# STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (NO. CI-2846)**

# FOR COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (SCHOLL CANYON LANDFILL)

#### A. GENERAL

- 1. This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP, No. CI-2846) is issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board), to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Discharger) for the Scholl Canyon Landfill (Landfill) pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) section 13267(b). The MRP is part of Order No. R4-2019-0xxx (Order), adopted by the Regional Water Board on March 14, 2019, that implements the requirements of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 27), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 258, and State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 93-62, and the CWC.
- 2. The principal purpose of a self-monitoring program by a waste discharger is:
  - To document compliance with discharge requirements and prohibitions established by the Regional Water Board;
  - b. To facilitate self-policing by the waste discharger in the prevention and abatement of pollution arising from waste discharge; and
  - c. To prepare water quality analyses.
- 3. The Discharger shall implement this MRP at the Landfill as required in the Order, starting the first monitoring period immediately following adoption of the Order.
- 4. The Discharger shall comply with the requirements of Title 27 section 20415 for any water quality monitoring program developed to satisfy Title 27 sections 20420, 20425, or 20430, as required in the Order, including this MRP.
  - a. Groundwater monitoring shall meet the requirements of Title 27 section 20415(b) and 40 CFR section 258.51 (a, c, and d);
  - b. Surface water monitoring shall meet the requirements of Title 27 section 20415(c) and NPDES requirements, as required in the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (NPDES No. CAS000001).

#### **B. REQUIRED REPORTS AND CONTINGENCY RESPONSE**

The Discharger shall submit the following reports to the State Water Board GeoTracker database system (Global ID L10009414153) in accordance with the schedules specified.

# 1. Semi-Annual Monitoring Report

A written monitoring report shall be submitted semi-annually by July 31 (for the period from January 1 to June 30) and January 31 (for the period from July 1 to December 31) of each year. Any reporting or tabulation requirements less than semi-annual in length (i.e., monthly or quarterly) shall be submitted in corresponding semi-annual reports. Semi-annual reports shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following items and sequence:

- a. Transmittal Letter: A letter transmitting the essential points of compliance with the Order shall accompany each report. The letter shall include a discussion of any violations found since the last such report was submitted and shall describe actions taken or planned for correcting those violations. If the Discharger has previously submitted a description of planned actions and a time schedule for correcting said violations, a reference to the correspondence transmitting the planned actions and corresponding schedule shall satisfy this requirement. If no violations have occurred since the last submittal, this shall be stated in the transmittal letter. Monitoring reports and the letter transmitting the monitoring reports shall be signed and certified in accordance with Section I.11 of the Order.
- b. Summary of Non-Compliance: The report shall identify all violations and describe the corrective action(s) taken or planned, including the schedule(s) for the corrective action(s) to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements. Significant aspects of any on-going corrective action measures conducted during the monitoring period shall also be described. This section shall be located at the front of the report and shall clearly list all non-compliance with discharge requirements as well as all exceedances of water quality protection standards.
- c. Site Conditions: General discussion of site conditions (geology, climate, 100-year 24-hour storm, and watershed specifics, etc.) relative to water quality monitoring.
- d. Narrative Description: A narrative discussion of the various monitoring activities and results for the site. Each requirement of Section C (Required Water Quality Monitoring and Inspection Program) of this MRP shall be specifically discussed.
- e. Laboratory Results: All monitoring analytical data obtained during the monitoring period shall be presented in tabular form and submitted to GeoTracker in Electronic Deliverable Format (EDF). Statements demonstrating compliance with Section C (Required Water Quality Monitoring and Inspection Program) of this MRP shall be included. Results of additional water sampling and analyses performed at the Landfill, outside of the requirements of this MRP, shall be summarized and reported. If the results of such additional sampling and analyses have or will be reported under separate cover, a statement shall be included in the monitoring report referencing the separate reporting.

