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PART III-ATTACHMENT D8 FINAL COVER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN



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4 INFILTRATION

4.1 General

The infiltration layer consists of compacted, relatively homogeneous, cohesive material. The CQA monitor shall provide continuous on-site observation during infiltration layer placement, processing, compaction, and testing. The GP shall make sufficient site visits during infiltration layer construction to document the construction activities, testing, and thickness verification in the Final Cover System Report, in accordance with Section 8.

4.2 Materials

Infiltration layer material shall consist of soil that is free from debris, rubbish, frozen materials, foreign objects, and organic material. The required infiltration layer material properties are summarized in Table D8-1.

**Table D8-1
Beck Landfill
Infiltration Material Properties**

Test	Standard	Required Property
Plasticity Index	ASTM D 4318	15 or Greater
Liquid Limit	ASTM D 4318	30 or Greater
Percent Passing No. 200 Mesh Sieve	ASTM D 1140	30% or Greater
Percent Passing 1-inch Sieve	ASTM D 422	100%
Coefficient of Permeability	ASTM D 5084 or COE EM 1110-2-1906 Appendix VII	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-5}$ cm/sec

Preconstruction testing procedures and frequencies for infiltration layer materials are listed in Section 4.8.1.

4.3 Subgrade Preparation

Prior to placing infiltration layer material, the subgrade should be proof rolled with heavy, rubber-tired construction equipment to detect soft areas. The GP or CQA monitor must observe the proof-rolling operation. Soft areas should be compacted and then be proof rolled again.

The subgrade elevations shall be verified in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.8.3

prior to the placement of infiltration layer.

4.4 Placement and Processing

The infiltration layer subgrade and surface of each lift should be scarified to a minimum depth of six inches prior to placement of the next lift of the infiltration layer. The infiltration layer material should be placed in maximum eight-inch loose lifts to produce a compacted lift thickness of approximately six inches. The material should be processed to a maximum particle size of one inch or less before water is added. Rocks and clods less than one inch in diameter should not total more than about 10 percent by weight. The surface of the top lift shall contain no material larger than 3/8 inch.

If additional water is necessary to adjust the moisture content, it should be applied after initial processing but prior to compaction. Water should be applied evenly across the lift and worked into the material. Waste or any objectionable material must not contaminate compaction water.

4.5 Compaction

The infiltration layer shall be compacted with a pad/tamping-foot or prong-foot roller. A footed roller is necessary to bond the lifts, distribute the water, and blend the soil matrix through kneading action. The infiltration layer shall not be compacted with a bulldozer, rubber-tired roller, flat-wheel roller, scrapers, or any track equipment unless it is used to pull a footed roller. The lift thickness shall be controlled to achieve total penetration into the top of the previously compacted lift; therefore, the lift thickness must not be greater than the pad or prong length. Cleaning devices on the roller must be in place and maintained to prevent the prongs or pad feet from becoming clogged to the point that they cannot achieve full penetration.

The compactor shall make at least two passes across the area being compacted. A pass is defined as one pass of the compactor, front and rear drums. The material should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density determined by standard Proctor (ASTM D 698) at a moisture content at or above optimum moisture in order to achieve the required permeability. Areas with failing tests shall be reworked and recompacted, and then retested with passing tests before another lift is added.

After a lift is compacted, it must be watered to prevent drying and desiccation until the next lift can be placed. If desiccation occurs, the GP must determine if the lift can be rehydrated by surface application of water or if the lift must be scarified, watered, and then recompacted. Following compaction and fine grading of the final lift, the surface of the infiltration layer shall be smooth drum rolled.

4.6 Protection

The completed infiltration layer must be protected from drying, desiccation, rutting, erosion and ponded water until the FMC is installed. Areas that undergo excessive desiccation or damage shall be reworked, recompacted, and retested as directed by the GP.

4.7 Tie In to Existing Covers

The edge of existing infiltration layers shall be cut back on either a slope or step to prevent the formation of a vertical joint. The slope will be a maximum of 3:1 and the steps will be three feet wide by one foot thick.

4.8 Testing and Verification

4.8.1 Preconstruction Testing

Table D8-2 lists the minimum testing required for material proposed for use as the infiltration layer.

