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# 1 Introduction

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued Greenstar with Waste Licence Reg. No. W0178-01 for its landfill at Killagh More, Ballybaun, Ballintober, Ballinasloe, County Galway on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2004. Following a review of the licence by the Agency, a revised Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02) was issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

The facility is located approximately 2 km west of Kilconnell village. The facility has been in operation since December 2005. Greenstar commissioned Tobin Consulting Engineers (hereafter referred to as TOBIN) to prepare the Annual Environmental Report (AER) for the facility for the reporting period January 2010 to December 2010. This report has been prepared in accordance with Condition 11.11 and Schedule G of Waste Licence 178-02.

The facility is situated in east County Galway, approximately 16 km west of the town of Ballinasloe. The landfill is located in an area bounded to the north by the Athenry to Ballinasloe road (R348) with local roads immediately to the east and south; the L7442 and the L7439, respectively. A site location map is provided in Appendix A.

This report addresses Condition 11.11 of Waste Licence 178-02.

Condition 11.11 states that:

11.9.1 – The licensee shall submit to the Agency for its agreement by 31st March each year, an Annual Environmental Report (AER) covering the previous year.

11.9.2 – The AER shall include as a minimum the information specified in Schedule G: Content of Annual Environmental Report of this licence and shall be prepared in accordance with any written relevant guidance issued by the Agency.

This report addresses the items listed in Schedule G: Content of Annual Environmental Report of the waste licence for the facility. This AER covers the reporting period from  $1^{st}$  January 2010 to  $31^{st}$  December 2010.

# 2 Waste Activities & Records

#### 2.1 WASTE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT THE FACILITY

The Connaught Regional Residual Landfill (CRRL) is a fully engineered and contained landfill site. It is licensed to accept 100,000 tonnes per annum of waste, as follows:

#### Table 2-1Waste Acceptance Tonnages at CRRL – 2010

Waste Type	Maximum (Tonnes per Annum)		
Household	45,000		
Commercial	27,500		
Industrial non-hazardous	24,500		
Asbestos Waste	3,000		
Total	100,000		

Note: The tonnage of household waste, commercial and industrial non-hazardous waste may be altered with the prior agreement of

the agency provided that the total amount of these wastes accepted at the facility does not exceed the combined tonnage of 97,000 tonnes (as specified in Table 2-1).

The facility is also licensed to accept 27,320 tonnes per annum of inert waste for recover for the purposes of restoration and aftercare.

Waste activities at the facility are restricted to those outlined in *Part 1 - Activities Licensed of the Waste Licence.* Licensed waste disposal and recovery activities are summarised in Table 2-2 and Table 2-3 below.

# Table 2-2 Licensed Waste Disposal Activities (3rd Schedule of Waste Management Acts, 1996 - 2010)

	Acts, 1770 - 2010)
Class 1	Deposit on, in or under land (including landfill): This activity is limited to the disposal of non-hazardous waste into lined cells.
Class 4	Surface impoundment, including placement of liquid or sludge discards into pits, ponds or lagoons: This activity is limited to the management of leachate and surface water at the facility.
Class 5	Specifically engineered landfill, including placement into discrete lined cells which are capped and isolated from one another and the environment: This is the principal activity. This activity is limited to the disposal of non- hazardous waste into lined cells.
Class 6	Biological treatment not referred to elsewhere in this Schedule which results in final compounds or mixtures which are disposed of by means of any activity referred to in paragraphs 1 to 10 of this Schedule: This activity is limited to potential future treatment of leachate at the facility

Class 13	Storage prior to submission of any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where the waste concerned is produced:
	This activity is limited to the temporary storage of unacceptable wastes in the waste quarantine area prior to dispatch off-site to an alternative facility.

# Table 2-3Licensed Waste Recovery Activities (4th Schedule of Waste ManagementActs 1996 - 2010)

	Recycling or reclamation of other inorganic materials:
Class 4	This activity is limited to the use of material reclaimed from construction and demolition waste for the purposes of fill, daily cover, road construction and other uses.
	Use of waste obtained from any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of the Schedule:
Class 11	This activity is limited to the use of material reclaimed from construction and demolition waste for the purposes of fill, daily cover, road construction and other uses.
Class 13	Storage of waste intended for submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where such waste is produced:
	This activity is limited to the temporary storage prior to use of material reclaimed from construction and demolition waste for the purposes of fill, daily cover, road construction and other uses.

#### 2.2 WASTE QUANTITIES AND COMPOSITION 2005 - 2010

The quantities and types of wastes accepted for disposal and recovery at CRRL between 2005 and 2010 are summarised in Table 2.4 below.

#### Table 2-4 Quantities of waste accepted, disposed of and recovered at CRRL from 2005 - 2010

Waste Type Disposed	Description	Total Accepted 2005 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2006 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2007 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2008 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2009 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2010 (tonnes)	Licence Limit (tonnes)
Household		-	44,221.00	46,733.69	66,578.41	61,470.22	43,023.8	45,000
Commercial		-	27,024.00	27,494.63	30,730.16	35,500.04	54,983.7	27,500
Industrial non- hazardous	Misc. Non-Hazardous Industrial solid wastes	-	27,023.00	27,402.73	999.52	2667.85	3,729.9	27,500
Total Waste Disposed		161.50	98,268.00	101,631.05	98,308.09	99,638.11	101,737.4	100,000
Waste Type Recovered	Description	Total Accepted 2005 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2006 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2007 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2008 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2009 (tonnes)	Total Accepted 2010 (tonnes)	Licence Limit (tonnes)
Cover / Engineering Material	Shredded timber - reused on site	-	2,690	4,482.60	6,950.90	4,121.50	2,942.14	
Cover / Engineering Material	Recovered C&D Rubble reused on site	-	1,202	989.14	255.01	-	1,080.26	-
Cover / Engineering Material	Soil and fine material reused on site for daily and intermediate cover and liner protection	-	14,538	23,692.17	6,711.11	803.32	2,800.92	-
Total Waste Recovered		-	18,430	29,163.91	13,917.02	4,924.82	6,823.32	27,320
Total Site Intake		_	116,698	130,794.96	112,225.11	104,562.93	108560.75	127,320

#### 2.3 CALCULATED REMAINING CAPACITY OF THE FACILITY

It is estimated that the facility accepted approximately 120,000m<sup>3</sup> of waste in 2010. The remaining capacity of the facility has been calculated to be 881,138m<sup>3</sup>.

#### 2.4 METHODS OF DEPOSITION OF WASTE

Waste is delivered to the CRRL facility in heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) with the appropriate covers in place to prevent any loss of load. Each HGV passes over a weighbridge prior to proceeding to the active waste disposal area and the weight of the vehicle plus load is recorded. The weighbridge operator and/or facility manager can, at their discretion, request that the load be tipped in the waste inspection area if it is considered that the load may contain unsuitable waste. Waste vehicles normally proceed to the active waste disposal area where waste is deposited under the direction and supervision of a banks man.

Waste is deposited directly on a surface of waste close to and above the advancing tipping face. In accordance with Condition 5.3 of the Waste Licence, the active working face is confined to a height of 2.5 metres after compaction, a width of 25 metres and a slope no greater than 1 in 3. Deposited waste is spread in shallow layers on the inclined surface and compacted. The steel-wheeled compactor operates on the gradient of the more shallow face, pushing thin layers of wastes and applying compaction pressure to them. Light waste is mixed with heavier materials or covered with permeable soil drawn from stockpiles of heavy inert waste or fine sand stockpiles located on the site. Alternative fabric cover systems are also utilised as appropriate.

## **3** Report on Environmental Emissions

This summary report has been compiled in accordance with emission limit values (ELVs) for the following media as detailed in Condition 6 and Schedule C of the current Waste Licence.

- Dust
- Noise
- Landfill Gas
- Surface Water Discharge (measured at SW6 & SW7)

#### 3.1 DUST DEPOSITION LIMITS

Dust deposition emission limit values as stipulated in Licence 178-02 are detailed in Table 3-1.

#### Table 3-1 Dust Deposition ELVs

Level (mg/m²/day)	
350	

Dust monitoring was conducted at five locations on a quarterly basis during the 2010 reporting period, as illustrated on Drawing 3588 – 1604 (see Appendix A). Alcontrol Laboratories (Dublin) and City Analysts Limited (Dublin) conducted analysis on the dust deposition samples from the facility. Dust reports were included in all quarterly environmental monitoring reports issued to the Agency during 2010.

Dust monitoring results were below the required ELV (350 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) during all monitoring events in 2010, with the exception of D5 (552 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) during Q4. However, this elevated result was directly attributable to falling leaves from trees adjacent to D5 (see Section 7.5.2) and was not attributable to facility operations.

#### 3.2 Noise Emissions

Noise emission limit values as stipulated in Licence 178-02 are detailed in Table 3-2 below.

#### Table 3-2 Noise Emission

Day Db(A) LAeq (15 minutes)	Night dB(A) LAeq (15 minutes)
55	45

Noise monitoring was conducted at five monitoring locations on a quarterly basis during 2010. Results from these noise monitoring events were issued to the Agency as part of the quarterly environmental monitoring reports for 2010.

The measured noise levels were all within the ELV of 55 dB (A) (daytime) as set out in Schedule D of Waste Licence W0178-02, with the exception of N5 during Q2, Q3 & Q4 2010. However, these exceedances were as a result of passing traffic on the R348 (see Section 7.7.2) and were not attributable to facility operations.

# 3.3 LANDFILL GAS CONCENTRATIONS (IN ANY BUILDINGS ON/ADJACENT TO THE FACILITY)

Landfill gas emission limit values as stipulated in Schedule C.2 of Waste Licence 178-02 are detailed in Table 3-3 below.

#### Table 3-3 Landfill Gas Concentrations

Methane	Carbon Dioxide
20% LEL (1% v/v)	1.5% v/v

#### 3.3.1 LANDFILL GAS MONITORING WELLS

Methane concentrations exceeded the ELV in 7 no. monitoring wells during Q1 (LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22, LG23 & LG24), 6 no. monitoring wells during Q2 (LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22 & LG24), 5 no. during Q3 (LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22 & LG23) and 7 no. monitoring wells during Q4 (LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22, LG23 & LG24).

Carbon dioxide concentrations exceeded the ELV in 17 no. monitoring wells during Q1 (LG5, LG6, LG6-A, LG8, LG9, LG10, LG11, LG15, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG26 & LG28), 15 no. monitoring wells during Q2 (LG5, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG21, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG26, LG27, LG28 & LG 29), 15 no. monitoring wells during Q3 (LG5, LG9, LG11, LG15, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG21, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG26, LG28 & LG29) and 15 no. monitoring wells during Q4 (LG3, LG4, LG5, LG6-A, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG26 & LG28).

Gas monitoring carried out by White Young & Green (WYG) at CRRL in December 2005, prior to waste acceptance at the facility, identified elevated  $CH_4$  and  $CO_2$  levels at several perimeter boreholes. Their report concluded that the source of elevated methane and/or carbon dioxide in perimeter gas monitoring wells is attributed to the continuous decay of organic peat. All exceedances were reported to the Agency in a landfill gas incident report after each monthly monitoring event.

#### 3.3.2 LANDFILL GAS IN BUILDINGS

There were no instances of gas levels in Buildings/Offices breaching Landfill Gas Concentration limits specified in Schedule C.2 during 2010.

#### 3.4 SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE LIMITS (MEASURED AT SW6 & SW7)

Surface water discharge emission limit values at monitoring locations SW6 and SW7 as stipulated in Schedule C.4 of Waste Licence 178-02 are detailed in Table 3-4 below.

Table 3-4	Surface Water Discharge Limits
	Level (Suspended Solids mg/l)
	35 mg/l

Suspended solids concentrations at SW6, SW7 complied with the 35mg/L ELVs during all monitoring events throughout 2010.

## 4 Summary of Environmental Monitoring Results

Environmental Monitoring was conducted at the CRRL facility in accordance with Schedule D of the Waste Licence throughout the reporting period. All monitoring results from 2010 were presented to the Agency in the quarterly environmental monitoring reports and are summarised below. The locations of all environmental monitoring points are illustrated on Drawing 1322/01/01 in Appendix A.

#### 4.1 BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

#### 4.1.1 ELECTROFISHING SURVEY

Stillwaters Consultancy was commissioned to undertake an electro-fishing survey on selected sites in the environs of the CRRL Landfill facility. The objective of the survey was to characterise fish populations in the streams within the vicinity of the landfill site.

The survey was carried out on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010. The results were submitted to the Agency as part of the Q3 2010 environmental monitoring report, and are summarised below in Table 4-1 below.

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Site	Location	Site Description	Species Recorded 2008 <sup>(Note 1 &amp; 2)</sup>	Species Recorded 2009 <sup>(Note 1 &amp; 2)</sup>	Species Recorded 2010 <sup>(Note 1 &amp; 2)</sup>
Site A	M708 297	Overgrown bog drain Peaty Substrate	Sticklebacks (p)	Sticklebacks (p) Gammarus (p)	Sticklebacks (p)
Site B	M712 302	Bog Drain ca. 1.5m deep, very overgrown	Sticklebacks (p)	Stickleback (p)	Stickleback (p)
Site C	M707 304	Shallow Stream ca. 5-10cm. Clean gravely substrate maintained by local farmer.	Sticklebacks (c) Gammarus (p)	Sticklebacks (p) Gammarus (p)	Sticklebacks (p) Gammarus (p)
Site D	M709 309	Channel completely overgrown. Upstream Site Surveyed from 2008 on Site more open in 2010	Sticklebacks (c)	No Species Recorded	Sticklebacks (pl)
Site E	M699 313	Mainly silt with some rock. Channel overgrown except for stretch fish	Stickleback (p)	Trout 1+(p) Sticklebacks (p)	Trout 1+ (p) Sticklebacks (p) Pike (p)
Site G	M682 308	Shaded channel under bank cover. Good gravel and cobble substrate, Suitable salmonid habitat	Trout 0+ (pl) Trout 1+ (c) Stoneloach (p) Sticklebacks (p) Crawfish (pl) Gudgeon (p)	Trout 0+ (a) Trout 1+ (c) Stoneloach (p) Sticklebacks (p) Crawfish (p)	Trout 0+(pl) Trout 1 + (c) Stoneloach (p) Sticklebacks (p) Crawfish (p) Pike (p)

Table 4-1	Results of Electro	<b>Fishing Survey</b>	(2008-2010)
	Results of Electro		(2000 2010)

**Note 1:** (p) = Present, (c) = Common, (pl) = Plentiful, (a) = Abundant.

Note 2: Trout 0+ = trout in their 1st year but not yet 1 year old, Trout 1+ = trout in their 2nd year but not yet 2 years old.

#### 4.1.2 SMALL STREAM RISK SCORE (SSRS) ASSESSMENT FOR CRRL 2010

Biological assessment of the surface water quality was carried out by Openfield Ecological Services at four locations (upstream and downstream locations) along two streams at the Connaught Regional Residual Landfill at Ballybaun, Kilconnell, Co. Galway. This information was then used to determine the SSRS, in accordance with the Western River Basin District Project's methodology (WRBD, 2005). The SSRS assessment method replaces the EPA Q-Rating system undertaken historically at the site. The EPA Q-Rating system was replaced following an EPA observation made in light of a site audit and subsequent report issued on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The audit report observed *"Given the low flows in the waters concerned, the appropriateness of the EPA Q-Rating system should be considered. A survey system for small catchments has been developed by the EPA in conjunction with the River Basin Districts and provides a tool suitable for pinpointing areas most affected by pollution problems".* Through subsequent consultation with consultants (as advised by the agency) it was deemed that the SSRS assessment method represented a more suitable assessment tool.

The site analysis took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2010 and was forwarded to the Agency as part of the Q4 2010 environmental monitoring report. A summary of the SSRS results are presented in Table 4-2 below.

Sampling code	Small Stream Risk	Score Risk Assessment
IN1	0.8	At Risk
IN2	2.4	At Risk
IN3	3.2	At Risk
IN4	5.6	At Risk

Although not directly comparable to the EPA Q value methodology, the result of the 2010 assessment provided by the SSRS, which categorises each of the streams monitored as being "At Risk", is broadly in line with the previous findings (IN1, IN2 and IN3 = seriously polluted and IN4 = moderately polluted).

#### 4.2 SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Surface water monitoring was conducted at 6 no. monitoring locations (SW1, SW3, SW4, SW5, SW6 & SW7) during 2010. It should be noted that monitoring was not carried out at SW2 during 2010 as it was dry during all four quarterly monitoring events. Quarterly surface water samples were analysed for parameters stipulated in Schedule D.5 of Waste Licence 178-02. Surface water sampling results were forwarded to the Agency as part of the quarterly environmental monitoring reports Q1 - Q4 2010.