- f. Management of Liquids: A summary of the total volumes, on a monthly basis, of Landfill leachate, gas condensate, and any contaminated subdrain water and groundwater extracted at the site, and how these liquids are handled.
- g. Waste Disposal Reporting: Waste disposal activities at the site, including:
  - *i.* A tabular list of the estimated average monthly quantities (in cubic yards and tons) deposited each month.
  - *ii.* An estimate of the remaining capacity (in cubic yards and tons) and the remaining life of the site in years and months.
  - iii. A certification that all wastes were deposited in compliance with the Regional Water Board's requirements and that no wastes were deposited outside of the boundaries of the waste management area.
  - *iv.* A description of the location and an estimate of the seepage rate or flow of all known seeps and springs at the site.
  - v. The estimated amount of water used at the waste management area for landscape irrigation, compaction, dust control, etc., during each month. (If a source other than potable water is used, the sources and amounts of water from each source shall also be reported.)
  - *vi.* The Discharger shall report all unacceptable wastes inadvertently received at this site and their disposition. The following details shall be included:
    - A. The source (if known), including the hauler, of the unacceptable wastes and date received and/or discovered.
    - B. Identification of waste (if known) and the amount of waste.
    - C. The name and address of the hauler who removed the waste from this site.
    - D. The ultimate point of disposal for the waste.
    - E. The Discharger's actions to prevent recurrence of the attempted depositing of unacceptable wastes by this source or individual.
    - F. If no unacceptable wastes were received (or discovered) during the month, the report shall so state.
- h. Map(s): Map(s) or aerial photograph(s) showing waste disposal and monitoring locations, relative physical features, and groundwater contours to the greatest degree of accuracy possible.

#### 2. Annual Summary Report

The Discharger shall submit an annual summary report to the Regional Water Board no later than January 31 of each year covering the previous monitoring year, which starts January 1 and ends December 31. This report may be combined with the semi-annual

report that is due on January 31 of each year. The annual summary report shall include at least the following:

- a. Discussion: Include a comprehensive discussion of the compliance record, any significant monitoring system and operational changes, a summary of corrective action results and milestones, and a review of construction projects, with water quality significance, completed or commenced in the past year or planned for the upcoming year.
- b. Graphical Presentation of Analytical Data: For each Monitoring Point, submit in graphical format the laboratory analytical data for all samples taken within at least the previous eight calendar years. Each such graph shall plot the concentration of one or more constituents over time for a given monitoring point, at a scale appropriate to show trends or variations in water quality. Maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) shall be graphed along with constituent concentrations where applicable. Graphs shall plot each datum, rather than plotting mean values.
- c. Map(s): Map(s) showing the areas where any significant events have taken place during the previous calendar year.
- d. A drainage control system maintenance report that includes, but is not limited to, the following information:
  - *i.* For the previous twelve months, a summary of the adequacy and effectiveness of the drainage control system to collect and divert the calculated volume of precipitation and peak flows resulting from a 100-year, 24-hour storm;
  - ii. A tabular summary of both new and existing drainage control structures, including the types and completion dates of maintenance activities performed for each of these structures; and
  - *iii.* A site map, 11 inches by 17 inches or larger, prepared by either aerial surveillance or a licensed surveyor, indicating the location of the elements listed in Section 2.d. *ii* above, and the flow direction of all Landfill drainage. The map shall be updated at least annually.

#### 3. Contingency Response

- a. Leachate Seep: The Discharger shall, within 24 hours of discovery, report to Regional Water Board staff by telephone any previously unreported seepage from the Landfill.
   A written report shall be filed with the Regional Water Board within seven days, and contain at least the following information:
  - i. Map A map showing the location(s) of seepage.
  - ii. Flow rate An estimate of the flow rate.
  - *iii.* Description A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses).
  - iv. Location Location of sample(s) collected for laboratory analysis, as appropriate.

- v. Corrective measures approved (or proposed for consideration) by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.
- b. Response to an Initial Indication of a Release: Should the initial statistical or nonstatistical comparison indicate that a release is tentatively identified, the Discharger shall:
  - *i.* Within 24 hours, verbally notify the designated Regional Water Board staff contact as to the monitoring point(s) and constituent(s) or parameter(s) involved;
  - ii. Provide written notification within seven days of such determination; and
  - iii. Do either of the following:
    - A. Carry out a discrete re-test in accordance with Section C.2.h. ii of this MRP. If the re-test confirms the existence of a release or the Discharger fails to perform the re-test, the Discharger shall carry out the release discovery response requirements in Section B.3.d and B.3.e (if applicable). In any case, the Discharger shall inform the Regional Water Board of the re-test outcome within 24 hours of validated results becoming available, following up with written results submitted within seven days, or
    - B. Make a determination, in accordance with Title 27 section 20420(k)(7) that a source other than the waste management unit caused the evidence of a release or that the evidence is an artifact caused by an error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or by natural variation in the groundwater, surface water, or the unsaturated zone.
- c. Physical Evidence of a Release: If either the Discharger or the Regional Water Board Executive Officer determines that there is significant physical evidence of a release (Title 27 section 20385(a)(3)), the Discharger shall conclude that a release has been discovered and shall:
  - *i.* Within seven days, notify the Regional Water Board of this fact (or acknowledge the Regional Water Board's determination).
  - *ii.* Carry out the requirements of Section B.3.d and B.3.e (if applicable) for all potentially affected monitored media.
  - *iii.* Carry out any additional investigations stipulated in writing by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer for the purpose of identifying the cause of the release.
- d. Release Discovery Response: If either the Discharger or the Regional Water Board Executive Officer concludes that a release has been discovered, the following steps shall be carried out:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In case the discrete re-test is triggered by detections of common laboratory contaminants (i.e., acetone, toluene, methylene chloride, and carbon disulfide) the Discharger may postpone the discrete re-test until after the next semi-annual monitoring event. Re-testing for constituents that are common laboratory contaminants will not be required unless the same pollutants are detected in the following semi-annual monitoring event.

