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C1. Upper Site Landfill

C1.1 Landfill Summary

The Upper Site Landfill is located approximately 625 m east of the main facilities area. The original landfill consisted of three lobes (South, Central and North) that encompass an area of approximately 4,500 m². The location of the landfill is presented in Figure C-1.

A previous evaluation and geophysical survey determined landfilled material is continuous throughout the north and central lobes and more isolated in the south lobe. Tier I and Tier II contaminated soil was found downgradient of the central lobe, indicating contaminant migration from the landfill, thus, The Upper Site Landfill was classified as high potential environmental risk.

Remediation of the Upper Site Landfill involved complete excavation of the north lobe, partial excavation of the central lobe and installation of a leachate containment system in the central lobe and regrading of the south lobe.

Monitoring requirements for the 2008 monitoring year include visual inspection, soil sampling, groundwater sampling and thermal monitoring.

C1.2 Visual Monitoring

No significant erosion, settlement or indications of slope instability were observed at the Upper Site Landfill. Overall landfill performance is assessed as “acceptable”. Appendix C1 presents a summary of the 2008 visual inspection results.

No issues of concern that require immediate attention were identified.

C1.3 Soil Sampling

Soil samples were collected at monitoring locations MW-10, MW-11, MW-12 and MW-13. The sampling locations are presented in Figure C-1. Two samples were collected at each monitoring location at depths of approximately 0.10 to 0.15 m and 0.30 to 0.40 m below ground surface. The photographs of each monitoring well and test pit location are included in Attachment C3.

No staining or free product was observed during the sampling event at the Upper Site Landfill. No odours were detected during the sampling event at the Upper Site Landfill.

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Figure C-1 Upper Site Landfill

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Laboratory analysis detected concentrations of TPH (C6-34) at monitoring locations MW-11 and MW-13. It is recommended that these results be evaluated in the context of the Landfill Monitoring Plan. The soil sample at MW-10-35 (0.35 m depth) returned an arsenic concentration of 93.6 mg/kg. This value is presumed to be anomalously high, given the non-detection at the 0.15 m soil sample. At the time of issuing this draft report the results of the confirmatory analysis are awaited from ALS Laboratory Group.

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

C1.4 Groundwater Sampling

Groundwater measurements and monitoring system condition records were documented for monitoring wells MW-10, MW-11, MW-12 and MW-13. These records are provided in attachment C4.

All groundwater monitoring wells slated for monitoring in 2008 at the Upper Site Landfill contained sufficient volume for sampling, with the exception of MW-10, which was completely dry. Samples were collected at a flow rate equal to the recharge rate of the monitoring well (and not exceeding 100mL/min). Monitor MW-11 was sampled using a peristaltic pump and disposable LDPE tubing. 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 run off the vehicle battery. Monitors MW-12 and MW-13 were not accessible by vehicle, therefore were purged and sampled using a disposable bailer. It should be noted that monitoring well MW-12 was found to have a blockage in the well pipe at approximately 0.64 m below ground surface. Sand was discovered on the interface meter as well as the disposable bailer. The blockage in the well pipe may be attributed to a broken coupling, presumably allowing sand pack from the borehole annulus to enter the well.

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

TPH (C6-C32) was detected in monitoring wells MW-11, MW-12 and MW-13. Elevated concentrations of Chromium and Lead were also reported for monitor MW-12. 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 C-2. The laboratory Certificates of Analysis are provided in Appendix F.

C1.5 Thermal Monitoring

All thermistors at the Upper Site Landfill 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.

Tabulated ground temperature data since the last download in August 2007 are included in Appendix C5. Graphs of ground temperature versus depth are presented in Appendix C6.

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Table C-1 Summary of 2008 Groundwater Analysis – Upper Site Landfill