#### 4.2.1 SURFACE WATER MONITORING RESULTS

Suspended solids concentrations were below the ELV at SW6 and SW7 during all monitoring events in 2010. As per Waste Licence 178-02 no ELV for suspended solids applies to any additional surface water monitoring locations. However, suspended solids concentrations from all other surface water monitoring locations were compared to this ELV for guidance. All additional surface water monitoring locations were below the ELV during 2010, with the exception of SW1 (96 mg/l) during Q2. This elevated concentration was recorded upstream of the facility and was not related to site activity.

pH and conductivity results were found to be within normal ranges for natural uncontaminated surface waters. Chloride concentrations ranged from <10 mg/l to 47 mg/l (Upstream at SW1) during 2010. Ammoniacal nitrogen peaked during Q1 2010 (1.49 mg/l at SW 6), however levels reduced and stabilised over the following quarterly monitoring events of 2010. Results for all surface water parameters tested during 2010 are presented below.



Figure 4-1 SW pH Results at CRRL 2010

#### Table 4-3SW pH Results at CRRL 2010

pH Units (mg/l)	March	Мау	July	November
SW1	7.83	7.77	7.44	7.56
SW2*	-	-	-	-
SW3	7.57	7.49	7.07	7.42
SW4	7.7	7.53	7.18	7.41
SW5	7.93	7.87	7.49	7.79
SW6	7.9	7.96	7.83	7.99
SW7	8.07	7.84	7.65	7.85



Figure 4-2 SW Conductivity Results at CRRL 2010

Table 4-4	SW Conductivity Results at CRRL 2010	

Electrical Conductivity (mg/l)	March	Мау	July	November
SW1	635	696	436	500
SW2*	-	-	-	-
SW3	471	574	259	356
SW4	622	614	436	362
SW5	689	746	464	517
SW6	749	792	628	568
SW7	632	597	633	638



Figure 4-3 SW Chloride Results at CRRL 2010

Chloride (mg/l)	March	Мау	July	November
SW1	11.18	47.49	10	12
SW2*	-	-	-	-
SW3	20.76	24.93	13.48	18
SW4	11.26	11.59	15.69	13
SW5	20.25	17.44	10.95	14
SW6	19.09	16.55	10.01	10
SW7	10.15	10.53	10	11

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Ammonical Nitrogen (mg/l)	March	Мау	July	November
SW1	0.1	0.1	0.92	0.18
SW2*	-	-	-	-
SW3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.18
SW4	0.1	0.1	0.19	0.71
SW5	0.64	0.32	0.16	0.34
SW6	1.49	0.62	0.29	0.36
SW7	0.1	0.1	0.11	0.01

#### Table 4-6SW Ammoniacal Nitrogen Results at CRRL 2010





Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	March	Мау	July	November
SW1	30	96 13		4
SW2*	-	-	-	-
SW3	13	5	2	2
SW4	15	15 2 2		10
SW5	3	2	3	5
SW6	2	8	2	8
SW7	2	4	2	4

#### 4.3 GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Groundwater monitoring was conducted at eight locations during 2010, in accordance with Schedule D.1 and D.5 of Waste Licence 178-02.

The trigger levels for groundwater parameters are reviewed annually and were last revised in the 2008 AER (as presented in Table 4-8 below). These trigger levels were used in 2009 and 2010. Greenstar requested Agency agreement of these trigger levels in on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009 in response to a related Agency audit observation. It is recommended that the trigger levels remain unchanged for the 2011 monitoring period.

Parameter	Units	GW1-A	GW2	GW3	GW4-A	GW5-A	GW6	GW7	GW8
Potassium	mg/l	1.92	2.88	1.44	1.08	21.00	4.20	3.00	0.96
Sodium	mg/l	14.40	20.40	16.32	17.22	20.40	50.40	37.20	20.40
pH (lower limit)	pH Units	5.73	5.35	5.56	5.77	5.70	5.54	5.87	5.28
рН	pH Units	9.02	9.79	9.38	9.14	9.22	10.56	9.53	9.61
Chloride	mg/l	20.40	46.80	24.00	39.60	32.40	24.00	18.00	37.20
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	mg/l	1.92	6.36	5.40	3.60	8.52	7.44	2.40	3.72
тос	mg/l	60.00	55.20	27.60	60.00	74.40	48.00	21.60	39.60

Table 4-8Groundwater Trigger Values from 2010 Analyses as Revised in the 2008AER

Groundwater levels were recorded on a monthly basis during 2010 and the results are presented in Figure 4-6 below. The recorded water levels remained relatively constant while allowing for seasonal variation during 2010.



Figure 4-6 Monthly Groundwater Levels at CRRL – 2010



Figure 4-7 Groundwater pH Results at CRRL – 2010

	Trigger Values						
рн (pH Units)	pH Lower Limit	pH Upper Limit	March	Мау	July	November	
GW 1 – A	5.73	9.02	6.99	7.46	6.67	6.72	
GW 2	5.35	9.79	7.12	7.78	6.86	6.95	
GW 3	5.56	9.38	7.34	7.62	6.93	6.93	
GW 4 – A	5.77	9.14	7.09	7.63	6.95	7.01	
GW 5 – A	5.70	9.22	7.19	7.51	6.83	6.91	
GW 6	5.54	10.56	7.23	7.74	7.01	7.31	
GW 7	5.87	9.53	7.25	7.75	7.22	7.3	
GW 8	5.28	9.61	6.98	7.57	6.78	6.85	

### Table 4-9 Groundwater pH Results at CRRL – 2010



Figure 4-8 Groundwater Conductivity Results at CRRL – 2010

Electrical Conductivity (uS/cm)	Trigger Values (Note 1)	March	Мау	July	November
GW 1 – A	-	940	869	950	1034
GW 2	-	734	636	826	718
GW 3	-	746	677	789	728
GW 4 – A	-	742	693	785	726
GW 5 – A	-	769	700	812	751
GW 6	-	686	643	721	620
GW 7	-	646	716	714	687
GW 8	-	729	692	848	827

 Table 4-10
 Groundwater Conductivity Results at CRRL – 2010

Note 1: No Set limit for electrical conductivity in groundwater trigger values.



Figure 4-9 Groundwater Chloride Results at CRRL – 2010

Chloride (mg/l)	Trigger Values	March	Мау	July	November
GW 1 – A	20.4	15.9	13.9	12.78	16.13
GW 2	46.8	18.23	14.4	10.53	10.00
GW 3	24.0	19.36	17	17.07	13.16
GW 4 – A	39.6	25	25.2	24.66	24.31
GW 5 – A	32.4	18.54	14.3	15	15.05
GW 6	24.0	14.49	13.8	<10	11.44
GW 7	18.0	14.17	13	13.42	13.80
GW 8	37.2	28.19	26.2	15.32	14.44

 Table 4-11
 Groundwater Chloride Results at CRRL – 2010



Figure 4-10 Groundwater Ammoniacal Nitrogen Results at CRRL – 2010

Ammonical Nitrogen (mg/l)	Trigger Values	March	Мау	July	November
GW 1 – A	1.92	0.64	0.584	0.49	0.62
GW 2	6.36	0.1	0.2	0.17	0.1
GW 3	5.40	0.1	0.2	0.13	0.1
GW 4 – A	3.60	1.99	2.22	0.91	2.1
GW 5 – A	8.52	5.16	5.55	3.87	5.3
GW 6	7.44	2.15	2.4	0.23	0.26
GW 7	2.40	0.4	0.992	0.31	0.34
GW 8	3.72	1.56	1.75	1.65	1.82

#### Table 4-12 Groundwater Ammoniacal Nitrogen Results at CRRL – 2010



Figure 4-11 Groundwater TOC Results at CRRL – 2010

TOC (mg/l)	Trigger Values	March	Мау	July	November
GW 1 – A	60.00	10.5	8	18.6	4.4
GW 2	55.20	4.55	5.45	8.2	20
GW 3	27.60	2.52	3.77	3.9	4.7
GW 4 – A	60.00	10	16.1	18.9	16
GW 5 – A	74.40	17.1	16.7	9.6	20
GW 6	48.00	16.2	19.8	3.1	11
GW 7	21.60	3.38	7.75	3.1	4.6
GW 8	39.60	19.5	18	21.3	24

#### Table 4-13 Groundwater TOC Results at CRRL – 2010





DO (mg/l)	Trigger Values (Note 1)	March	Мау	July	November
GW 1 – A	-	4.1	3.8	2.6	1.3
GW 2	-	2.77	3.78	4.6	3.8
GW 3	-	3.26	3.93	2.1	2
GW 4 – A	-	2.43	3.34	2.3	3.3
GW 5 – A	-	2.14	3.37	1	2.1
GW 6	-	3.06	2.45	4.4	5.7
GW 7	-	2.64	3.54	2.1	3.6
GW 8	-	1.93	3.43	1.8	2

Table 4-14Groundwater DO Results at CRRL – 2010

**Note 1:** No Set limit for dissolved oxygen in groundwater trigger values.

#### 4.3.1 GROUNDWATER RESULTS SUMMARY

pH concentrations were less than the corresponding trigger levels at all monitoring locations during 2010.

All conductivity measurements are typical of natural uncontaminated groundwaters, with all results below 1000uS/cm during 2010.

Chloride and ammonical nitrogen concentrations were below their assigned trigger values at all monitoring locations during 2010.

Total Organic Carbon concentrations ranged from 3.1mg/l to 21mg/l and dissolved oxygen concentrations ranged from 1mg/l to 5.7mg/l during 2010.

#### 4.4 DUST AND PM<sub>10</sub> MONITORING

#### 4.4.1 DUST MONITORING

As discussed in Section 3.1 above dust monitoring was undertaken at 5(no.) locations (D1, D2, D3, D4, D5) in accordance with Schedule D.1 and D.3 of Waste Licence 178-02. Dust concentrations were below the required ELV of  $350 \text{mg/m}^2/\text{day}$  during all monitoring events in 2010, with the exception of D5 during Q4 2010. The elevated total dust result at D5 (588 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) during Q4 2010 can be attributed to falling leaves during this autumnal monitoring event. This was verified by laboratory results which indicated a high organic (552 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) dust concentration relative to a low inorganic (36 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) dust concentration. The results indicated that the elevated total dust result at D5 was not related to facility operations. Dust results from 2010 are summarised in Table 4-15 below.

Date out	Date in	D 1 (mg/m²/day)	D 2 (mg/m²/day)	D 3 (mg/m²/day)	D 4 (mg/m²/day)	D 5 (mg/m²/day)
25.01.10	25.02.10	14	27	45	37	68
20.04.10	18.05.10	13	24	25	13	18
10.08.10	07.09.10	8	26	193	17	116
14.10.10	11.11.10	14	10	27	8	588

#### Table 4-15 Dust Monitoring Results 2008

#### 4.4.2 PM<sub>10</sub> MONITORING

 $PM_{10}$  monitoring was conducted at the facility in accordance with Schedule D of Waste Licence 178-02. The  $PM_{10}$  monitoring locations are shown on Drawing 1322/01/101, Appendix A. All of the  $PM_{10}$  results were below the required limit level of 50ug/m<sup>3</sup> during 2010. The PM10 results for 2010 are summarised in Table 4-16 below.

	Q1 – 2010	Q2 – 2010	Q3 – 2010	Q4 – 2010
Monitoring	Average	Average	Average	Average
Location	concentration	concentration	concentration	concentration
	value (µg/m³)	value (µg/m³)	value (µg/m³)	value (µg/m³)
Limit Value	50	50	50	50
D1	14	14	16	13
D2	24	19	22	16
D3	17	21	13	19
D4	19	20	16	22
D5	31	14	21	15

#### Table 4-16 PM10 (ug/m3) Monitoring Results for 2010

#### 4.5 LEACHATE MONITORING

As per Schedule D.5 of Waste Licence 178-02 temperature readings were taken from each of the leachate cells and the leachate holding tank (LHT) on a quarterly basis during 2010. Chemical analysis of the leachate was undertaken in July 2010 and submitted to the Agency as part of the Q3 environmental monitoring report.

#### 4.5.1 LEACHATE RESULTS

Leachate temperature readings and annual chemical analysis results are summarised in Table 4-17 and Table 4-18 below.

Monitoring	Q1 2010	Q2 2010	Q3 2010	Q4 2010
Location	Temperature (°C)	Temperature (°C)	Temperature (°C)	Temperature (°C)
Cell 1	20.5	17.1	19.8	18.2
Cell 2	18.5	19.1	20.5	19.1
Cell 3	17.6	19.6	18.1	13.7
Cell 4	17.8	21.5	21.6	21.6
Cell 5	18.7	19.3	21.5	21.2
Cell 6*	-	-	-	19.5
Leachate Holding Tank (LHT)	21.5	15.7	17.5	9.6

#### Table 4-17 Leachate Temperatures at CRRL – 2010

\*Note: Cell 6 became active in Q4 2010

Parameter	Units	11	12	3	14	15	LHT
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	mg/l	1234.95	1595.34	948.1	895.66	962.34	933.51
BOD	mg/l	322	468	758	157	230	128
Boron	µg/l	6754	7195	4041	4094	4547	3690
Cadmium	mg/l	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Calcium	mg/l	65.2	42.4	30.8	57.8	35.1	49.7
Chloride	mg/l	1208	1472	829	1052	1702	951
Total Chromium	mg/l	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	<0.2	0.2
COD	mg/l	3050	4310	3210	2230	230	1800
Copper	mg/l	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Total cyanide	mg/l	0	0	0	0	< 0.0004	0
Fluoride	mg/l	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.4
Iron	mg/l	<1	<1	<1	1.4	5.98	1.31
Lead	mg/l	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Magnesium	mg/l	81.2	80.6	42.1	80.0	146	80.4
Manganese	mg/l	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.7	<0.2	0.5
Mercury	mg/l	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
Nickel	mg/l	<0.2	0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.4	<0.2
Ortho-phosphate	mg/l	33.09	39.99	18.51	18.39	<6	14.22
Potassium	mg/l	726	783	653	781	909	587
Sodium	mg/l	1163	1244	997	1201	1451	932
Sulphate	mg/l	136.8	262.3	83.7	155.5	49	89.9
Total Phosphorus	mg/l	13.43	17.29	11.67	9.93	5.13	7.41
TON as N	mg/l	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Zinc	mg/l	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2

#### Table 4-18 Annual Chemical Analysis of Leachate at CRRL – 2010

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### 4.7 NOISE MONITORING

As discussed in Section 3.2 above noise monitoring was carried out on a quarterly basis at 5 no. monitoring locations, as indicated on Drawing No. 3588 – 1604 (see Appendix A). All noise monitoring results were submitted to the Agency as part of the quarterly environmental monitoring reports for 2010. Results for noise monitoring conducted at the facility on a quarterly basis during 2010 are summarised in Table 4-19 below. All noise monitoring locations had  $L_{Aeq}$  values less than the required ELV during 2010, with the exception of N5 during Q2, Q3 & Q4. However these exceedances were attributable to passing traffic on the R348 and not attributable to facility operations.

Table 4-19	Noise	Monitoring	<b>Results</b> a	t CRRL –	2010
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Location	Q1 2010				Q2 2010			Q3 2010			Q4 2010					
Location	31/03/10 Time	LAeq dB(A)	LA10 dB(A)	LA90 dB(A)	20/04/10 Time	LAeq dB(A)	LA10 dB(A)	LA90 dB(A)	10/08/10 TIME	LAeq dB(A)	LA10 dB(A)	LA90 dB(A)	14/10/10 TIME	LAeq dB(A)	LA10 dB(A)	LA90 dB(A)
N1 (Noise Sensitive Receptor)	12:45	52	41	55	09:33	43	42	36	11:34	49	51	38	11:39	43	42	34
N2	14:20	44	35	47	11:49	39	42	35	12:17	43	45	37	12:26	37	35	32
N3 (Noise Sensitive Receptor)	13:40	44	36	47	11:07	47	50	37	10:13	50	45	35	10:00	39	39	32
N4	15:05	48	39	51	08:54	40	43	36	10:54	46	49	35	10:56	42	43	36
N5 (Noise Sensitive Receptor)	15:40	42	34	45	10:20	71	71	39	9:34	66	60	33	09:32	70	69	34

# 5 Resource and Energy Consumption Summary

The main resources consumed at the facility during the reporting period were electricity, water for potable supply and vehicle wheel cleaning, diesel fuel and hydraulic oils. The details are listed in Table 5-1 below.