- i. If this conclusion is not based upon monitoring for all constituents of concern (COCs), the Discharger shall sample for all COCs at all monitoring points in the affected medium (i.e. groundwater). Within seven days of receiving the laboratory analytical results, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board Executive Officer of the concentration of all COCs at each Monitoring Point. This notification shall include a synopsis showing, for each monitoring point, those constituents that exhibit an unusually high concentration.
- *ii.* The Discharger shall, within 90 days of discovering the release, submit an amended report of waste discharge proposing an evaluation monitoring program (EMP) that:
  - A. Meets the requirements of Title 27 sections 20420 and 20425.
  - B. Satisfies the requirements of 40 CFR section 258.55(g)(1)(ii) by installing at least one monitoring well at the facility boundary directly downgradient of the center of the release.
- *iii.* The Discharger shall, within 180 days of discovering a release, submit a preliminary engineering feasibility study for a corrective action program necessary to meet the requirements of Title 27 section 20430.
- iv. The Discharger shall immediately begin delineating the nature and extent of the release by installing and monitoring assessment wells as necessary to assure that it can meet the requirements of Title 27 section 20425 to submit a delineation report within 90 days of when the Regional Water Board Executive Officer directs the Discharger to begin the EMP.
- e. Release Beyond Facility Boundary: If the Discharger or Regional Water Board Executive Officer concludes that a release from the Landfill has proceeded beyond the facility boundary, the Discharger shall so notify all persons who either own or reside upon the land that directly overlies any part of the plume (Affected Persons) as follows:
  - i. Initial notification to Affected Persons shall be accomplished within 14 days of making this conclusion and shall include a description of the Discharger's current knowledge of the nature and extent of the release.
  - *ii.* Subsequent to initial notification, the Discharger shall provide updates to all Affected Persons, including any persons newly affected by a change in the boundary of the release, within 14 days of concluding there has been any material change in the nature or extent of the release.
  - *iii.* Each time the Discharger sends a notification to Affected Persons (under Sections 3.e.*i.* or 3.e.*ii*, above), it shall, within seven days of sending such notification, provide the Regional Water Board with both a copy of the notification and a current mailing list of Affected Persons.

# 4. Submitting of Reports

a. The Discharger shall submit all scheduled reports required in the Order, including those required by this MRP, pursuant to electronic submittal of information (ESI) reporting requirements, or as directed by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. Until directed otherwise by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer, all reports shall be submitted to the State Water Board GeoTracker data system in searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) files (Geotracker Global ID. L10009414153). In addition, all groundwater analytical data and monitoring well locations shall be submitted to GeoTracker in EDF. Documents that cannot be conveniently reviewed in electronic format, such as large maps or drawings, shall be submitted as hard copies to the Regional Water Board office as instructed by Regional Water Board staff.

#### b. All reports required in this MRP shall be addressed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90013 ATTN: Land Disposal Unit

#### C. REQUIRED WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Discharger shall conduct the following water quality monitoring and inspection program at the Landfill. Unless otherwise indicated, all monitoring data and inspection results shall be reported to the Regional Water Board as outlined in Section B (Required Reports and Contingency Response) of this MRP. In addition, Regional Water Board staff may conduct appropriate verification tests to confirm the accuracy of the Discharger's self-monitoring.

# 1. Environmental Monitoring Networks

The Discharger shall conduct analytical monitoring of groundwater, surface water, leachate, and the vadose (unsaturated) zone at the Landfill. The current environmental monitoring points for the Landfill are summarized in Table A-1 and their locations are displayed on Figures A-1 and Figure A-2.

