.

B1.5 Thermal Monitoring

All thermistors at the Tier II Soil Disposal Facility were in good condition. Thermistor data was downloaded on August 15, 2008, programming was checked and the data loggers were reset. The data logger clocks were adjusted to local (Standard Time). Battery charge was checked to ensure sufficient remaining charge and batteries were not changed in 2008.

Thermistor Maintenance Records were completed for all thermistors located at the Lower Landfill and are located in Appendix B5. Selected data has been plotted into graphs for each thermistor which are provided as Graphs B-1 through B-4 located in Appendix B6.

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Table B-1 Summary of 2008 Soil Analysis – Tier II Soil Disposal Facility

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Table B-2 Summary of 2008 Groundwater Analysis – Tier II Soil Disposal Facility