Resource	Consumption
Electricity	287,852 (kWhr)
Water, Potable Supply (Litres)	2,972,000
Water, Dust suppression (Litres)	0.0
Water, Wheelwash (Litres)	150,000
Total Water (Litres)	3,122,000
Diesel (Including Contractor Plant) (Litres)	120,864
Hydraulic & Engine Oils (Litres)	1,507
Petrol (Litres)	1,203
Grease	0.0 kg
Terram for road base	10,800 m2
Imported Aggregates	3,237.90 tonnes
Soil materials from site stockpiles	21,330 tonnes

Table 5-1Energy and Resource Use at CRRL – 2010

Electricity consumption has decreased by 2.6% from 2009 due largely to the installation of a gas utilisation plant (engine) in Q4 2010, which supplied a substantial percentage of the sites electrical demand in that quarter. This decrease in electrical consumption was tempered by increased landfill flaring and leachate pumping as a result of progressive landfilling. Total water consumption increased by 35% from 2009. This is largely as a result of significant site developments including the installation of Landfill Cells 7 – 9, which lead to increased demand. Water for dust suppression is obtained from the surface water lagoon and drains back into the surface water lagoon after its application. Water used in this process is therefore being reused and is not consumed.

# 6 Development and Restoration Works

#### 6.1 DEVELOPMENT WORKS UNDERTAKEN IN 2010

A number of development works were carried out during 2010. The main development works included:

- Completion of construction of phase 2 of the landfill, i.e. cells 7 to 9 and all ancillary infrastructure;
- The installation of landfill gas management infrastructure. This included the installation of 26 vertical gas extraction wells in cells 3, 4 & 5. The installation of 26 horizontal wells in cells 3, 4 & 5 and the installation of an additional 1000m<sup>3</sup>/hr enclosed 'Uniflare' back-up flare;
- The installation of landfill gas utilisation infrastructure. This included the installation of a 1MW Gas Utilisation engine, an ESB substation, an electrical switchroom and ancillary infrastructure including a dedicated ring main to feed the gas utilisation engine; and
- The installation of geohess temporary gas barrier in cells 3 & 4.

#### 6.2 DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2011

The following development works are planned to be undertaken in 2011:

- Completion of M & E work associated with construction of phase 2 of the landfill. (Fitting of leachate pumps and leachate level transducers in cells 7 to 9 );
- Continued installation of landfill gas infrastructure which will include installation of vertical and horizontal wells in Cells 4, 5, 6 & 7 and gas extraction from drainage layer in cells 6 & 7;
- The Installation of geohess temporary gas barrier on remainder of cell 3 and part of cells 4, 5 & 6; and
- Commencement of final capping works in Cells 1 & 2.

#### 6.3 **RESTORATION OF COMPLETED CELLS/PHASES**

Progressive intermediate capping of cells at the landfill is an ongoing practice. The intermediate cap comprises:

- 1) 0.5m thickness of low permeability soils;
- 2) An impermeable "Geohess" Gas Barrier;
- 3) A Protective Anchor Mat; and
- 4) Effective gas well seals at gas extraction points (Wells).

This cap exceeds temporary capping recommendations stipulated in EPA Landfill Operational Practices Manual. The application of the temporary synthetic cap is regarded as being comparable to the final cap in terms of gas containment and minimising rainfall infiltration.

The suitability and effectiveness of the cap as a gas containment membrane has been audited on behalf of the EPA by Odour Monitoring Ireland. During an assessment of fugitive surface emissions carried out on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010, there were no diffuse emissions from the areas

temporary capped. The effectiveness of this intermediate cap has been proved during similar surveys carried out in 2007, 2008 & 2009.

The extent of the temporary cap placed at the site to date (as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011) is approximately as presented in Table 6-1 below:

Table o-1 Extent of Temporary Cap (as of 31 march 2010	Table 6-1	Extent of	Temporary	Cap (as	of 31 <sup>st</sup>	march 2010
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		Cell 1	Cell 2	Cell 3	Cell 4	Cell 5
		100%	100%	100%	40%	25%

It is planned that the temporary cap will be extended over further portions of cells 4 and 5 in 2011. Commencement of final capping works in cells 1 and 2 is scheduled in 2011. A Specified Engineering Works (SEW) report will be prepared and submitted to the Agency prior to commencement of these works. The SEW report will outline proposals in relation to the design of the capping works. Agreement relating to the design will be sought from the Agency before any works commence.

#### 6.4 SITE SURVEY

In accordance with Condition 8.7 of Waste Licence 178-02 a topographical survey of the facility is carried out annually. The survey for the 2010 reporting period is included in Appendix B.

## 7 Volume of Leachate Transported/Discharged Off Site

Volumes of leachate tankered off site on a monthly basis are summarised in Table 7-1 below.

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2010 (Month)	Leachate Consigned Off Site (m <sup>3</sup> )				
January	5,068.84				
February	4,259.44				
March	2,218.58				
April	2,065.26				
Мау	1,812.74				
June	1,837.08				
July	2,505.66				
August	2,457.06				
September	2,871.82				
October	3,057.70				
November	3,637.88				
December	2,719.34				
Total	34,511.40				

#### Table 7-1 Volume of Leachate Transported Off Site

## 8 Landfill Gas

The tables below present the annual cumulative quantity of landfill gas captured, flared and utilised at the facility during the 2010 reporting period. The Emissions Testing Report was carried out at 4 no. enclosed flares at the CRRL facility in March 2010. Results from this monitoring event were submitted to the Agency as part of the Q2 2010 environmental monitoring report. A summary of the calculated quantities of landfill gas collected at the facility from January 2010 to December 2010 is presented in Table 8-1 to Table 8-4 below.

### Table 8-1 Landfill Gas collected in 2010 – 2000 Haase Flare

Flare No. 1 Connaught 1											
Model:	Haase	Haase									
Туре:	HTN 2000 Enclosed										
Commisioned:	Apr-08										
2010 Monthly	Average Flow	Average CH <sub>4</sub>	Average CO <sub>2</sub>	Average O <sub>2</sub>	Combustion	Total CH <sub>4</sub>	Total CH <sub>4</sub>				
2010 Wontiny	Rate (m <sup>3</sup> /hr)	%v/v	%v/v	%v/v	Efficiency (%)	m <sup>3</sup>	kgs				
January	2501	33.70	22.70	4.10	99.9	626,444	402,647				
February	2549	32.50	23.90	3.90	99.9	555,731	359,468				
March	2475	32.20	23.00	4.00	99.9	591,940	384,503				
April	2544	31.90	23.60	3.90	99.9	583,316	379,299				
May	2540	31.70	23.40	3.80	99.9	594,031	387,076				
June	2428	32.90	21.80	3.80	99.9	566,190	369,320				
July	2474	34.10	22.90	3.70	99.9	626,615	407,880				
August	2459	34.40	23.90	3.60	99.9	628,717	408,821				
September	2045	41.50	29.70	2.20	99.9	610,435	401,924				
October	1809	41.00	26.50	2.80	99.9	551,266	362,590				
November	1377	41.80	27.60	2.30	99.9	414,007	276,259				
December	742	40.50	24.20	2.60	99.9	223,356	149,346				
Total						6,572,048	4,289,133				

### Table 8-2 Landfill Gas collected in 2010 – HTN 2000 Enclosed

Flare No. 2 Connaught 2										
Model:	Haase									
Туре:	HTN 2000 Enclosed									
Commisioned:	Jan-09	-				-				
2010 Monthly	Average Flow	Average CH <sub>4</sub>	Average CO <sub>2</sub>	Average O <sub>2</sub>	Combustion	Total CH <sub>4</sub>	Total CH <sub>4</sub>			
2010 Monthly	Rate (m <sup>3</sup> /hr)	%v/v	%v/v	%v/v	Efficiency (%)	m <sup>3</sup>	kgs			
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
February	1310	32.90	24.00	4.40	99.9	215	149			
March	692	31.50	22.00	4.00	99.9	109	75			
April	1269	30.80	23.10	3.90	99.9	195	135			
May	1345	32.10	23.10	3.70	99.9	2,372	1,638			
June	1129	33.20	22.20	3.70	99.9	3,932	2,715			
July	975	34.70	23.50	3.80	99.9	169	117			
August	746	34.40	23.90	3.60	99.9	513	354			
September	989	43.20	30.50	2.40	99.9	854	589			
October	959	40.80	25.80	2.90	99.9	2,345	1,619			
November	519	35.60	28.00	5.50	99.9	26,579	18,352			
December	660	42.60	31.90	3.60	99.9	208,974	144,286			
Total						246,257	170,028			
# Table 8-3 Landfill Gas collected in 2010 – Uniflare

Flare No. 3 Connaught 3											
Model: Type: Commisioned:	Uniflare 1000 Enclosed Jun-10										
2010 Monthly	Average Flow	Average CH <sub>4</sub>	Average CO <sub>2</sub>	Average O <sub>2</sub>	Combustion	Total CH <sub>4</sub>	Total CH <sub>4</sub>				
	Rate (m <sup>3</sup> /hr)	%v/v	%v/v	%v/v	Efficiency (%)	m <sup>3</sup>	kgs				
January											
February											
March											
April	500	31.90	23.60	3.90	99.9	7,648	5,281				
May	500	31.90	23.50	3.60	99.9	239	165				
June	700	33.30	22.40	3.70	99.9	13,972	9,647				
July	1000	34.20	22.70	4.20	99.9	3,587	2,477				
August	500	34.70	23.70	3.40	99.9	260	180				
September											
October	1000	42.10	26.00	2.80	99.9	2,103	1,452				
November											
December											
Total						27,810	19,201				

# Table 8-4 Landfill Gas collected in 2010 – Engine No. 1

Engine No. 1										
Model: Type: Commisioned:	Deutz TGB 620 V16 Oct-10									
2010 Monthly	Average Flow	Average CH <sub>4</sub>	Average CO <sub>2</sub>	Average O <sub>2</sub>	Combustion	Total CH <sub>4</sub>	Total CH <sub>4</sub>			
	Rate (m <sup>3</sup> /hr)	%v/v	%v/v	%v/v	Efficiency (%)	m <sup>3</sup>	kgs			
October	630	41.00	26.50	2.80	98.0	66,321	45,746			
November	630	41.80	27.60	2.30	98.0	156,134	107,696			
December	630	40.50	24.20	2.60	98.0	160,530	110,729			
Total						382,986	264,171			

# 9 Indirect Emissions to Groundwater

CRRL is a fully engineered and contained landfill and there are no indirect emissions to groundwater from the facility. Potential sources of indirect emissions to groundwater from the facility are summarised below:

- Landfill Base: The landfill site has a composite base lining system comprising a HDPE geomembrane and a 0.5m thick layer of compacted Bentonite Enhanced Soil. A leak detection survey of the HDPE geomembrane after placement of the drainage stone layer was completed and defects to the HDPE liner were repaired in accordance with industry standards. A CQA report was then completed and submitted to the agency.
- Surface WaterSurface water from the paved access roads and landfill cell swale drainCollectionis collected and discharged into the surface water lagoon along withand Treatmentgroundwater collected at the interceptor sump located below theSystem:landfill cells. Water from the lagoon is then piped to a reed bed, whichfurther filters the water before it is finally discharged into the nearby<br/>stream.
- Treated Sewage Effluent: There is a BioCycle wastewater treatment plant located adjacent to the weighbridge which treats the canteen and office wastewater prior to being pumped to the leachate holding tank, via the foul water sump. Leachate (containing foul water) is tankered off-site to a waste water treatment plant via a vacuum tanker

# 9.1 **GROUNDWATER TRIGGER LEVELS**

In accordance with Condition 6.4.2 of Waste Licence 178-02 a set of groundwater monitoring trigger levels have been assigned for groundwater parameters. Groundwater monitoring results did not exceed the trigger values during any monitoring event in 2010. As no exceedances were reported it is recommended that these trigger levels are maintained for groundwater monitoring during 2011. These trigger levels are used to assess groundwater quality across the site and are presented in Table 9-1 below.

Parameter	Units	GW1-A	GW2	GW3	GW4-A	GW5-A	GW6	GW7	GW8
Potassium	mg/l	1.92	2.88	1.44	1.08	21.00	4.20	3.00	0.96
Sodium	mg/l	14.40	20.40	16.32	17.22	20.40	50.40	37.20	20.40
pH (lower limit)	pH Units	5.73	5.35	5.56	5.77	5.70	5.54	5.87	5.28
рН	pH Units	9.02	9.79	9.38	9.14	9.22	10.56	9.53	9.61
Chloride	mg/l	20.40	46.80	24.00	39.60	32.40	24.00	18.00	37.20
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	mg/l	1.92	6.36	5.40	3.60	8.52	7.44	2.40	3.72
тос	mg/l	60.00	55.20	27.60	60.00	74.40	48.00	21.60	39.60

# Table 9-1 CRRL Groundwater Trigger Values – 2010 (as Revised in the 2008 AER)

# **10 Annual Water Balance**

# 10.1 ESTIMATED LIQUID IN-WASTE LIQUID VOLUME

The estimated liquid in-waste liquid volume for 2010 was assessed using rainfall figures obtained from the on site meteorological station, potential in-waste liquid volume and the assumed absorption capacity of the waste mass (see Table 10-1 below).

2010	Total uncapped area (Note 1)	Rainfall (Note 2)	Potential in waste liquid volume	Absorption capacity of Waste (assumed to be 2%)	Balance	Leachate Tankered off site (Note 3)
	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(m)	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(m <sup>3</sup> )
January	25700	0.0590	1515.02	30.30	1484.71	5068.84
February	25700	0.0172	441.78	8.84	432.95	4259.44
March	25700	0.1204	3094.28	61.89	3032.39	2218.58
April	25700	0.0338	868.66	17.37	851.29	2065.26
May	25700	0.0526	1351.56	27.03	1324.53	1812.74
June	25700	0.0620	1593.40	31.87	1561.53	1837.08
July	18521	0.1854	3433.77	68.68	3365.10	2505.66
August	18521	0.0196	362.83	7.26	355.57	2457.06
September	18521	0.1966	3641.23	72.82	3568.40	2871.82
October	22718.5	0.0890	2021.72	40.43	1981.28	3057.7
November	22718.5	0.0582	1322.22	26.44	1295.77	3637.88
December	22718.5	0.0420	954.18	19.08	935.09	2719.34
			20600.64	412.01	20188.63	34511.4

 Table 10-1
 Estimated Liquid In-Waste Liquid Volume

- **Note 1:** For the purposes of water balance calculation 'Uncapped Area' = area of landfill which is not under an intermediate cap of impermeable synthetic material.
- **Note 2:** Rainfall values obtained from on site meteorological station.
- **Note 3**: The total volume of leachate tankered off site also includes:
  - Office and weighbridge foulwater;
  - Run-off from within bunded areas and wheelwash;
  - Condensate/leachate removed from the landfill gas collection system;
  - Moisture content held in waste received and cover materials used; and
  - Precipitation infiltration through intermediate landfill capping.