#### 2. Water Quality Monitoring

a. Initial Full Appendix II Scan<sup>2</sup>: Within 30 days of the adoption of this Order, all downgradient groundwater monitoring points where a full Appendix II scan has not been performed within the last five years shall be sampled and analyzed for the presence or absence of all Appendix II constituents that are not yet on the Landfill's monitoring parameter (MPar) list. A full Appendix II scan shall also be performed at any new groundwater monitoring well within thirty days of its installation. For any Appendix II constituent detected in the scan that is not yet on the Landfill's MPar list, the Discharger shall resample for that constituent, within ninety days, at all monitoring points where the constituent(s) was detected. Any Appendix II constituent that is detected and confirmed at one or more groundwater monitoring points becomes a new

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An Appendix II Scan refers to a laboratory test that includes the analyses of all constituents listed in 40 CFR Part 258 Appendix II.

COC for the Landfill and shall be added to the Landfill's MPar list, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 258.55(b-d).

- b. COC List: As of the date of this MRP, the COC list for the Landfill consists of all those constituents listed in Table A-2. At any subsequent time, the COC list shall include: all Appendix II constituents detected and confirmed in the initial scan under Section C.2.a, all Appendix II constituents that have been detected and confirmed in the leachate scan required by this MRP, and any constituent added by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. The Discharger shall notify Regional Water Board staff of any such new addition to the COC list immediately, via phone, fax, or e-mail, shall note it in the Landfill's operating record within fourteen days of the verification, and shall report the addition of constituent(s) to the COC list in the next scheduled monitoring report.
- c. MPars: Current groundwater MPars at the Landfill are listed in Table A-2, including:
  - i. Indicator Parameters: These constituents are considered capable of providing reliable indication of a release from the Landfill. The Discharger shall apply the statistical analysis described in Section C.2.g or non-statistical analysis in Section C.2.h of this MRP to all groundwater monitoring data for indicator parameters obtained from all downgradient groundwater monitoring wells monitored pursuant to this MRP.
  - ii. Supplemental Parameters: These are inorganic constituents that provide important information regarding groundwater geochemistry but may not show significant variation in concentrations in groundwater in the event of a Landfill release. Monitoring data for supplemental parameters will generally be used to differentiate between any distinct groundwater aquifers and will not be subjected to routine statistical analysis.
  - iii. Other COCs: These include trace metals or other pollutants that have been detected and confirmed to be in leachate from the Landfill.
- d. Water Quality Protection Standards (WQPS): In accordance with Title 27 section 20390, the WQPS for the Landfill are established as natural background groundwater quality at the site, which is either the statistically predicted value (if the constituent exists naturally) or the laboratory detection limit (if the constituent does not naturally exist in groundwater).
- e. Development and Updating of Concentration Limits: The Discharger shall develop and submit to the Regional Water Board for the Executive Officer's approval, all Concentration Limits following the procedures provided in Section C.2.g. of this MRP. The revised concentration limits shall be submitted with the next semi-annual report, following the adoption of Regional Water Board Order No. R4-2019-00XX. The Discharger shall continue to develop and update concentration limits following the procedures provided in Section C.2.g.i of this MRP. The Discharger shall review concentration limits biannually in annual reports submitted to the Regional Water Board. When appropriate, new concentration limits shall be proposed. For any well/Mpar pair for which an intra-well comparison analysis is not applicable, the Discharger shall use an inter-well comparison analysis to determine whether water quality protection standards are violated.

- f. Groundwater Quality Monitoring The Discharger shall conduct the following groundwater monitoring activities at the Landfill:
  - i. Semi-annual monitoring shall be conducted at all downgradient groundwater monitoring wells listed on Table A-1 and shall be analyzed for all indicator parameters and supplemental parameters on a semi-annual basis (in April and October) and all other COCs on an annual basis (in October).
  - ii. Five-Year COC Scan Every five years, starting in 2021, the Discharger shall analyze a sample from all downgradient groundwater monitoring wells for the detectable presence (including trace determinations) of all COCs that are not yet on the MPar list. This constitutes the means by which the Discharger continues to meet the requirements of 40 CFR section 258.55(b)-(d).
    - A. During each such COC scanning event, the Discharger shall obtain and analyze a minimum of one sample from each monitoring well (sufficient to obtain a datum for each COC that is subject to the scan). Upon detecting (including trace value) a COC that is not yet on the MPar list, the Discharger shall, within thirty days, take a single resample from the monitoring well(s) from which the sample was taken and reanalyze it only for the newly-detected constituent(s).
    - B. Any COC detected in samples collected from a groundwater monitoring well, and verified by a retest, automatically becomes part of the MPar list for the facility. This constitutes the means by which the Discharger shall meet the requirements of 40 CFR section 258.55(d)(2).