**Table D8-2
Beck Landfill
Infiltration Layer Material Preconstruction Tests**

Test	Standard	Frequency
Plasticity Index	ASTM D 4318	1 per material type
Liquid Limit	ASTM D 4318	1 per material type
Percent Passing No. 200 Mesh Sieve	ASTM D 1140	1 per material type
Percent Passing 1-inch Sieve	ASTM D 0422	1 per material type
Standard Proctor Test	ASTM D 698	1 per material type
Coefficient of Permeability	ASTM D 5084 or COE EM 1110-2-1906 Appendix VII	1 per material type

After the moisture density relationship has been determined for a material type, a soil sample should be remolded to about 85 percent of the maximum dry density at the optimum moisture content. This sample will be tested to determine if the soil can be compacted to achieve a suitable coefficient of permeability. Either falling head or constant head laboratory permeability tests may be performed to determine the coefficient of permeability. The permeant fluid for testing must be tap water or 0.005N calcium sulfate solution. Distilled or deionized water shall not be used as the permeant fluid.

4.8.2 Construction Testing

Table D8-3 lists the minimum testing required for material used as the infiltration layer.

**Table D8-3
Beck Landfill
Infiltration Layer Material Construction Tests**

Test	Standard	Frequency
Field Density	ASTM D 2922	1/8,000 sf per 6-inch lift
Plasticity Index	ASTM D 4318	1 per acre
Liquid Limit	ASTM D 4318	1 per acre
Percent Passing No. 200 Mesh Sieve	ASTM D 1140	1 per acre
Standard Proctor Test	ASTM D 698	1 per material type
Coefficient of Permeability	ASTM D 5084 or COE EM 1110-2-1906 Appendix VII	1 per acre

The Atterberg limits of the in-place infiltration layer must be continually compared to the Atterberg limits of the Proctor curve sample to assure that the Proctor curve accurately represents the in-place material. Any variance of more than 10 points between the liquid limit or plasticity index of the in-place soil and those of the Proctor curve sample will require that a new Proctor curve be developed. Areas with failing permeability tests shall be reworked and recompacted, and then retested with passing tests before another lift is added.

4.8.3 Thickness Verification

The as-built thickness of the infiltration layer shall be determined by standard survey methods. Prior to the placement of infiltration layer material, the subgrade elevations will be determined at a minimum rate of one survey point per 5,000 square feet of lined area. After the infiltration layer is completed, the top of infiltration layer elevations will be determined at the same locations as the subgrade elevations.

5 EROSION LAYER

5.1 General

The erosion layer consists of a soil with at least the top six inches capable of sustaining native plant growth. The CQA monitor shall provide continuous on-site observation during erosion layer placement to assure that erosion layer placement does not damage underlying materials. The GP shall make sufficient site visits during erosion layer placement to document the construction activities and thickness verification in the Final Cover Evaluation Report.

5.2 Materials

Erosion layer material shall consist of soil that is free from debris, rubbish, frozen materials, foreign objects, and organic material.

5.3 Preparation

Prior to placing the erosion layer material, the top of infiltration layer elevations shall be verified in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.8.3.

5.4 Placement

The erosion layer shall be placed in a manner that minimizes the potential to damage the underlying infiltration layer. Hauling equipment shall be restricted to haul roads of sufficient thickness to protect the underlying infiltration layer. The erosion layer shall be dumped from the haul road and spread by low ground pressure equipment.

The erosion layer will be seeded or sodded immediately following the application of final cover in order to minimize erosion.

Any infiltration layer material that, in the opinion of the CQA monitor, has been damaged by the erosion layer placement must be repaired and retested in accordance with Section 4.

5.5 Testing and Verification

The as-built thickness of the erosion layer shall be determined by standard survey methods. Prior to the placement of erosion layer, the top of infiltration layer elevations will be determined at a

minimum rate of 1 survey point per 5,000 square feet of lined area. After the erosion layer is completed, the top of the erosion layer elevations will be determined at the same locations as the top of infiltration layer elevations.

6 DOCUMENTATION

After construction of the final cover system, the GP will submit a Final Cover Evaluation Report to the TCEQ on behalf of the owner. The purpose of the Final Cover Evaluation Report is to document that the construction methods and test procedures are consistent with this FCQCP.

At a minimum, the Final Cover Evaluation Report will contain the following:

- A summary of all construction activities
- A summary of all laboratory and field test results
- Sampling and testing location drawings
- A description of significant construction problems and the resolution of these problems
- Record drawings
- A statement of compliance with the FCQCP
- The seal and signature of the GP and assistant GP, if applicable, in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act