# **11 Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets**

Table 11-1 Programme of Environmental Objectives and Targets for 2011	Table 11-1	Programme of Environmental	<b>Objectives and Targets for 2011</b>
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Objective	Target
Lower the environmental impacts associated with fugitive landfill gas emissions by continually developing the Facility's Gas Utilisation Infrastructure and landfill gas management techniques.	<ul> <li>Undertake quarterly VOC surveys to establish the areas were fugitive emissions are most prevalent.</li> <li>Installation of gas extraction wells where fugitive emissions have been identified.</li> <li>Apply impermeable Geohess cover over filled areas of the landfill.</li> <li>Uniflare 1,000m<sup>3</sup> enclosed flare was installed in 2010 to further enhance back-up flaring capacity on site. This Gas Infrastructure set-up should be altered to provide for the flares use in both Gas the Gas Utilisation and Gas Flaring Systems.</li> <li>Increase flexibility in the Gas Collection infrastructure to allow for less mature gas extraction wells to be added to the system as early as possible.</li> </ul>
Lower the potential environmental impacts associated with the generation of leachate.	<ul> <li>Reduce leachate generation by:</li> <li>Progressive application of impermeable Geohess cover over filled areas of the landfill immediately after reaching final filling height</li> <li>Look to source additional WWTP's for leachate generated, this will potentially reduce the demand on a smaller number of WWTP's</li> <li>Investigate potential for onsite leachate treatment to ensure leachate sent to WWTP's is less concentrated or has been treated to some extent.</li> </ul>
Improve Health, Safety and Welfare.	<ul> <li>Carry out Safety Statement review &amp; Safety Statement training.</li> <li>Look to appoint a safety Representative for the site to aid communication of H &amp;S issues on site.</li> <li>Look to compile more comprehensive file (data) on lifting equipment including plant.</li> <li>Ensure staff who hold FSCS or Safe Pass Cards have their training brought up to date.</li> </ul>
Staff Training.	<ul> <li>Continue to train staff on a regular basis in EMS system, waste licence and Emergency Response.</li> </ul>
Retain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification.	• Four audits are scheduled for 2011 with the aim of retaining certification. This will include two internal audits as well as two external audits.
Ensure all customers, contractors, site users & visitors are familiar with Greenstar's Environmental Policy.	Circulate policy to all customers & contractors who attend site.
Resource Consumption (Electricity Usage).	• A landfill gas utilisation plant was installed in Quarter 4 2010. It is hoped this will achieve a negative carbon footprint for the facility through providing green energy to national grid. Electricity usage and export should be recorded throughout the year to determine the electrical demand on site which should be used as a benchmark for future years.
Resource Consumption (Water Usage).	• Water requirements on various sections of site being monitored to identify potentials for reductions. Water usage was recorded on a monthly basis in 2010 and this will be used as part of a benchmarking exercise in an attempt to reduce the reliance on group water scheme. Waster usage will be addressed in future environmental management meetings (EMS) from Quarter 1 2011 onward

Table 11-2	Programme of Ob	iective and	Targets -	Beginning of	of 2010 t	o End of 2014
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Ref No.	Objective	Ref. No.	Target	Resources Required	Person Responsible	Time Frame for Completion	Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	
		T - 1.1	Undertake quarterly VOC surveys of the waste surface over the next 5 years, to establish the areas were fugitive emissions are most prevalent.	External Consultant (circa €1,800 per survey)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Surveys carried out on Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2010, Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2010 and Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2010.	
	O-1 Lower the environment al impacts associated with fugitive landfill gas emissions by continually developing the Facility's	T - 1.2	Installation of gas extraction wells where fugitive emissions have been identified from the VOC surveys.	Circa €1,700 per borehole.	Site Manager	Ongoing	Additional vertical & horizontal gas extraction wells installed during 2010. There were 28 horizontal wells added to cells 4 & 5. An additional 6 Gas shafts were added to cells 4 & 5. A further 26 vertical wells were also added to cells 3, 4 & 5. This brings the total number of gas extraction points on site to approximately 310.	
0 - 1		T - 1.4	Apply impermeable Geohess cover over filled areas of the landfill.	€7/m² approx	Site Manager	Ongoing	Geohess installed progressively throughout 2010 and to continue in a similar vein in 2011 over filled areas. $9,000m^2$ was applied between the $21^{st}$ and $1^{st}$ July 2010. encompassing Cells 3 & 4.	
	Gas Utilisation Infrastructur e and landfill gas management	T - 1.5	Monitor and review the effectiveness of the perimeter odour neutralising infrastructure installed in 2007 and maintain record of performance.	Assistant Site Manager (80 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Wind direction Intelligence sensor incorporated in Dec 2008 to improve efficiency of system. Continually review market developments in this field.	
	techniques.	management techniques.	T - 2.1	Reduce leachate generation by incorporating improved leachate reducing design features into construction of Phases 2 and 3 of the Landfill.	External Consultant & Site Manager (60 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Leachate reducing design features have been incorporating into Phase 2 development by reducing cell area. Their effectiveness will be reviewed and possibly replicated in Phase 3 development.

Ref No.	Objective	Ref. No.	Target	Resources Required	Person Responsible	Time Frame for Completion	Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010
	Lower the potential environment al impacts	T - 2.2	Reduce leachate generation by applying impermeable Geohess cover over filled areas of the landfill.	€7/m2 approx	Site Manager	Ongoing	Geohess to be installed progressively over filled areas.
0-2	a ssociated with the generation of leachate, by reducing leachate generation.	T - 2.3	Lower the demand on WWTP's, risk of spillage, CO2 emissions associated with the off site treatment of leachate	External Consultant & Site Manager (60 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Ongoing implementation of site practices (Cell area reduction, Geohess application)
O - 3	Lower the potential environment al impacts associated with litter by improving litter management techniques.	T - 3.1	Investigate potential for construction of wind breaker berms for operation in windy conditions.	Assistant Site Manager (20 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Not possible due to lack of desirable material available to this facility to be used in the construction of such berms. Continued review of day to day litter reducing management techniques to ensure was completed and as a consequence, an additional 4 litter cages were obtained/sourced in 2010 these mobile litter cages are employed at working face.
0 - 4	Minimise the amount of natural resources (water, power etc) consumed at the Facility.	T - 4.1	Complete a second Energy Audit of the Facility to identify possibilities to improve energy efficiency and ascertain the facilities performance within an energy management matrix.	External Consultant (circa €5,000)	Site Manager	May 2010	A second energy audit was completed by external consultants (OCM) in March 2010. In order to improve the facility's performance and current standing within the energy management matrix the Energy Policy Statement was updated, training has been provided, sub-meters installed in Gas utilisation compound completed in October 2010.

Ref No.	Objective	Ref. No.	Target	Resources Required	Person Responsible	Time Frame for Completion	Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010
			Carry out assessment of the				Facility actively pursues C & D materials, as a substitute for natural material, for engineering purposes.
		T – 4 2	use of raw material at the facility and identify	Assistant Site			Natural material excavated during Phase 2 development to be reused on site where possible.
	O - 4 Minimise the amount of natural resources (water, power etc) consumed at the Facility.	1 - 4.2	opportunities for the improved efficiency in the use of raw materials.	Manager (40 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	On 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2010, EPA approval was granted for use of Water Clarification Filter Cake as a cover material.
							Wherever possible look for suitable engineering materials in order to limit the amount of virgin material used on site.
O - 4		T – 4.3	Carry out assessment of water usage at the facility and identify opportunities for improved efficiency of water usage.	Assistant Site Manager (40 man hours)	Site Manager	June 2011	Water requirements on various sections of site being monitored to identify potentials for reductions. Water usage was recorded on a monthly basis in 2010 and this will be used as part of a benchmarking exercise in an attempt to reduce the reliance on group water scheme. Waster usage will be addressed in future environmental management meetings (EMS) from Quarter 1 2011 onward.
				Assistant Site	Site Manager		Independent H&S audit was completed by Olivier Gardelle (Group H&S) on Thurday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2010. Follow up action items to be completed in 2011
		T – 4.4	Review Site safety statement.	Manager (40 man hours)	GM Landfill Group	Ongoing	Health & Safety statement review carried out in Nov 2007. A further Safety statement review was completed in December 2009 and training to be carried out annually.
		T – 5.1	Reduce lost time injuries by 5% over the next five years.	Site Manager/ Assistant Site	All site Personnel	March 2013	Data being recorded and tracked. Manual handling course for all staff to reduce likelihood of back injury (a primary reason for lost time through injury) competed 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010 and is required every three years. A site Safety Representative will also

Ref No.	Objective	Ref. No.	Target	Resources Required	Person Responsible	Time Frame for Completion	Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010
				Manager			be appointed for the site in Quarter 1 2011.
O - 5	Improve Health, Safety and						
	Welfare	T – 5.2	Develop Accident Prevention Plan.	Assistant Site Manager (80 man hours)	Site Manager GM Landfill Group	Ongoing	A procedure has been developed and incorporated into the EMS since 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 with respect to the control and prevention of accidents on the site and any environmental impact of accidents.
		T – 5.3	Identify appropriate training courses in Health and Safety management and arrange attendance for staff who hold a supervisory role.	Assistant Site Manager (120 man hours)	Site Manager GM Landfill Group	May 2010	Assistant Landfill Manager sent on Managing Safely (NIFAST) course achieved certification in February 2010.
		T – 5.4	Continue to train staff on a regular basis in EMS system, waste licence and emergency response.	Assistant Site Manager	Site Manager	January 2012	Training to be completed annually, training last carried out on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2011 (Waste Licence/ EMS/ Emergency Response).
O-6	Training	T – 6.1	Retain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification	Site Manager/As sistant Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	Having attained certification in Q3 2009, there is a need to retain emphasis on the Environmental Management System and retain accreditation through a series of audits both internally and externally each year. Internal audits were conducted 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2010 and 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2011. External audits (SGS) were conducted on the 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2010.
		T – 7.1	Ensure all customers, contractors, site users & visitors are familiar with Greenstar's Environmental	Site Manager/ Assistant Site	Site Manager	Ongoing	Circulate policy to all customers & contractors who attend site. The Environmental Policy was incorporated into site

Ref No.	Objective	Ref. No.	Target	Resources Required	Person Responsible	Time Frame for Completion	Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010
			Policy.	Manager			inductions in 2010 having been highlighted in an EMS internal audit.
0-7	Operations	T – 7.2	Ensure all waste hauled to the site complies fully with the Waste Collection Permit Regulations.	Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	Though only fully licensed and permitted hauliers are accepted at this site, there is a need to ensure permit details held are updated regularly as vehicles on permit , waste types permitted etc are subject to change. This will be achieved through liaising with both customers and permitting authorities.
		T – 7.3	Review all Site Operational procedures.	Site Manager/ Assistant Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	The Site Operational procedures are reviewed annually and any additional procedures introduced or significant amendments to existing procedures are included in the AER on an annual basis.

# **12 Facility Management**

# 12.1 New Procedures Developed During 2010

The following is a description of the operating procedures for this facility developed during the reporting period:

### **CRRL 06 - Emergency Response and Preparedness Procedure**

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure a consistent approach in dealing with or reacting to emergency situations that may arise at this facility.

# CRRL 17 - Control of Site Users, Contractors and Visitors (Safe System Of Work)

This procedure provides for a safe system of work, to ensure adequate control is maintained over site users, contractors and visitors who operate on / visit this facility.

# CRRL 24 – Random Inspection of Incoming Loads

This procedure provides for the random inspection of wastes delivered to the facility to ensure that the wastes conform to waste licence requirements.

# CRRL 26 – Waste Acceptance and Characterisation Procedures

This procedure details all aspects related to acceptance of waste at this facility. It focuses on areas such as: - Waste Characterisation, Testing and Verification;

- Waste Types and Annual Quantities authorised for disposal;
- Limits on acceptance of Biodegradable Municipal Waste;
- Waste Treatment;
- Waste Collection Permits;
- Waste Handling; and
- Unacceptable Wastes & Waste Rejection.

# CRRL 29 – Leachate Management

This procedure describes the handling of Leachate during removal from the leachate holding tank/lagoon and subsequent transport/discharge to a wastewater treatment plant. It also details the monitoring infrastructure and procedures for the monitoring of Leachate levels in the pump sumps, the cells and the holding tank.

# CRRL 31-Odour management Plan

This procedure outlines the Odour Management Plan (OMP) implemented at CRRL Landfill. This procedure was written to address Condition 8.13 of licence W0178-02, which replaced licence W0178-01 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. The plan addresses measures such as the control of potential sources of odour nuisance as well as the carrying out of odour patrols and VOC monitoring.

# **CRRL 34 Connaught 3 Uniflre Enclosed Flare Operation**

The procedure is a guide which details the steps involved in starting and shutting down the 1,000m<sup>3</sup> Uniflare (Connaught 3) at this facility.

# CRRL 36- Drilling and Installation of Landfill Gas Extraction Well

The procedure is a guide which details the steps involved in the safe and correct installation of Landfill Gas Extraction Wells (Both Vertical & Horizontal Wells) at this facility.

# CRRL 44 – Needle Stick Injury Prevention Procedure

Needle Stick injuries may occur if operatives come into contact with sharp objects which may be present within incoming waste. This procedure documents the facilities overall aims and principles of action with respect to the control and prevention of Needle Stick Injuries on site as follows: - Raise Awareness of the hazards posed by needle stick injuries;

- Eliminate the incidence of needle stick injury to operatives on a landfill site;

- Give guidance on what to do in the event of a needle stick injury.

# CRRL 45 – Waste Acceptance (At Weighbridge)

This procedure applies to acceptance of waste at this facility and focuses primarily around the role of the weighbridge operator in the areas of:

- Suitability for acceptance under terms of Waste Licence W0178-02;
- Waste acceptance record keeping; and
- Biodegradable content of Municipal Waste

# **12.2** SITE TESTING AND INSPECTION REPORT

As per condition 8.7 of the waste licence, a survey showing the topography of the facility at the end of the reporting period is included in Appendix B.

As per Schedule E of the waste licence, the integrity of the bunds and tanks are carried out every three years. These tests were reported to the Agency in the 2008 AER and thus, were not due to be carried out within this reporting period.

# 12.3 **REPORTED INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS SUMMARY**

# 12.3.1 REPORTED INCIDENTS

As was the case in 2009, the majority of incidents reported to the Agency during 2010 were in relation to methane and carbon dioxide detected in the gas migration monitoring boreholes. Concentrations of these gases exceeded the limits set out in Waste Licence 178-02 for buildings on or adjacent to the landfill site.

Previous monitoring at CRRL was carried out by White Young & Green (WYG) on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2005, prior to the facility accepting waste. These two rounds of landfill gas monitoring identified elevated CH<sub>4</sub> gas levels at LG14, LG16 and LG18 and elevated CO<sub>2</sub> levels at monitoring locations LG6, LG6-A, LG9, LG10, LG14, LG16 & LG18. The report on LFG monitoring carried out by WYG in December 2005 concluded the slightly high levels of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> could be attributed to the large quantities of peat deposited in the area where the monitoring wells are located. A literature search carried out for that report demonstrated that the levels of carbon dioxide and methane measured in the landfill gas monitoring wells could be attributed to the natural background levels from the continuous decay of organic peat.

A summary of the reported incidents is presented in Table 12-1 below.

# Table 12-1Summary of Incidents at CRRL – 2010

Number	Date	Description	Action
I-10/01	27/01/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG11, LG19, LG22, & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG5, LG8, LG11, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG26 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted. Previous monitoring carried out by White Young Green on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and $13^{th}$ December 2005 prior to facility accepting waste. These two monitoring events identified elevated methane gas levels at LG14, LG16 & LG18. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> at locations LG6, LG6a, LG9, LG10, LG14, LG16 & LG18. The Report concluded that elevate levels of Methane and Carbon Dioxide could be attributed to large quantities of peat deposited in the area of the monitoring wells.
I-10/02	26/02/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG11, LG19, LG22, LG23 & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG5, LG6, LG6A, LG10, LG11, LG15, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25 & LG26.	Incident Report Submitted.
l-10/03	25/03/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22, LG23 & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG5, LG6, LG6A, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.
l-10/04	21/04/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19 & LG22. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG9, LG11, LG18, LG19, LG21, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG26 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.
l-10/05	20/04/2010	Exceedence of Daytime Noise Limit at N5 Noise Monitoring Point (Off site location)	Incident Report Submitted. Exceedance is attributed to passing traffic on public road (R348) and not related to site activity. N5 is the furthest noise monitoring point from the facility and is in close proximity to the R348.
l-10/06	31/05/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG9, LG11, LG22 & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG5, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG27 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.
l-10/07	17/06/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22 & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG5, LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG26, LG27, LG28 & LG29.	Incident Report Submitted.
I-10/08	21/07/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22 & LG23. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels were recorded at monitoring borehole's LG9, LG11, LG15, LG19, LG21, LG22, LG23, LG25, & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.
I-10/09	06/05/2010	Exceedance of surface VOC emission	Incident Report Submitted. Remedial measures implemented.

Number	Date	Description	Action
l-10/10	10/08/2010	Exceedence of Daytime Noise Limit at N5 Noise Monitoring Point (Off site location)	Incident Report Submitted. Exceedance is attributed to passing traffic on public road (R348) and not related to site activity. N5 is the furthest noise monitoring point from the facility and is in close proximity to the R348.
I-10/11	30/08/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG9, LG11, LG19 & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels at LG5, LG9, LG11, LG18, LG19, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG28 & LG29.	Incident Report Submitted.
I-10/12	28/09/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG9 & LG11. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels at LG5, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG23, LG24, LG25, LG26 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.
I-10/13	14/10/2010	Exceedence of Daytime Noise Limit at N5 Noise Monitoring Point (Off site location)	Incident Report Submitted. Exceedance is attributed to passing traffic on public road (R348) and not related to site activity. N5 is the furthest noise monitoring point from the facility and is in close proximity to the R348.
I-10/14	28/10/2010	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG9, LG11, LG19, LG22, LG23 & LG24. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels at LG5, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG18, LG19, LG22, LG23, LG24 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.
I-10/15	24/11/201 0	Elevated $CH_4$ level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG9, & LG11. Elevated $CO_2$ levels at LG4, LG5, LG6, LG6A, LG9, LG11, LG16, LG18 & LG26.	Incident Report Submitted.
I-10/16	03/12/201 0	Elevated Dust deposition level at D5 monitoring point	Incident Report Submitted. Exceedance is attributed to contamination of the dust sample from falling tree foliage. The exceedance was due to organic content in the sample indicating that the exceedance is due to activities unrelated to site operations. The inorganic content of the sample was well below licence limit.
I-10/17	30/12/10	Elevated CH <sub>4</sub> level in landfill gas monitoring borehole LG5, LG9, LG11, LG22 & LG23. Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> levels at LG3, LG5, LG6, LG6A, LG9, LG11, LG18, LG22, LG23, LG24, LG26 & LG28.	Incident Report Submitted.