## g. Statistical Data Analysis Methodology

- Intra-well comparison methods shall be used for all compliance wells for all constituents that are detectable at concentrations above their respective method detection limit (MDL) in ten percent or more of the background data to date. Initially, for each given MPar at a given downgradient monitoring well (well/MPar pair), the proposed background data set shall consist of all validated data from that compliance well and parameter, from the preceding five-year period. Every two years, following the adoption of this MRP, as part of the annual monitoring summary report, the Discharger shall add the newer data to the background data set for each well/MPar pair after validating (via a method approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer) that the new data does not indicate an increase over the existing background data. At that time, the Discharger shall also retire the well/MPar's oldest two years of background data, thereby producing a data set covering the previous five years. The Discharger shall validate the proposed intrawell background data set as follows for each MPar at each well (initially) or, subsequently, at a new well or for a new MPar at an existing well. The Discharger shall report the validated or updated background data set for each affected well/MPar pair in the next scheduled monitoring report. The Discharger may use an alternative statistical method or approach for development of concentration limits, if approved by Regional Water Board staff.
- ii. Per Title 27 section 20415(e)(9)(C), if a control chart approach is used to evaluate water quality monitoring data, the specific type of control chart and its associated

statistical parameter values (e.g., the upper control limit) shall be included in the supporting documentation as required by Title 27 section 20415(e)(7). The Discharger shall use the procedure only if this supporting documentation shows the procedure to be protective of human health and the environment. Any control charting procedure must have a false positive rate of no less than 1 percent for each monitoring point charted. For example, upper control limits on X-bar or R-Charts used only once every six months (where no composite retest is used) must be set at no more than 2.327 standard deviations of the statistic plotted for a one-sided statistical comparison, or at no more than 2.576 standard deviations of the statistic plotted for a two-sided statistical comparison.

- iii. In the event that an approved data analysis method provides a preliminary indication that a given MPar has a measurably significant increase at a given well, the Discharger shall conduct a verification procedure (retest) in accordance with Title 27 section 20415(e)(8)(E). To maintain sample independence, the retest sampling shall be conducted within 90 days of the initial sampling event and can be coordinated with the corresponding semi-annual sampling event. The verification procedure shall be performed only for the constituent(s) or parameter(s) that has shown "measurably significant" (as defined by Title 27 section 20164) evidence of a release and shall be performed only for those monitoring points at which a release is indicated.
- iv. For any COC or MPar that is detectable at concentrations above its respective MDL in 10% or less of the background data to date, the constituent's concentration limit shall be its MDL. A measurable exceedance of this concentration limit shall be determined by application of the non-statistical analysis method described in Section C.2.h of this MRP.
- v. Water Quality Monitoring Approach Except for COC scans, the monitoring approach used for each MPar at all compliance wells (well/MPar pair) shall be controlled by whether that MPar has exhibited a measurably significant increase at that well. Therefore, the Discharger shall monitor each well/MPar pair in one of two modes, as follows, either:
  - A. Detection Mode For an MPar that has not produced a measurably significant increase at that well, the purpose of monitoring for that well/MPar pair is to watch for the MPar's arrival at that well at a concentration strong enough to trigger a measurably significant indication using an appropriate statistical or nonstatistical data analysis method; or
  - B. Tracking Mode For an MPar that has produced a measurably significant increase at a given well, the purpose of the monitoring for that well/MPar pair is to verify the suitability and effectiveness of the existing or proposed corrective measures by tracking changes in the MPar's concentration at that location via an evolving concentration-versus-time plot.
- vi. Detection Mode Data Analyses The following applies to all detection mode data analyses (i.e., this section does not apply to the scans under Sections C.2.a or C.2.f.ii):

- A. MPars Readily Detectable in Background At any given monitoring point, the Discharger shall apply an appropriate statistical analysis for each detection mode MPar that exceeds its respective MDL in at least 10% of the applicable background data set;
- B. MPars Not Readily Detectable in Background For any monitoring point at which one or more MPars, in detection mode, exceed their respective MDL in less than 10% of the applicable background data set, the Discharger shall analyze the data for these MPars via the California Non-statistical Data Analysis Method (CNSDAM) test described in Section C.2.h of this MRP.
- h. California Non-statistical Data Analysis Method (CNSDAM)
  - i. Non-Statistical Method for Detection Mode for MPars Seldom Found in Background - For any given compliance (downgradient) well, regardless of the monitoring program (DMP, EMP, AMP, or CAP), the Discharger shall use this data analysis method, jointly, for all constituents on the "scope list" in Section C.2.h.i.A of this MRP (or, for each retest sample, the modified scope list of Section C.2.h.ii.B).
    - A. Scope List Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, the Discharger shall create a current "scope list" showing each detection mode MPar, at that well, that exceeds its MDL in less than 10% of its background data.
    - B. Two Triggers From the scope list made under Section C.2.h.i.A, for an initial test (or, for a retest, the modified scope list under Section C.2.h.ii.B), the Discharger shall identify each MPar in the current sample from that well that exceeds either its respective MDL or PQL. The Discharger shall conclude that these exceeding MPars provide a preliminary indication that a given MPar has a measurably significant increase at a given well (or, for a retest, provide a measurably significant indication) of a change in the nature or extent of the release, at that well, if either:
      - (a) Two or more of the MPars on a monitoring well's scope list exceed their respective MDL; or
      - (b) At least one of the MPars on a monitoring well's scope list equals or exceeds its respective PQL.
  - ii. Discrete Retest [Title 27 section 20415(e)(8)(E)]:
    - A. In the event that the Discharger concludes (pursuant to Section C.2.h.i.B) that there is a preliminary indication that a given MPar has a measurably significant increase at a given well, then the Discharger shall immediately notify Regional Board staff by phone, fax, or e-mail and, within 30 days of such indication, shall collect two new (re-test) samples from the indicating compliance well. To maintain sample independence, the retest sampling shall be conducted within 90 to 100 days of the initial sampling event.
    - B. For any given compliance well, the Discharger shall analyze the retest samples only for those constituents indicated in that well's original test, under Section

C.2.h.i.B of this MRP, and these constituents shall comprise the well's "modified scope list." As soon as the retest data are available, the Discharger shall apply the same test (under Section C.2.h.i.B, but using this modified scope list) to separately analyze each of the two suites of retest data at that compliance well.

- C. If either (or both) of the retest samples trips either (or both) of the triggers under Section C.2.h.i.B, then the Discharger shall conclude that there is a measurably significant increase at that well for the constituent(s) indicated in the validating retest sample(s). Furthermore, thereafter, the Discharger shall monitor the indicated constituent(s) in tracking mode at that well, remove the constituent(s) from the scope list created for that well, notify the Regional Water Board in writing, and highlight this conclusion and these changes in the next scheduled monitoring report and in the Landfill's operating record.
- i. Groundwater Flow Direction the Discharger shall measure the water level in each well listed in Table A-1 at least quarterly and determine the presence of horizontal and vertical gradients and groundwater flow rate and direction for the respective groundwater body. The Discharger shall determine groundwater flow direction by water level readings monitoring wells listed in Table A-1.
- j. Leachate Monitoring The Discharger shall conduct leachate monitoring at all leachate collection sumps at the Landfill as follows:
  - i. Annual Appendix II Constituent Scan Leachate samples shall be taken at each monitoring point each year during the month of September. The samples shall be analyzed for all Appendix II Constituents in 40 CFR part 258.
  - ii. Retest If any constituents that are not in the COC list are detected in the leachate sampling event at any sampling point, the Discharger shall resample the leachate at that point in March and analyze the sample for those detected constituents. If any such constituent is confirmed to be in the leachate, the Discharger shall add the constituent to the COC list and report this to the Regional Water Board within two weeks of the confirmation.
  - *iii.* Reporting Leachate monitoring results shall be included in the semi-annual and annual report that covers the period during which the monitoring is conducted.
- k. Vadose Zone Monitoring Vadose zone monitoring at the Landfill shall be conducted semi-annually and include:
  - i. Landfill Gas Monitoring The Discharger shall include in the semi-annual reports all monthly gas probe monitoring results conducted in accordance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1150.1. If Landfill-related gases are detected above a methane gas concentration in excess of five percent by volume, the Discharger shall implement the following program:
    - a. Perform an evaluation to determine the source of the methane (i.e., thermogenic due to local natural petroleum deposits or landfill-related). If the methane is determined to be thermogenic, no action related to the groundwater program will be necessary.