# 12.3.2 REPORTED COMPLAINTS

The number of complaints to CRRL during the 2010 reporting period was significantly reduced when compared to the number received during 2009. The facility management will strive to reduce the number of complaints even further in 2011 by continuing to implement best practice in the operation of the facility. A summary of the complaints received is presented in Table 12-2 below.

Incident No	Date	Nature of Complaint	Complainant	Method of Communication
1	22/01/2010	Cover Material	Mrs Brigid Seale	EPA (Letter)
2	06/03/2010	Cover Material, Crows	Mrs Brigid Seale	EPA (Letter)
3	24/03/2010	Odour	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter)
4	06/04/2010	Rubbish on Cappataggle Road	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter) & Complainant (Phone) direct to Site
5	07/04/2010	Odour, Rubbish on Cappataggle Road	Mrs Liza Taylor	EPA (Phone & Letter)
6	17/05/2010	Odorous Skip, Cover Material	Mrs Brigid Seale	EPA (Phone & Letter)
7	18/05/2010	Waste Cover	Mr. Tom Seale	EPA (Phone & Letter)
8	01/06/2010	Odour - Stale rubbish	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter)
9	02/06/2010	Odour - Stale rubbish	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter)
10	20/07/2010	Odour	Mrs Carmel Glynn	EPA (Phone & Letter)
11	16/07/2010	Odour	Mrs Bridget Seale	EPA (Phone & Letter)
12	29/07/2010	Odour	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter) & Complainant (Phone) direct to Site
13	10/08/2010	Odour, Waste volumes	Mrs Carmel Glynn	EPA (Phone & Letter)
14	11/08/2010	Poor cattle & grass growth being attributed to Landfill Gas	Mr. Martin Kelly	Complainant called to the Site
15	09/08/2010	Odour, Waste Cover, Waste volumes	Mrs Bridget Seale	EPA (Phone & Letter)
16	18/08/2010	Loss of portion of load on roadside	Padraig Cunningham	Complainant (Phone) direct to Site
17	18/08/2010	Odour	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter)
18	30/08/2010	Complaint handling, Leachate mangement, Environmental control, Weils disease	Mrs Brigid Seale	EPA (Phone & Letter)
19	08/09/2010	Odour	Mrs Fiona Cawley/ Cunningham	EPA (Phone & Letter)
20	30/09/2010	Odour	Mrs Carmel Glynn	EPA (Letter)
21	19/11/2010	Odour	Mrs Marella Deely	Complainant (Phone) direct to Site

Table 12-2	Summary of	f Complaints	at CRRL - 2010
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# 12.4 NUISANCE CONTROL

Greenstar Ltd. is committed to operating the CRRL in the best possible manner using the best available techniques to minimise impacts on the environment and local neighbours. CRRL welcomes communications from local residents and any interested parties and all reasonable and practical measures will be implemented to eliminate or minimise any issues or nuisances.

# 12.4.1 BIRD CONTROL

During the reporting period, the facility employed the services of Falcon Bird Control Services to provide an integrated approach to bird control at the site. This involved the use of kites, heli-kites, distress calls and various birds of prey including falcons. This method is preferred as it is non-destructive to the birds and by varying the timing and use of bird control measures it is a very effective method of control.

# 12.4.2 VERMIN CONTROL

Site personnel regularly checked for evidence of vermin on site during regular routine inspections. Pestguard were employed throughout the duration of the reporting period in order to control potential nuisance caused by rodents. Continuous baiting was carried out by Pestguard and adjusted as necessary to prevent any infestation of vermin at the facility.

# 12.4.3 DUST AND MUD CONTROL

Dust and mud control measures have been implemented at the facility since the start of the construction phase and have continued into the operation phase of the facility. These measures include the use of a wheel wash, road sweeper and the use of a water browser to dampen access roads and stockpiles during periods of dry weather.

# 12.4.4 LITTER CONTROL

Litter is controlled by fencing which was installed around the landfill footprint as specified in the waste licence. Portable litter fencing is also used at the working face, which can be moved to various points around the working face depending on the wind direction. As part of the operational controls, all litter is collected at the end of the working day.

Good operational practices on site are the main controls to avoid nuisances. All waste deposited must be covered by the end of the working day. Adequate daily cover reduces the risk of odour, wind blown litter, vermin, flies and birds.

# 12.5 **REPORT ON FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

In compliance with waste licence condition 12.1 Greenstar has put in place a Bank Guarantee with Bank of Ireland to the value of  $\in$ 1,831,771. Details of this bank guarantee have been submitted to the EPA.

In compliance with waste licence condition 12.1.2 a comprehensive and fully costed Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA) has been completed, which was submitted to the Agency for agreement on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Condition 12.3 of the waste licence states, 'In accordance with the provisions of Section 53A of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2010, the licensee shall ensure the costs involved in the setting up and operation of the facility, as well as the costs of closure and after-care (including cost of provision of financial security) for a period of at least 30 years (post closure) shall be covered by the price to be charged for the disposal of waste at the facility' In relation to this matter Greenstar can confirm that the gate fee for the disposal of waste at the Connaught Regional Residual Landfill is appropriate in the current market and includes financial provision for the closure, restoration and aftercare of the site.

# 12.6 MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING STRUCTURE





# 12.7 PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMME

Connaught Regional Residual Landfill pursues an active programme of disseminating information on its operations to interested parties. This is undertaken through a variety of means including site tours, the company website, presentations and open days.

The communications programme contains the following objectives:

- 1) To promote public awareness of the Company's activities and environmental policies;
- 2) To maintain an ongoing dialogue with authorities that have direct involvement with waste disposal activities;
- 3) To make available Environmental Performance Data relating to the site;
- 4) To disseminate information relating to the operation and management of the site as appropriate;
- 5) To encourage liaison between the site and local residents and those who may be affected by the site operations;
- 6) To provide general information on Waste Management Issues;
- 7) To ensure all users and customers of the site are conversant with the requirements of the Site Licence; and
- 8) To ensure that all objectives are, where possible, measurable and quantifiable.

The objectives of the programme are met through the following elements as appropriate:

- Personal Contact;
- Residents Meetings/Liaison Groups;
- Information Displays;
- Information Packs;
- Site Visits;
- Web Page;
- Educational Links; and
- Published Information.

# 12.8 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In accordance with Condition 2.3 of the waste licence an Environmental Management System (EMS) is maintained at the facility and updated annually.

In accordance with Condition 2.3.2.2 of the waste license a Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP) has been prepared. The LEMP replaces the existing Environmental Management Plan (EMP). A copy of the LEMP is enclosed in Appendix C.

# 12.9 **REPORT ON STAFF TRAINING**

# Table 12-3 CRRL Landfill Training Programme/Matrix (Last Updated 10/03/2011)

	Colin	Kevin	Damien	Michelle	John	Damien O	Kevin	Paul	Kastus	Sean
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Site Induction			12/12/2005	09/10/2006			22/11/2007	20/04/2007	14/02/2008	25/04/2009
Site Safety Statement	19/12/2008	19/12/2008	05/02/2008	24/07/2008	05/02/2008	05/02/2008	05/02/2008	05/02/2008		
VDU Test	08/07/2010	12/07/2010	08/07/2010	06/07/2010						
Fas Waste Management (Completed)	26/09/2008	02/08/2010	26/09/2008							
Practical Management & Control of Landfill Gas (CIWM)	05/10/2006		05/10/2006							
Supervising/ ManagingSafely (IOSH)	30/01/2008	24/02/2010	28/11/2007							
Safe Pass Course (Expiry Date)	Feb. 2014	Jan. 2014	Oct. 2011		Feb. 2016	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	May. 2013	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2014
Risk Assessment Workshop	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	08/07/2009		08/07/2009
Health & Safety Instructions (Toolbox Talk)	07/07/2010	07/07/2010	07/07/2010		07/07/2010	16/07/2009	07/07/2010	07/07/2010	09/02/2010	07/07/2010
First Aid (Expiry Date)	25/06/2011	25/06/2011	25/06/2011			02/10/2010				
Turbo Flo BA Course		20/02/2009	20/02/2009		04/06/2010	20/02/2009	20/02/2009		04/06/2010	
Fire Safety	23/10/2009	23/10/2009	23/10/2009	23/10/2009	23/10/2009	23/10/2009	23/10/2009	23/10/2009		23/10/2009
Fire Evacuation	19/11/2010	19/11/2010	19/11/2010	22/09/2009	19/11/2010	19/11/2010	19/11/2010	19/11/2010	19/11/2010	19/11/2010
Chemical Handling (3)	08/07/2009	08/07/2009	20/06/2008		20/06/2008	20/06/2008	20/06/2008			
Manual Handling (3)	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010	10/03/2010
Waste Licence	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011
Emergency Response Procedure	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011
Waste Acceptance Procedures	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011
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Trainning Unit	Greenstar	Renton	Lyons	Daly						
Procedures										
Pistol Handling/ Bird Control	05/06/2009	05/06/2009				05/06/2009				
Env. Monitoring	04/12/2008	04/12/2008	26/06/2008							
PM10 Monitoring	26/05/2009	26/05/2009	26/05/2009							
Complaints Procedure	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011							
Corrective Action Procedures	23/02/2009	23/02/2009	26/06/2008							
Landfill Compactor (Expiry date)			Feb. 2013					Feb. 2013		
Excavator 360 (Expiry Date)			13/12/2012				May. 2011			Jul. 2014
Dumper (Expiry Date)			Feb. 2012		Feb. 2012	Nov. 2012	Feb.2011			
Dozer			Feb. 2012							
Boom and Scisors Lift (Expiry Date)			Dec. 2011			Nov. 2011	May. 2012			
TMS Training	09/09/2009	09/09/2009								
HR Disciplinary & Grievance	23/04/2009	23/04/2009	23/04/2009							
Energy Awareness	06/10/2009	06/10/2009	06/10/2009	06/10/2009	06/10/2009	06/10/2009	06/10/2009	06/10/2009		06/10/2009
EMS Awareness (Annual EMS/ISO 14001 Training)	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011	07/01/2011

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Training Key

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# **APPENDIX A**

Site Map



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# **APPENDIX C**

Site LEMP

# LANDFILL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

# FOR

# EAST GALWAY RESIDUAL LANDFILL

# WASTE LICENCE NO.W0178-02

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

This is the Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP) for the Connaught Regional Residual Landfill. The operator of the landfill is Greenstar Holdings Ltd. (Greenstar). Greenstar was granted a Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-01) to construct and operate the landfill by the Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2004. The licence was reviewed by the EPA who issued a revised Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. A technical amendment of the licence (Technical Amendment A) was received on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011. This amendment related to Schedule A: Waste Acceptance.

An initial EMP was prepared before the facility opened in 2006. This document was updated annually to reflect the on-going development of the site, operational experience and the implementation of the Schedule of Objectives and Targets.

# 1.1 Scope

The LEMP is required under Condition 2.3.2.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) and replaces the previous EMP. The document is based on and contains the information specified in the Agency's Manual on Landfill Operational Practices and the Draft Guidance on Environmental Management and Reporting to the Agency.

The document describes the design and operation of the facility and presents details of the operator, the waste types and volumes that have been and will be accepted for disposal and recovery, engineering details, capacity, operational controls including surface water management, leachate and landfill gas control and management, environmental monitoring programmes and closure and aftercare measures. It contains a revised Schedule of Objectives and Targets with designation of responsibility, methods and timeframes by which those objectives and targets will be achieved as well as a report on the success in meeting agreed targets.

The document is based on information compiled during the preparation of the Waste Licence application, the detailed design of the engineering works and the on-going environmental monitoring programme.

# 1.2 Purpose

The LEMP serves as a guidance document for facility staff and describes operational control and management practices that are applied at the facility. The LEMP is also a core element of the Environmental Management System (EMS) for the facility and is designed to facilitate the management of site activities so as to comply with regulatory requirements and best landfill practice and to effectively implement the EMS. The Environmental Management System (EMS) for the facility is certified to ISO 14001 standard. Certification was received on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

# **1.3 EMS Documentation**

The EMS documentation prepared for the facility in addition to this LEMP includes: -

# 1.3.1 Corrective Action Procedures (CAP)

The objective of the Procedures (CAP) is to ensure that the appropriate corrective action is taken should the requirements of the Waste Licence and the EMS not be fulfilled. A copy of the procedures are included in Appendix 2.

# 1.3.2 Awareness and Training Procedures

The objective of the Procedure is to ensure that the awareness and training needs of the facility personnel are identified and the required training provided. A copy of the Procedure is included in Appendix 3.

# 1.3.3 Communications Programme

Greenstar has prepared a Communications Programme with the aim of effectively communicating with the public about the environmental performance of the facility.

# 1.4 Annual Review

The LEMP will, as a core element of the EMS, be subject to an annual review throughout the facility's operational life. The review will take account of operational experience, the progressive development of the facility, changes in regulatory requirements and developments in landfill technology and operations.

# 2. SITE DESCRIPTION

# 2.1 Site Location

The site is located in the townlands of Killagh More, Ballybaun and Ballintober, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway and encompasses an area of 60.8 ha. It is approximately 2.5 km southwest of Kilconnell village and 4.5 km northwest of Cappataggle village. The site is located in a segment of land, which is bounded to the north by the Ballinasloe to Athenry Road (R348) with local roads immediately adjacent to the east and south, the L7442 and L7439 respectively. The area consists of low lying undulating topography interspersed with a number of small hills.

Residential use in the surrounding area is predominantly single dwelling with adjacent farmyards. There are only 5 No. residential dwellings within or near a 500 m radius of the landfill cell area, with the nearest being 475 m away, and only a further 13 No. within 1000 m of the footprint. The surrounding land use is mainly low intensity livestock farming, with some commercial forestry on lands to the east, north and north west.

# 2.2 Site Development

The facility will be developed in three phases. Phase 1, which was completed in December 2005, involved the initial site development works, construction of 3 engineered landfill cells and the provision of the supporting infrastructure including the waste reception area, weighbridges, leachate holding tank, ESB substation, site offices, weather station and groundwater and surface water control measures. The layout is shown on Drawing No 2228-2600 and Drawing Number 3588-1751A

Phase 2, now complete, and Phase 3 each involve the construction of 6 smaller engineered cells per phase, i.e. 12 additional cells in total, provision and progressive expansion of an active gas management and flaring system, progressive landscape works and the progressive capping and restoration of completed landfill cells. Construction of Phase 2 commenced in summer 2008 and was completed in winter 2010.

# 2.3 Geology and Hydrogeology

The geology and hydrogeology of the area is described in detail in the EIS submitted with the Waste Licence Application and is summarised below.

# 2.3.1 Bedrock Geology

The bedrock beneath the site comprises Lower Carboniferous dark limestones and shales belonging to the Calp Formation. The depth to rock ranges from 3 to 9.5 m across the site.

# 2.3.2 *Quaternary Geology*

Prior to development the natural ground conditions across the site comprised the higher ground consisting of a series of hillocks composed of 0.2 - 0.3 metres of sandy clay top soil and subsoil overlying a 0.4 - 0.6 m layer of glacial deposits comprising gravelly sandy clays that graded into a silty clayey till. In the lower lying ground the subsoil consisted of peat ranging in thickness from 3 - 4 metres overlying silty clayey tills. The permeability of the till ranges from  $1.08 \times 10^{-8}$  m/s to  $5.12 \times 10^{-9}$  m/s, which are considered to be low permeability.

# 2.3.3 Aquifer Status

The bedrock beneath the site is classified as a Locally Important Aquifer using the classification system prepared by the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI). The direction of groundwater flow is from the south to the north/north west.

A well search identified that there are no beneficial users of groundwater within 500 m of the site and all of the residents within 1 km of the site are connected to the Kilconnell Public Supply, which is more than 2.5 km from the landfill cell footprint.

# 2.3.4 Aquifer Vulnerability

The vulnerability of the bedrock aquifer is, based on the type and thickness of the subsoil categorised as High to Extreme in accordance with the classification system prepared by the GSI. The response matrix for landfill location as promoted by the GSI indicates that it is acceptable to locate engineered contained landfills in areas underlain by Locally Important Aquifers with this vulnerability rating.

# 2.3.5 *Groundwater Quality*

Groundwater monitoring carried out prior to the start of development works established that groundwater beneath the site contains elevated ammonia levels. Such levels are often associated with peat rich environments and agricultural activities. The groundwater monitoring carried out since the facility began accepting waste has confirmed that site activities have not impacted on water quality.

# 2.4 Hydrology

# 2.4.1 Drainage Pattern

The original drainage pattern comprised a network of dug field boundary drains extending across the site. The Ballintober Stream forms part of the northern boundary and there is a large drain running north to south (Killaghmore Stream) in the western area of the site. The site drainage enters tributaries of the Raford River, which is to the south-west of the site. To compensate for the loss of the internal site drains during site development perimeter drains have been installed around the landfill cell footprint to intercept surface water flow and divert it to the Ballintober Stream via a settlement lagoon.