- b. If the evaluation of methane source indicates that it is Landfill-related, the Discharger shall sample the nearest groundwater monitoring well listed in Table A-1 and complete applicable provision of groundwater monitoring well sampling and analysis for Appendix I VOCs, as described in Section C.2 of this MRP for downgradient groundwater monitoring wells.
- Surface Water Monitoring Surface water monitoring is not required in this MRP because requirements for monitoring runoff at the Landfill are contained in the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Industrial Activities and Regional Water Board Order No. R4-2011-0052, to which the Landfill is subject.
- m. Water Used on Site for Irrigation and Dust Control: The Discharger shall record the amount of water used on site for the purposes of irrigation and dust control from each source on a monthly basis. Each water source, other than potable water, shall be sampled quarterly and analyzed for pH, heavy metals, nitrate, and VOCs.

#### 3. Site Inspections

The Discharger shall inspect the Landfill in accordance with the following schedule, and, at a minimum, shall include the standard observations listed in section C.3.c below.

- a. During the wet season (October through April), following each storm that produces storm water runoff or on a monthly basis if no storm produces runoff during the month.
- b. During the dry season, a minimum of one inspection shall be performed every three months.
- c. Standard Observations during a site inspection shall include at least the following:
  - i. Evidence of any surface water leaving or entering the waste management unit, estimated size of affected area, and estimated flow rate (show affected area on map).
  - *ii.* Evidence of odors; presence or absence, characterization, source, and distance of travel from source.
  - iii. Evidence of erosion and/or of exposed refuse.
  - iv. Inspection of all storm water discharge locations for evidence of non-storm water discharges during dry seasons and integrity of the drainage system during wet seasons.
  - v. Evidence of ponded water at any point on the waste management facility (show affected area on map).
  - vi. Compliance with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, ensuring that the terms of the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Industrial Activities, are properly implemented.
  - vii. Integrity of all drainage systems.

### D. SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

# 1. Sampling and Analytical Methods

Sample collection, storage, and analysis shall be performed according to the most recent version of Standard USEPA Methods (USEPA publication "SW-846") and in accordance with a sampling and analysis plan acceptable to the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. A State of California approved laboratory, accredited by the State of California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP), shall perform water analysis. Specific methods of analysis must be identified. The director of the laboratory whose name appears on the certification shall supervise all analytical work in his/her laboratory and shall sign reports of such work submitted to the Regional Water Board. In addition, the Discharger is responsible for seeing that the laboratory analysis of samples from all monitoring points meets the following restrictions:

- a. The methods of analysis and the detection limits used must be appropriate for the expected concentrations. For detection monitoring of any constituent or parameter that is found in concentrations which produce more than 90% non-numerical determinations (i.e., trace) in historical data for that medium, the SW-846 analytical method having the lowest MDL shall be selected.
- b. Trace results (results falling between the MDL and the practical quantitation limit (PQL)) for organic compounds shall be reported as such.
- c. MDL and PQL shall be derived by the laboratory for each analytical procedure, according to State of California ELAP procedures. Both limits shall reflect the detection and quantitation capabilities of the specific analytical procedure and equipment used by the laboratory. If the laboratory suspects that, due to a change in matrix or other effects, the true detection limit or quantitation limit for a particular analytical run differs significantly from the laboratory-derived values, the results shall be flagged accordingly and an estimate of the limit actually achieved shall be included.
- d. For each MPar addressed during a given reporting period, the Discharger shall include in the monitoring report a listing of the prevailing MDL and PQL for that MPar together with an indication as to whether the MDL, PQL, or both have changed since the prior reporting period. The Discharger shall require the analytical laboratory to report censored data (trace level and non-detect determinations). In the event that an MPar's MDL and/or PQL change, the Discharger shall highlight that change in the report's summary and the report shall include an explanation for the change that is written and signed by the owner/director of the analytical laboratory.
- e. Applicable quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) data shall be reported along with the sample results. Sample results shall be reported unadjusted for blank results or spike recovery. The QA/QC data submittal shall include:
  - i. The method, equipment, and analytical detection limits.
  - *ii.* The recovery rates, including an explanation for any recovery rate that is outside the USEPA-specified recovery rate.

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- iii. The results of equipment and method blanks.
- iv. The results of spiked and surrogate samples.
- v. The frequency of quality control analysis.
- vi. The name and qualifications of the person(s) performing the analyses.
- f. QA/QC analytical results involving detection of common laboratory contaminants in any sample shall be reported and flagged for easy reference.
- g. Non-targeted chromatographic peaks shall be identified, quantified, and reported to a reasonable extent. When significant unknown peaks are encountered, second column or second method confirmation procedures shall be performed in an attempt to identify and more accurately quantify the unknown analyte(s).