# 2.4.2 Surface Water Quality

Water quality monitoring, including biological and chemical assessment, of the surface water drains around the site prior to development established that the drainage system has been impacted by surrounding agricultural land use (animal grazing) and could be classified as Slightly Polluted.

The surface water monitoring carried out since the facility began accepting waste has confirmed that site activities have not impacted on water quality.

# 2.5 Meteorology

The annual average rainfall is of the order of 1091 mm, with average monthly rainfall ranging from 66 mm in the drier months to 110 mm in the wetter winter months. The estimated annual evapotranspiration is approximately 445 mm. The prevailing wind is from the Southsouthwest, with an average wind speed of 10 knots.

# 3. TYPES OF WASTE ACCEPTED & CONSIGNED

# 3.1 Wastes Accepted

Schedules A and F of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) and Technical Amendment A (related to Schedule A: Waste Acceptance) defines the type and maximum quantities of waste that can be accepted for disposal and recovery. A total of 100,000 tonnes of waste can be accepted for disposal annually. The following types and maximum annual quantities of such wastes are: -

- Household 45,000 tonnes
  Commercial 27,500 tonnes
  Industrial Non Hazardous 24,500 tonnes
- Asbestos Waste 3,000 tonnes

The tonnage of household waste, commercial waste and industrial non-hazardous waste may be altered with the prior agreement of the Agency provided that the total amount of all wastes accepted at the facility does not exceed the combined tonnage of 100,000 tonnes per annum and the total amount of asbestos does not exceed 3,000 tonnes per annum.

The following types of inert waste can be accepted for recovery: -

- Concrete,
- Subsoil,
- Stone, Rock and Slate,
- Solid Road Plainings, Solid Tarmacadam and Solid Asphalt,
- Brickwork,
- Clay.
- Other suitable wastes with the prior approval of the Agency

The following information is recorded for each load of waste arriving at the facility in accordance with the requirements of Condition 10.2: -

(a) The date & time:

(b) The name of the carrier (including if appropriate, the waste carrier registration details);

(c) The vehicle registration number

(d) The trailer, skip or other container unique identification number (where relevant)

(e) The name of the producer(s)/collector(s) of the waste as appropriate;

(f) The name of the waste facility (if appropriate) from which the load originated including the waste licence or waste permit register number;

(g) The name and the waste collection permit details;

(h) A description of the waste including the associated EWC/HWL codes;

(i) The quantity of the waste, recorded in tonnes;

(j) Details of the treatment(s) to which the waste has been subjected:

(k) The classification and coding of the waste, including whether MSW or otherwise;

(1) Whether the waste is for disposal or recovery and if recovery, for what purpose;

(m) The name of the person checking the load; and

(n) Where loads or wastes are removed or rejected, details of the date of occurrence, the types of waste and the facility to which they were removed (including the waste licence/permit and/or waste collection permit).

# **3.2** Wastes Consigned

The only waste that is routinely consigned from the facility is leachate generated in the landfill cells, cleanings from the grit and oil interceptors, waste oils/filters generated during the on-site maintenance of the fixed and mobile plant used at the site and small amounts of recyclable office/canteen waste. Unsuitable waste inadvertently delivered to the facility and removed during the waste inspection procedures are consigned on an as needed basis.

Greenstar operate a source segregation policy to maximise the recovery of potential recyclables from the office waste. All recovered materials are transferred off-site to Agency approved and licensed recovery/recycling facilities.

The following information is recorded for each load either consigned, or rejected from the site in accordance with the requirements of Condition 10.2: -

- details of the date of the occurrence,
- the types of waste and the facility to which they were removed (including the waste licence/permit and waste collection permit).

# 3.3 Waste Records

Greenstar maintains records of all characterisation testing carried out by waste producers and confirmatory testing conducted by or on behalf of Greenstar, for a minimum of three years (Ref. Section 5.6.5).

Greenstar maintains records of all waste received, recovered, consigned and disposed at the facility for three years. The records include details of the type, quantities and EWC codes, as required by Condition 10.3 a) of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

# 3.4 Site Capacity

The volumes of waste placed and the remaining void space are calculated annually and reported in the Annual Environmental Report (AER).
# 4. SITE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

# 4.1 Engineering Details

The engineering design details for the facility are shown on the Drawings listed in Table 4.1 and an overview of the design is presented in this Section.

The construction of the cells; leachate storage tank; groundwater and surface water control measures including the surface water settlement lagoon and wetlands; the installation of landfill gas flares and the final capping are all *Specified Engineering Works*, which must be carried out in accordance with Condition 3.2 of the Waste Licence Reg. No.W0178-02. The prior approval of the Agency must be obtained before any such works are carried out.

The design of the lining and capping systems are specified in Conditions 3.12 and 4.4 of the Waste Licence and are in accordance with the design specifications set in the EU Directive of Landfill of Waste, the Agency's Manual on Landfill Site Design and best industry practice.

## 4.2 Site Development

The initial Phase 1 involved the provision of three (3) landfill cells and all supporting infrastructure required to operate the facility in compliance with the Waste Licence. Phases 2 involved the provision of 6 additional landfill cells half the size of Phase 1 cells, and the associated expansion of leachate, landfill gas and surface water control measures. Phase 3 will involve similar provisions to Phase 2.

The development works require the excavation of suitable materials from designated borrow area(s) for use in the construction of the site infrastructure. Activities in the borrow pit area are managed in accordance with Conditions 3.16.3, 5.7.1 iii) and 5.13 of the Waste Licence (W0178-02), which specify the surface water control, landscaping and nuisance mitigation measures. The borrow area(s) will be restored and landscaped using the natural subsoils and peat removed from the landfill cell footprint.

The Killaghmore Stream traverses the extreme southwest of the landfill footprint. Its position necessitated the diversion of a short length of this stream. Approximately 80 m of the stream was rerouted through a new channel. The diversion occurred during Phase 2 development work.

Drawing No.	Title
3588-1751A	Layout of the 3 Phases of the landfill showing existing features
2228-2600	Specified Engineering Works - Overall Site General Arrangement Plan
2228-2601	Specified Engineering Works General Arrangement Phase 1 - Sheet 1 of 2
2228-2602	Specified Engineering Works General Arrangement Phase 1 - Sheet 2 of 2
2228-2605	Specified Engineering Works - Basal Lining System Embankment Details and Intercell Bunds
2228-2607	Specified Engineering Works - Phase I Leachate Collection
2228-2608	Specified Engineering Works - Site Surfacing Plan
2228-2609	Specified Engineering Works - Site Fencing Plan
2228-2612	Specified Engineering Works - Road Construction Details
2228-2614	Specified Engineering Works - Surface Water Lagoon and Engineered Wetland Layout Plan
2228-2615	Specified Engineering Works - Leachate Collection Tank Elevation and Section
2228-2618	Specified Engineering Works - Waste Quarantine Area General Arrangement
2228-2623	Submission to EPA - Landscaping Implementation Plan - Sheet 1 of 2
2228-2624	Submission to EPA - Landscaping Implementation Plan - Sheet 2 of 2
3588-1604A	Landfill Environmental Monitoring Locations

**Table 4.1**Engineering Design Details (See Appendix 1)

A natural gas pipeline runs through the southern portion of the site, approximately 370 m south of the final landfill footprint. The location of the pipeline has been identified in accordance with Condition 3.20 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) so as to avoid accidental damage during development, landscaping, restoration and maintenance works.

## 4.3 Site Preparation and Services

The preparatory works for Phase 1 involved the clearance of vegetation, excavation of in-situ subsoils and raising to formation levels using imported clean aggregate. The excavated peat and wet silts were stored in the material storage area, constructed at the location shown on Drawing No. 2228-2600. The storage was in accordance with the Conditions 3.16.4 and 5.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-01).

The facility has a 110 kW electricity supply, a water supply from a local group scheme and phone lines. The surface water drainage system is shown on Drawing Nos. 2228-2600, 2601 & 2602 as well as 3588-1751A Sanitary wastewater from the offices and canteen is treated in an on-site wastewater treatment plant and the treated effluent is pumped to the leachate storage tank.

# 4.4 Site Facilities

The site facilities include: -

- Waste Reception Area,
- Weighbridges (2 No.),
- Wheel Wash,
- Waste Quarantine & Inspection Areas,
- Landfill Cells,
- Leachate Storage Tank & Leachate Storage Lagoon,
- Landfill Gas flares (4 No.)
- Landfill Gas Utilisation Engine (1 No.)
- Surface Water Pond,
- Administration Block (offices, stores, canteen, toilets and showers),
- ESB Sub-Station,
- Standby Generator (Diesel),
- Oil Storage Tank.

The site layout is shown on Drawing No. 2228-2600 and Drawing No. 3588-1751A. The drawing will be reviewed as required to include any new facilities provided, during the phased development of the site.

## 4.5 Facility Roads, Access Roads & Hardstanding

The Specification for the roads and hardstanding areas is based on 'Specification for Roadworks', published by the National Roads Authority. The various types of surfacing are

described on Drawing No. 2228-2608, with details on Drawing No. 2228-2612 and the construction complies with the requirements of Condition 3.5.1.

# 4.5.1 Main Access Road

The main access road linking the existing R348 to the landfill runs for approximately 820m over existing farmland (see Drawing Nos. 2228-2600 and 2228-2608). It comprises (see Drawing No. 2228-2612): -

Wearing Course	-	HSC Hot Rolled Asphalt, 40 mm thick
Base Course	-	Dense Bitumen Macadam, 60 mm thick
Roadbase	-	Heavy Duty Macadam, 150 mm thick
Sub-base	-	Clause 804, 150 mm thick
Capping	-	Granular material Grade 6F1/6F2, up to 600 mm thick (to be assessed on CBR test results).

## 4.5.2 Infrastructure Access Roads & Car Parking Areas

The infrastructure access road runs for approximately 150 m linking the car park, office, quarantine area and fuel bund (see Drawing No. 2228-2601 & Drawing No.3588 1751A). The road and car park design is the same as the main access road. Precast concrete kerbs and road gulleys are provided, with a piped gravity drainage system discharging to the surface water lagoon via an alarmed oil/water separator. Isolation joints are provided at all interfaces with concrete structures or concrete hardstanding.

# 4.5.3 Reinforced Concrete Hardstanding

Reinforced concrete hardstanding has been provided at locations adjacent to the fuel bund, quarantine area and leachate holding tank, where increased wear resistance is required for turning vehicles (see Drawing No. 2228-2601). The hardstand comprises 250 mm thick reinforced concrete slab, to details provided in Drawing No. 2228-2615 and 2228-2618.

# 4.5.4 Jeep Track

A track, as shown on Drawing No. 2228-2608, and detailed on Drawing No. 2228-2612. has been provided to allow access to the perimeter fence and monitoring infrastructure. The pavement design of the track is as follows: -

Wearing course	-	200 mm Cl.804
Sub-base	-	depending on ground conditions up to 675 mm fill with two layers of geogrids as per specification.

## 4.6 Site Buildings

The locations of the administration block, weighbridge maintenance garage and ESB Sub-Station are shown on Drawing No. 2228-2600 & Drawing No.3588 1751A. The design of all of the buildings took into consideration the guidance given in the DOE publication "Protection of New Buildings and Occupants from Landfill Gas, as specified in Condition 3.15.5 of the original Waste Licence (Reg. No. 178-1).

## 4.7 Waste Inspection and Quarantine Areas

Waste inspection and quarantine areas required under Condition 3.7.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02) are located as shown on Drawing No. 2228 - 2600 & Drawing No.3588 1751A to the details shown on Drawing No. 2228-2618. The areas are bounded on 3 sides by a 1.5 m high reinforced concrete wall. Both areas are provided with longitudinal falls to allow run-off to drain directly to a sump.

## 4.8 Wheel Wash

A wheel wash is provided in accordance with Condition 3.9.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02). Water is supplied to the wheel wash from the on-site surface water lagoon. The wheel wash drains to the leachate collection system, as specified by Condition 3.9.1.

## 4.9 Landfill Cells

The landfill is designed as a containment facility. Waste is only disposed in the engineered landfill cells which comprise a lining system, as specified in Condition 3.12 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The basal and side wall lining system design complies with the recommendations in the Agency's Landfill Manual Landfill Design and comprises a minimum of: -

- A composite liner consisting of a 0.5 m layer of Bentonite Enhanced Sand (BES) with a hydraulic conductivity of less than or equal to  $5 \times 10^{-10}$  m/s overlain by a 2 mm thick high density polyethylene (HDPE) layer;
- A geotextile protection layer placed over the HDPE layer;
- A 500 mm thick drainage layer placed over the geotextile layer with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of 1x10<sup>-3</sup> m/s on the base on the cell and incorporating HDPE collection drains.

Details of the engineering specification for the landfill cells constructed in Phase 1 are shown on Drawing No. 2228-2605. The construction of all the cells is the subject of a comprehensive construction quality assurance (CQA) programme. Copies of the CQA reports are submitted to the Agency for approval before waste is deposited in the cells.

# 4.10 Leachate

The facility is designed to minimise leachate generation. Surface water run-off and groundwater flow is directed away from the fill area by means of interceptor drains installed outside the landfill cells and an underlying groundwater drainage layer. The landfill cells are designed as fully contained areas and the construction is subject to a comprehensive construction quality assurance and validation process, details of which are submitted to the Agency.

Leachate is collected by means of a series of perforated pipes constructed in drainage stone layer on top of the basal liner which has a fall of 1: 150 towards internal collection sumps. The leachate is pumped from the sumps, using submersible pumps and a sloping shaft side riser, to the leachate transport lines from where it flows by gravity to the leachate pumping station located beside the holding tank. The leachate is pumped from the station into the Leachate Lagoon or holding tank. Details of the collection system are shown on Drawings No. 2228-2607 and 2228-2615.

The precast concrete leachate storage tank has a capacity of  $500 \text{ m}^3$ , which based on water balance calculations prepared as part to the application for the waste licence, provides for more than 80 hours retention when the maximum hourly rate of leachate generation will occur. The water balance calculations were based on guidance presented in the EPA Landfill Manual on Landfill Site Design. In addition to this tank a leachate storage lagoon of 5000m3 capacity was constructed in 2009 for additional leachate storage.

Annual water balance calculations will be completed during the preparation of the Annual Environmental Report (AER) and based on recorded rainfall data and the volumes of leachate removed from the site. The calculations will be used to assess the suitability of the existing and proposed leachate management facilities that will be progressively provided in the additional Phases.

The leachate holding tank is provided with a lining system as shown on Drawing No. 2228-2615. A concrete spill pad is provided in the loading bay at the tank. The road tankers used to remove the leachate are parked in the bay while leachate is removed from the tank. The pad is graded to prevent the escape of any spills that may occur during tanker loading.

The leachate is removed off-site for treatment at a waste water treatment plant approved by the Agency in accordance with Condition 11.7 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

#### 4.11 Landfill Gas

The landfill cells are fully contained by the engineered lining system (Ref. Section 4.1). An active abstraction and flaring system has been provided and gas collection wells are progressively installed in the cells and connected to the abstraction system. In 2010 a Gas Utilisation Plant was installed which produces electricity for use on site as well as for export to the National Grid

The design of the gas abstraction system meets the specifications set in Condition 3.15.2 of Waste Licence (Reg. No. W178-02) and proposals for the gas equipment were agreed with the Agency as required under Condition 3.2.1.

#### 4.12 Surface Water

All rainfall on the active landfill cells is characterised as leachate and is collected in the leachate collection system. The surface drainage from all roads, hardstanding areas and all areas of the facility where the surface water has the potential to become contaminated is directed to the surface water lagoon in the north of the site. The surface water in the administration area is directed to an oil interceptor. Run-off from the swale around the perimeter of the landfill cells is collected and discharged directly to the surface water lagoon via a separate inlet.

The lagoon is sized to accommodate run-off from a 12 hour storm event with a return period of 1:50 years. Details of the lagoon are shown on Drawing No. 2228-2614. The inlet to the pond is fitted with a Class 1 Full Oil interceptor, as specified in Condition 3.16.6 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No W178-02). Water from the lagoon outfalls to a reed bed system, as shown on Drawing No. 2228-2614.

## 4.13 Groundwater

To eliminate the potential for groundwater to adversely impact the construction of the landfill cells, the design incorporates a basal groundwater drainage layer. Groundwater intercepted by the drainage layer is directed to a sump from where it is be pumped to the surface water lagoon.

# 4.14 Site Security

The fencing layout is shown on Drawing No. 2228-2609. Anti-intruder fencing and a gateway and a CCTV system have been provided at the facility entrance. Security personnel are employed at all times when the site in not in operation.