#### 2. Records to be Maintained

Analytical records shall be maintained by the Discharger or laboratory and shall be retained for a minimum of five years. The period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation or when directed by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. These records and reports are public documents and shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the Regional Water Board office. Such records shall show the following for each sample:

- a. Identity of sample and the actual monitoring point designation from which it was taken, along with the identity of the individual who obtained the sample.
- b. Date and time of sampling.
- c. Date and time that analyses were started and completed and the name of personnel performing each analysis.
- d. Complete procedure used, including method of preserving the sample and the identity and volumes of reagents used.
- e. Results of analyses and MDL and PQL for each analysis.

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**TABLE A-1:** Landfill Monitoring Locations

Media Monitored	Monitoring Points	Location
Groundwater	M01A, M02B, M03A, M04B, M05A, M06B, M07A, M08B, M09A, and M10B (near the barrier)	Downgradient
	M17A, M18A, and M18B (off site)	Downgradient Off-site

**TABLE A-2**: Constituents of Concern at the Landfill

Monitoring Parameters (MPars)			
Indicator Parameters* Supp		Supplemental Parameters	Other COCs
Inorganic Parameters:  Alkalinity, total Ammonia, nitrogen Chemical oxygen demand (COD) Chloride Nitrate-N Sodium Sulfate Potassium, total Total dissolved solids (TDS) Total organic carbon (TOC) :	Appendix I VOCs: 1,2-Dichlorobenzene Acetone Benzene Bromodichloromethane Chlorobenzene Chloroform Dichlorodbenzene Ethylbenzene 1,1-Dichloroethane 1,2-Dichloroethane 1,2-Dichloroethylene Tetrachloroethylene Toluene 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Trichloroethylene Vinyl Chloride  Other Organics: Dichlorodifluoromethane (DCDFM) Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) 1,4-Dioxane	Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) Boron, total Bromide Calcium, total Carbon dioxide, lab Fluoride Iron, total Magnesium, total Manganese, total pH, field Sodium, total Sulfide Specific conductance, field Temperature, field Turbidity, field	Metals: Antimony Arsenic Barium Beryllium Cadmium Chromium, total Cobalt Copper Lead Mercury Nickel Selenium Silver Thallium Vanadium Zinc  Any other pollutants detected and confirmed in Landfill leachate or added by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer

<sup>\*</sup>Any modification to the list of Indicator Parameters evaluated through statistical analysis based on source (leachate) concentration or related information must be fully described in each corresponding semi-annual monitoring report.

Scholl Canyon Landfill Vicinity Map E02A E01A EW4B **LS** 4 Feet 20 EW6A 0 Alluvial Extraction Well with Pump Removed Contours (5 ft interval) Monitoring Well Limit of Refuse Extraction Well Site Boundary Barrier 1 Legend

FIGURE A-1: EXISTING COMPLIANCE GROUNDWATER MONITORING LOCATIONS

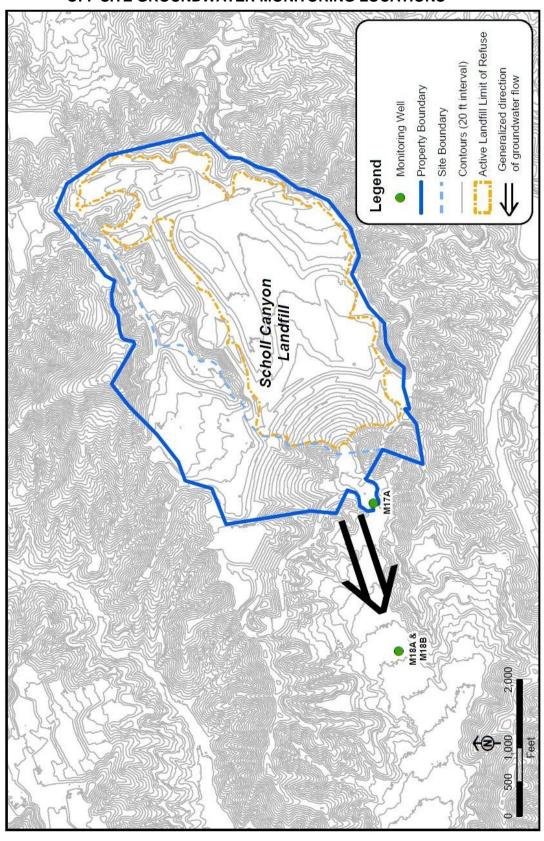


FIGURE A-2: OFF SITE GROUNDWATER MONITORING LOCATIONS