# 4.15 Monitoring Infrastructure

The existing groundwater, surface water, noise, dust and  $PM_{10}$  monitoring locations are shown on Drawing 3588-1604 A. Additional landfill gas, groundwater and surface water monitoring points will be provided during the progressive development of the facility as specified in Conditions 3.19.1, 3.19.2, 3.19.3 and 3.19.4 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

Any monitoring infrastructure which is damaged or proves to be unsuitable for its purpose is replaced within three (3) months of being damaged or identified as being unsuitable, as specified in Condition 3.19.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

# 4.16 Fire Control

The facility obtains its fire fighting water supply from the surface water lagoon. Emergency response procedures are in place which are followed in the event of a fire.

## 4.17 Landscaping

The fill area is sited to maximise the screening value of existing boundary hedgerows. The development phasing sequence is from the north to the south, with the initial phase at the maximum distance from the nearest residence to allow time for maturing of additional screen planting. Landscaping measures are implemented in accordance with the programme prepared in compliance with Condition 5.7.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02) and the Drawings submitted 2228-2623 & 2624.

## 4.18 Fuel & Chemical Storage

Diesel for the mobile plant and back-up generator is stored in a 10,000 litre tank provided with a containment bund in the administration area, next to the waste inspection and quarantine areas. The bund design meets the specification in Condition 3.11 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

Small quantities of lubricating and hydraulic oils used in plant maintenance are stored on a bunded pallet inside the maintenance shed. The integrity and water tightness of all bunds is confirmed at least once every three years as per Condition 3.11.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

# 4.19 Capping System

The final profile will be a maximum of 124 mOD Malin and the shape will be as shown on Drawing No 2228-2623. When the final fill levels have been reached, the cells will be capped with a low permeability capping system as specified in Condition 4.4 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02), which includes: -

- Top soil (150 300 mm);
- Subsoils such that the total thickness of top soil and subsoils is at least 1 m;
- Drainage layer of 0.5 m thickness having a minimum hydraulic conductivity of 1x10<sup>-4</sup>m/s (or equivalent as agreed by the Agency);
- Compacted mineral layer of a minimum 0.6 m thickness with a permeability of less than  $1x10^{-9}$ m/s or a geosynthetic material (e.g. GCL) or similar that provides equivalent protection; and
- Gas collection layer of natural material (minimum 0.3 m) or a geosynthetic layer.

# 4.20 Restoration

The fill area will be restored in accordance with detailed Restoration Plans prepared in compliance with Condition 4.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The Restoration Plans will include details of the planting and reinstatement end use.

# 5. OPERATIONAL MATTERS

# 5.1 General Description of the Operation

The facility is an engineered, non-hazardous landfill, with deposition and covering of treated waste in specially designed and constructed landfill cells. The cells are designed to facilitate the effective control of emissions and are provided with a low permeability composite lining and leachate collection system.

An active landfill gas extraction, flaring and utilisation system has been provided and progressively extended to collect, flare and utilise landfill gas. Construction and Demolition waste is recovered on-site for use in the construction of site roads and restoration works. The only wastes regularly consigned from the facility are leachate and waste oils generated during on-site plant and equipment maintenance.

# 5.2 Operating Procedures

Greenstar has prepared a comprehensive set of Operating Procedures (OP) that cover all aspects of the day to day management of the facility and contingency measures. The OP's are based on the requirements of the Waste Licence, the Agency's Landfill Manual on Landfill Operations and the Agency's draft BAT for Landfill. The OPs form part of the facility's ISO 14001 certified EMS and are subject to regular review based on operational experience, legislative changes and improvements in best practice.

## 5.3 Site Management

The Site Management Team comprises: -

- Facility Manager,
- Deputy Facility Manager,
- Foreman,
- Weighbridge Operator,
- Plant operators,
- General Operatives,
- Administration.

The Facility Manager and Deputy Manager(s) are suitably qualified and experienced and have undergone appropriate training, as specified by Conditions 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) and the training and awareness requirements of the EMS. Greenstar maintains training records of all training provided to facility personnel.

The roles and responsibilities of all members of facility staff are set out in the Management Structure, which is specified in Condition 2.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). This document is subject to annual review and will be amended to reflect any change in facility personnel.

# 5.4 Operational & Waste Acceptance Hours

The operational and waste acceptance hours are specified in Condition 1.9.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The facility is operational between 7.30 and 18.30 Monday to Friday and, on occasion, between 7.30 to 14.30 on Saturday Waste can be accepted at the facility for disposal between 8.00 and 17.45, Monday to Friday and 8.00 to 13.45 on Saturday.

# 5.5 Access Control

The only access point to the facility is off the R348. The internal traffic control system requires all waste vehicles entering the facility to pass the weighbridges. The access gates are locked shut outside of operational hours.

Signage is provided on the eastern approach to the entrance off the R348 identifying the site and the access point. Access to the weighbridges is controlled by means of automated barriers. All visitors must report to the administration building and provide their name, company/organisation, vehicle registration number and purpose of visit.

# 5.6 Waste Acceptance Procedures

## 5.6.1 Treatment of Waste

Condition 1.6 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) stipulates that, with the exception of inert waste, only treated waste is accepted at the facility for disposal. The method by which this is achieved is described in the Waste Acceptance Procedures prepared in accordance with Condition 1.12 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

# 5.6.2 Biodegradable content of Municipal Waste

Condition 1.7 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) outlines limits on the amounts of biodegradable waste which may be accepted at the facility. Condition 1.8 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) outlines how the biodegradable content of municipal waste is to be established. Condition 11.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) outlines how the licensee must demonstrate Compliance with Diversion Targets.

In order to comply with this condition a quarterly summary report is submitted to the Agency within one week of the end of each quarter outlining the quantity of MSW and BMW accepted at the landfill during the preceding quarter and on a cumulative basis for the calendar year to date. The report details the tonnage of MSW and BMW accepted and the basis (including all calculation factors) on which the figures have been calculated.

# 5.6.3 Waste Collection Permits

Greenstar only accepts waste from holders of waste collection permits under the Waste Management (Collection) Permit Regulations 2007 (as may be amended) unless exempted, or from licensed/permitted. Greenstar must be provided with copies of up to date collection permits before waste is accepted from a waste collector.

## 5.6.4 Waste Characterisation

Greenstar may require waste producers to characterise the waste prior to acceptance at the facility in accordance with procedures approved by the Agency, as specified in Condition 1.12 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02).

Such waste characterisation must meet all waste acceptance criteria set by Greenstar including methods to distinguish between inert, non-hazardous and hazardous waste as defined in the European Council Decision of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2002 establishing the criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste at landfills pursuant to Article 16 and Annex II of the Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste. The producer/holder of the waste must, if requested, provide documentation that the waste meets Greenstar's specification. Waste not conforming to Greenstar's specification will neither be accepted nor deposited at the site.

## 5.6.5 Waste Inspection

All documentation accompanying waste delivery records is checked at the weighbridge and the waste is also visually inspected at the weighbridge using overhead CCTV cameras where practical. If the checks identify that the waste does not comply with Greenstar's specifications it is not accepted. Where there are doubts about the nature of the waste, the delivery vehicle is directed to the waste inspection area, where it may be off-loaded. If following inspection the waste is considered to be acceptable it is, where practical, reloaded on to the delivery vehicle and moved to the active fill area. If this is not practical the waste is removed to the fill area by Greenstar plant.

If the material is identified as not suitable it is, where practical, loaded onto the delivery vehicle and the driver instructed to remove it off-site. If this is not practical the waste is moved to the Waste Quarantine Area for storage pending removal by the waste producer/waste collector.

All waste placed in the landfill cells is inspected by Greenstar personnel at the waste face to confirm that the wastes are suitable. Where operatives identify unsuitable waste this is, if practical, reloaded onto the delivery vehicle and removed from the facility. If this is not possible the waste is removed from the active fill area and stored in the Waste Quarantine Area, pending removal off-site by the waste producer/waste collector.

## 5.6.6 Waste Records

The following information on each waste load delivered to the facility is recorded as required by Condition 10.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02): -

(a) The date & time:

(b) The name of the carrier (including if appropriate, the waste carrier registration details);

(c) The vehicle registration number

(d) The trailer, skip or other container unique identification number (where relevant)

(e) The name of the producer(s)/collector(s) of the waste as appropriate;

(f) The name of the waste facility (if appropriate) from which the load originated including the waste licence or waste permit register number;

(g) The name and the waste collection permit details;

(h) A description of the waste including the associated EWC/HWL codes;

- (i) The quantity of the waste, recorded in tonnes;
- (j) Details of the treatment(s) to which the waste has been subjected:
- (k) The classification and coding of the waste, including whether MSW or otherwise;
- (1) Whether the waste is for disposal or recovery and if recovery, for what purpose;

(m) The name of the person checking the load; and

(n) Where loads or wastes are removed or rejected, details of the date of occurrence, the types of waste and the facility to which they were removed (including the waste licence/permit and/or waste collection permit).

# 5.7 Phasing of Filling

The facility will be developed in series of three (3) Phases and each Phase will involve the construction of a number of landfill cells. Phase 1 was completed December 2005 and involved the construction of 3 cells. Phase 2 was completed in December and involved the construction of 6 cells. Phase 2 cells are half the size of cells in Phase 1.

The landfill cells are filled sequentially. For practical reasons it is not be possible to fill to final levels in any one cell without filling in the adjacent cell(s). The progress of the filling and the future development of the phases will be reviewed annually and amendments incorporated into the LEMP.

# 5.8 Equipment

The following plant may be used at the facility for waste activities:

- Landfill Compactors (2: 1 No Duty & 1 No Standby.),
- Back-hoe Excavator (2 No.),
- Dumper, A25 (1 No.),
- Tractor and trailer (1 No.),
- Road sweeper (1 No.),
- Water Bowser (1 No.),
- Landfill Gas flares (4 No.)
- Standby Generator (1 No.),
- Duty and Standby electrical and diesel powered pumps (6 No.).

The plant list will be revised annually to reflect any changes or additions arising from amendments to waste activities. The list does not include plant and equipment used in the phased site development works.

## 5.9 Waste Placement

Unless otherwise agreed with the Agency only one working face is in use in the active landfill cell, as required by Condition 5.3 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The working face is limited to 2.5 m in height after compaction, 25 m wide and a slope of 1:3.

The residual household, commercial and industrial waste is deposited directly on the surface of the immediately preceding layer of waste close to the advancing tipping face by the waste delivery vehicle. The waste is spread in shallow layers, on the inclined surface and compacted using a steel wheeled compactor. All large, hollow objects or other large items are crushed or flattened using the compactor. The working face is covered with suitable material at the end of each working day.

The deposited waste is not excavated or disturbed without the prior approval of the Agency, as specified in Condition 5.8.3 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

The completed areas of the landfill cells are profiled so that there are no depressions where water may accumulate.

# 5.10 Cover Requirements

The waste is covered at the end of every working day as specified in Condition 5.8.3 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) using suitable material. Adequate stockpiles of cover material are maintained on-site at all times. The daily cover material is either imported or recovered on-site from the Construction and Demolition wastes or taken from the onsite borrow pit.

The active fill area is inspected daily and where the daily and intermediate cover material has been eroded, washed off or otherwise removed this material is replaced by the end of the working day as required by Condition 5.4.2 to the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

# 5.11 Off-Site Disposal and Recovery

Wastes consigned from the facility must be conveyed by waste contractors approved by the Agency, as specified by Condition 5.11.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). Greenstar maintains and regularly updates a register of approved waste contractors.

All waste transferred from the facility must go to an appropriately licensed/permitted facility agreed by the Agency, as specified in Condition 5.11.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). Greenstar maintains and regularly updates a register of approved facilities.

All wastes consigned from the facility must be transported in a manner that does not adversely affect the environment, as specified in Condition 5.11.3 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). Greenstar personnel inspect each vehicle transporting waste off-site to ensure that it is suitable to transport the particular waste.

# 5.12 Water, Leachate and Gas Control Measures

# 5.12.1 Surface Water Control Measures

Two inlets to the surface water lagoon are provided, which deliver water from the perimeter swale and site roads. Isolation valves are provided near both inlets to stop inflow where necessary, as specified in Condition 3.16.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02). Surface water from impermeable areas of the site where there is the potential for contamination passes through a grit trap and a Class 1 Full Oil interceptor before discharge to the lagoon, as specified in Condition 3.16.6. of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

The water in the lagoon discharges to the Ballintober Stream via a reed bed system. The reed bed design was based on consultation with the Western Regional Fisheries Board as required by Condition 3.16.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The outfall from the pond to the wetland area is controlled by an actuated penstock. The penstock also allows the retention of water within the pond in the event that monitoring indicates contamination of the surface water.

# 5.12.2 Leachate Management

Leachate accumulating in the cells is pumped from collection sumps located inside the cells via side risers to the leachate main from where it flows to a leachate holding tank, (which has a capacity of 500 m<sup>3</sup>) or to the leachate lagoon, (which has a capacity of 5,000 m<sup>3</sup>). The pumps are controlled by means of a systems control and data acquisition system (SCADA) that continuously monitors the level in the landfill cells, storage tank and lagoon and activates the pumps to ensure the level does not exceed 1 m above the liner as specified in Condition 5.14.1 of Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

High level alarms are fitted in the cells and in the storage tank and lagoon. A freeboard of 0.75m is maintained in the storage tank as required by Condition 5.14.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The maintenance of the 0.75 m freeboard at all times in the storage tank requires the regular removal of leachate from the tank. The leachate is removed using fully enclosed road tankers operated by a permitted waste collector.

The leachate is treated at an off-site waste water treatment plant (WWTP). WWTP's used by this facility include Galway County Council Tuam STP, Celtic Anglican Waste WWTP (Ringsend), Rilta Industrial WWTP (Rathcoole), and Enva Industrial WWTP

(Shannon) which were agreed in advance with the Agency, as specified in Condition 5.13.4 and 11.7.1 b) of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

Greenstar has prepared written procedures for the proper handling of leachate at the site, as specified in Condition 11.7.1 e) of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The procedure specifies the corrective actions to be taken in the event of a spill at the ground surface. Greenstar maintains an adequate supply of containment booms and/or suitable absorbent material to contain and absorb any spill at the facility. Facility personnel have been provided with appropriate training to deal with any such incidents.

At present Leachate is not pre-treated at the facility. If at some time in the future pretreatment is being considered Greenstar will submit details to the Agency for prior approval. Leachate may be recirculated in cells that have been capped and restored to the Agency's satisfaction and subject to the Agency's prior approval, as required by Condition 5.14.5 of Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02).

# 5.12.3 Landfill Gas Control Measures

The primary measures to prevent landfill gas migration and to allow the efficient collection of gases for flaring and utilisation are the landfill lining system, supported by active abstraction. An active abstraction and flaring system has been provided and gas collection wells are progressively installed in the cells and connected to the abstraction system. In 2010 a Gas Utilisation Plant was installed which produces electricity for use on site as well as for export to the National Grid

# 5.13 Noise Emission Controls

Noise emissions are mitigated by the following methods, which are based on the requirements of Condition 7. 6.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02): -

- Low sound level plant is used on-site,
- Speed restrictions on all internal site roads,
- Fitting of acoustic panels on the engine bays and exhaust silencers on all heavy machinery used on-site, and
- Compliance with BS 5528 Noise Control on Construction and Open Sites.

# **5.14 Odour Emission Controls**

Odour emissions are controlled by means which include the following operational procedures and engineering controls: -

- The daily working area is limited in size,
- Daily covering of waste,
- Provision and progressive expansion of an active gas abstraction and flaring system in operational cells,
- Provision of a low permeability cap incorporating a landfill gas collection system on completed cells.

In compliance with Condition 8.13 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) an Odour Management Plan (OMP) has been prepared and submitted to the Agency.

# 5.15 Litter Control

Litter control is achieved by the following methods which are specified in Condition 7.3 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02) and also best practice: -

- Daily covering of the waste,
- Suspension of waste disposal during adverse weather conditions,
- Provision and maintenance of permanent and portable litter fencing and netting around the perimeter of all waste disposal areas. The fencing is provided prior to the placement of waste,
- Daily inspection of litter control infrastructure. All defects are repaired by the end of the working day on which the defect was discovered. If it is only possible to effect a temporary repair on the day a permanent repair must be completed within three days,
- Loose litter or other waste occurring on or in the vicinity of the site is collected immediately or no later than 10 am of the next working day after such waste is discovered in compliance with Condition 7.3.4,
- Greenstar requires all vehicles delivering waste to and removing waste and materials from the facility to be appropriately covered.

## 5.16 Dust Emission Controls

Dust emissions are minimised and controlled by the following, which are specified in Conditions 7.4 and 7.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) and also best practice: -

• Paved roads,

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- Mandatory use of the wheel wash by waste vehicles leaving the site except those whose exemption has been approved by the Agency,
- Routine road sweeping,
- Daily cover of the deposited waste,
- Capping and seeding of landfill cells,
- Vegetation of soil stockpiles,
- Use of water bowser to dampen roads and stockpiles as required.

# 5.17 Bird Control

The primary measure for the prevention of birds gathering and feeding at the facility is the appropriate daily covering of waste. The use of birds of prey and/or other bird scaring techniques are employed on a daily basis, as required by Condition 7.7.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). Gas operated scaring devices are not used.

# 5.18 Vermin and Other Pest Control

Vermin control is carried out in accordance with the Programme for the Control and Eradication of Insect and Rodent Infestations at the Facility, prepared under Condition 11.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). Greenstar maintains records of the vermin control programme implemented at the facility, as required by Condition 10.5 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

The records include: -

- Date and time when spraying of insecticide is carried out;
- Contractor details;
- Contractor logs and inspection reports;
- Details of the rodenticide(s) and insecticide(s) used;
- Operator training details;
- Details of any infestation;
- Mode, frequency, location and quantity of application; and
- Measures to contain sprays within the facility boundary.

# 5.19 Wheel Wash

The wheel wash is inspected daily as specified in Condition 5.15.4 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). Solid material removed from the wheel wash is disposed of in the landfill. Dirty water is directed to the leachate collection system as specified in Condition 3.9.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W178-02).

# 5.20 Operational and Safety Rules and Emergency Response Procedures

Greenstar has prepared operating procedures that cover all aspects of facility operations (Ref. Section 5.2). Greenstar has prepared a Health & Safety Plan and, as specified in Condition 9.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02), has also prepared Emergency Response Procedures (ERP). All Greenstar personnel and contractors working on-site must be familiar with and adhere to Greenstar's Health & Safety and ERP requirements.

# 5.21 Environmental Monitoring Programme

Greenstar implements a comprehensive environmental monitoring programme at the facility in compliance with Conditions 8.1 to 8.14 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The type of monitoring, monitoring locations and frequency is set out in Schedule D of the Waste Licence and summarised in Table 5.1. Any amendments to the frequency, locations, methods and scope of the monitoring can only be made with the prior approval of the Agency as specified in Condition 8.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

Greenstar maintains records of all the monitoring carried out at the facility. The records include the names and qualifications of all the persons who carry out all sampling and monitoring and who provide the interpretation of the sampling and monitoring results, as specified in Condition 10.3 (e) of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

Condition	Monitor	ing Item	Frequency
Table D.1. & Table D.3.	Dust samples	s (5 number)	Quarterly
Table D.1. & Table D.3.	$PM_{10}(5)$	number)	Quarterly
Table D.1. & Table D.4.	Noise (5 num	ber locations)	Quarterly
Table D.1. & Table D.5.	Ground water	Levels	Monthly
	(8 number)	Analysis	Quarterly
		Analysis	Annually
Table D.1. & Table D.5.	Surface water	Inspection	Monthly
	(7 number)	Analysis	Quarterly
		Analysis	Annually
Table D.1. & Tables D.2 and D7	Landfi	ill Gas	
Table D.1. & Table D.5.	Leac	hate	
8.8.1	Biological Assess	ment (4 locations)	Annually
8.7	Topographi	ical Survey	Annually
8.9	Archaeologica	al Assessment	*
8.10	Stability A	ssessment	Annually
8.11.1	Nuisance N	Monitoring	Weekly
Table D6	Meteorologica	al Monitoring	Daily
Table D8	Waste M	onitoring	
Table D9	Ambient Odo	ur Monitoring	Monthly

<b>Table 5.1</b> Environmental Monitoring Programme	Table 5.1	Environmental Monitoring Programme
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\* To be carried out prior to development of any undisturbed area:

# 5.22 Incidents

Greenstar will, where an incident occurs, notify the Agency in accordance with Condition 9.1 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02).

An incident is defined as follows: -

- An emergency;
- Any emission that does not comply with the requirements of the licence;
- Any exceedance of the daily duty capacity of the waste handling equipment;
- Any trigger level specified in the licence which is attained or exceeded;
- Any indication that environmental pollution has, or may have taken place.

Greenstar will, in accordance with Condition 11.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02) notify the Agency as soon as is practicable and in any case no later than 10 am the following working day of the occurrence of an incident and submit a written report within 5 days of the occurrence of the incident, or earlier if practicable. Where the incident involves a discharge to surface water Greenstar will inform the WRFB no later than 10 am the following working day after the incident.

Where follow up actions are taken in response to the incident e.g. clean-up Greenstar will, as specified in Condition 11.2 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02), prepare and submit a report to the Agency on the actions no later than 10 days after the start of the works.

# 5.23 Complaints

Greenstar has established a procedure for recording and responding to complaints received in relation to the management and operation of the facility. All complaints are recorded in a Complaint Log, as specified in Condition 10.4 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No.W0178-02). The information recorded includes: -

- Date and time of the complaint;
- Name of the complainant;
- Details of the nature of the complaint;
- Actions taken on foot of the complaint and the results of such actions; and
- The response made to each complainant. Revision 1 of LEMP East Galway2011.Doc 29 of

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager must be informed of the complaint and are responsible for the investigation of the complaint and the implementation of any corrective measures. In the event that corrective actions are required to address the cause of the complaint Greenstar records the actions on the Complaint log and communications to the complainant.

## 5.24 Reports

The full reporting requirements are set out in Schedule E of the Licence and are summarised in Table 5.2. The reports, in conjunction with the AER, are required under Condition 11 of the Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0178-02) and also meet the reporting requirements of the EMS. The preparation of the AER involves a review of the progress in achieving the EMS Objectives and Targets, reports on site development works, resource consumption, changes to existing or introduction of new operating procedures and an assessment of the impacts of site activities.

Report	Frequency	Submission Date
EMS Updates	Annually	As Part of AER
AER	Annually	By 31 <sup>st</sup> March each calendar year
Incidents	As they occur	Within 5 days of the incident
Bund, tank, integrity testing 3 years		1 month after end of 3 year period
Specified Engineering Works	As they arise	2 months prior to works commencing
Landfill Gas monitoring	Quarterly	10 days after reporting quarter
Surface Water Monitoring	Quarterly	10 days after reporting quarter
Groundwater Monitoring	Quarterly	10 days after reporting quarter
Leachate Monitoring	Quarterly	10 days after reporting quarter
Meteorological Monitoring	Annually	1 month after reporting year
Dust Monitoring	Quarterly	10 days after reporting period
Noise Monitoring	Bi-Annually	1 month after the reporting period
Odour Management Plan (OMP)	As Required	Six months after date of grant of licence
Environmental Liability Risk	Every 3 Years	Within 12 months after date of grant of licence
Assessment (ELRA)		and at least every 3 years thereafter as part of
		AER.
Any other monitoring	As they occur	Within 10 days of obtaining results

**Table 5.2**Reporting Requirements

# 6. SCHEDULE OF OBJECTIVES & TARGETS

Objectives and Targets should cover both the short, medium and long term and be based on operational experience in order to ensure that they are both realistic and achievable. They should not be confined solely to compliance with regulatory requirement as this is the minimum performance criteria and the aim of the EMS is to achieve continual improvement environmental performance.

The Schedule of Objectives and Targets for 20010 - 2014 is presented in Table 6.1. It includes details of the resources required, responsible person and target completion date.

## 6.1 Schedule of Objectives and Targets

Ref. No.	Objective	Ref. No.	Target	Resources Required	Person Responsible	Time Frame for Completion	Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2011
0 - 1	Lower the environmental impacts associated with fugitive landfill gas emissions by	T - 1.1	Undertake quarterly VOC surveys of the waste surface over the next 5 years, to establish the areas were fugitive emissions are most prevalent.	External Consultant (circa €1,800 per survey)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Surveys carried out on Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2010, Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2010 and Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
	developing the Facility's Gas Utilisation Infrastructure and landfill gas management techniques.	T - 1.2	Installation of gas extraction wells where fugitive emissions have been identified from the VOC surveys.	Circa €1,700 per borehole.	Site Manager	Ongoing	Additional vertical & horizontal gas extraction wells installed during 2010. There were 28 horizontal wells added to cells 4 & 5. An additional 6 Gas shafts were added to cells 4 & 5. A further 26 vertical wells were also added to cells 3, 4 & 5. This brings the total number of gas extraction points on site to approximately 310.
		T - 1.4	Apply impermeable Geohess cover over filled areas of the landfill.	€7/m2 approx	Site Manager	Ongoing	Geohess installed progressively throughout 2010 and to continue in a similar vein in 2011 over filled areas. 9,000m <sup>2</sup> was applied between the 21 <sup>st</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2010 encompassing Cells 3 & 4.
		T - 1.5	Monitor and review the effectiveness of the perimeter odour neutralising infrastructure installed in 2007 and maintain record of performance.	Assistant Site Manager (80 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Wind direction Intelligence sensor incorporated in Dec 2008 to improve efficiency of system. Continually review market developments in this field.

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		T - 2.1	Reduce leachate generation by incorporating improved leachate reducing design features into construction of Phases 2 and 3 of the Landfill.	External Consultant & Site Manager (60 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Leachate reducing design features have been incorporating into Phase 2 development by reducing cell area. Their effectiveness will be reviewed and possibly replicated in Phase 3 development.
	Lower the potential	T - 2.2	Reduce leachate generation by applying impermeable Geohess cover over filled areas of the landfill .	€7/m2 approx	Site Manager	Ongoing	Geohess to be installed progressively over filled areas.
0 - 2	environmental impacts associated with the generation of leachate. by reducing leachate generation	T - 2.3	Lower the demand on WWTP's, risk of spillage, CO2 emissions associated with the off site treatment of leachate	External Consultant & Site Manager (60 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Ongoing implementation of site practices (Cell area reduction, Geohess application)
0- 3	Lower the potential environmental impacts associated with litter by improving litter management techniques.	T - 3.1	Investigate potential for construction of wind breaker berms for operation in windy conditions.	Assistant Site Manager (20 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	Not possible due to lack of desirable material available to this facility to be used in the construction of such berms. Continued review of day to day litter reducing management techniques to ensure was completed and as a consequence, an additional 4 litter cages were Obtained/sourced in 2010 these mobile litter cages are employed at working face.

0 - 4	Minimise the amount of natural resources (water, power etc) consumed at the Facility.	T - 4.1	Complete a second Energy Audit of the Facility to identify possibilities to improve energy efficiency and ascertain the facilities performance within an energy management matrix.	External Consultant (circa €5,000)	Site Manager	May 2010	A second Energy audit was completed by external consultants (OCM) in March 2010. In order to improve the facility's performance and current standing within the energy management matrix the Energy Policy Statement was updated, training has been provided, sub-meters installed in Gas utilisation compound completed in October 2010.
0 - 4	Minimise the amount of natural resources (water, power etc) consumed at the Facility.	T – 4.2	Carry out assessment of the use of raw material at the Facility and identify opportunities for the improved efficiency in the use of raw materials.	Assistant Site Manager (40 man hours)	Site Manager	Ongoing	<ul> <li>Facility actively pursues C &amp; D materials, as a substitute for natural material, for engineering purposes.</li> <li>Natural material excavated during Phase 2 development to be reused on site where possible</li> <li>On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010, EPA approval was granted for use of Water Clarification Filter Cake as a cover material</li> <li>Wherever possible look for suitable engineering materials in order to limit the amount of virgin material used on site.</li> </ul>
		T – 4.3	Carry out assessment of water usage at the facility and identify opportunities for improved efficiency of water usage.	Assistant Site Manager (40 man hours)	Site Manager	June 2011	Water requirements on various sections of site being monitored to identify potentials for reductions. Water usage was recorded on a monthly basis in 2010 and this will be used as part of a benchmarking exercise in an attempt to reduce the reliance on group water scheme. Waster usage will be addressed in future environmental management meetings (EMS) from Quarter 1 2011 onward

		T – 4.4	Review Site safety statement	Assistant Site Manager (40 man hours)	Site Manager GM Landfill Group	Ongoing	Independent H&S audit was completed by Olivier Gardelle (Group H&S) on Thurday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2010. Follow up action items to be completed in 2011 Health & Safety statement review carried out in Nov 2007. A further Safety statement review was completed in December 2009 and training to be carried out annually.
0 -	Improve Health,	T – 5.1	Reduce lost time injuries by 5% over the next five years	Site Manager/ Assistant Site Manager	All site Personnel	March 2013	Data being recorded and tracked. Manual handling course for all staff to reduce likelihood of back injury (a primary reason for lost time through injury) competed 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010 and is required every three years. A site Safety Representative will also be appointed for the site in Quarter 1 2011.
5	Safety and Weirare	T – 5.2	Develop Accident Prevention Plan	Assistant Site Manager (80 man hours)	Site Manager GM Landfill Group	Ongoing	A procedure has been developed and incorporated into the EMS since 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 with respect to the control and prevention of accidents on the site and any environmental impact of accidents
		T – 5.3	Identify appropriate training courses in Health and Safety management and arrange attendance for staff who hold a supervisory role	Assistant Site Manager (120 man hours)	Site Manager GM Landfill Group	May 2010	Assistant Landfill Manager sent on Managing Safely (NIFAST) course achieved certification in February 2010
		T – 5.4	Continue to train staff on a regular basis in EMS system, waste licence and Emergency Response.	Assistant Site Manager	Site Manager	January 2012	Training to be completed annually, training last

							carried out on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2011 (Waste Licence/ EMS/ Emergency Response)
O-6	Training	T – 6.1	Retain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification	Site Manager/Ass istant Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	Having attained certification in Q3 2009, there is a need to retain emphasis on the Environmental Management System and retain accreditation through a series of audits both internally and externally each year. Internal audits were conducted 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2010 and 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2011. External audits (SGS) were conducted on the and the 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
		T – 7.1	Ensure all customers, contractors, site users & visitors are familiar with Greenstar's Environmental Policy	Site Manager/ Assistant Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	Circulate policy to all customers & contractors who attend site. The Environmental Policy was incorporated into site inductions in 2010 having been highlighted in an EMS internal audit.
0-7	Operations	T – 7.2	Ensure all waste hauled to the site complies fully with the Waste Collection Permit Regulations	Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	Though only fully licensed and permitted hauliers are accepted at this site, there is a need to ensure permit details held are updated regularly as vehicles on permit , waste types permitted etc are subject to change. This will be achieved through liasing with both customers and permit ting authorities.
		T – 7.3	Review all Site Operational procedures	Site Manager/ Assistant Site Manager	Site Manager	Ongoing	The Site Operational procedures are reviewed annually and any additional procedures introduced or significant amendments to existing procedures are included in the AER on an annual basis.

# **APPENDIX 1**

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Mix 1A - Mass Mixed Tree P	anting -Screening be	ts to the pe	erimeter of the site	1. 1. 1.	
Plant Name		%	Plant Height (cm)	Age	Density (centres, in metres)
Alnus glutinosa	Common Alder	25	90-120	1+1	1.5
Betula pubescens	Birch	10	90-120	1+2	1.5
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	5	90-120	1+1	1.5
Fraxinus excelsior	Common Ash	10	90-120	1+1	1.5
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	10	30-50	1+1	1.5
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	15	30-50	1+1	1.5
Quercus petraea	Sessile Oak	5	60-90	1+1	1.5
			Plant Height (cm)	girth	
Alnus glutinosa	Common Alder	10	250-300	6-8cm	4.0m
Betula pubescens	Birch	10	250-300	6-8cm	4.0m
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Alder and birch standards to be spread evenly throughout mix, in groups of 4-7. Transplants to be planted in single species blocks of 20-30 plants.

Mix 1B - OuterEdge Planting to mix 1A - 2.5m wide strip
Plant Name
% Plant Size (cm) Age/Pot size Density (centres, in metres) % 
 Crataegous monogyna
 Hawthom
 50
 90-120
 1+1

 Prunus spinosa
 Blackthom
 20
 60-90
 1+1

 Corylus aveillana
 Hazel
 20
 90-120
 1+1

 Ilex aquifolium
 Holly
 10
 30-40
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 2 Transplants and shrubs to be planted in single species blocks of 20-30 plants.

#### Mix 2 - Mixed Tree planting to the mound

Plant Name		%	Plant Size (cm)	Age/Pot size	Density (centres In metres)
Alnus glutinosa	Common Alder	30	90-120	1+1	2
Betula pubescens	Birch	10	90-120	1+2	2
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	10	90-120	1+1	2
Fraxinus excelsior	Common Ash	10	90-120	1+1	2
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	10	30-50	1+1	2
Ulex europeaus	Gorse	10	30-40	1.5lt	2
			Plant Height (cm)	girth	
Alnus glutinosa	Common Alder	10	250-300	6-8cm	4.0m
Betula pubescens	Birch	10	250-300	6-8cm	4.0m
Alder and birch standa	ards to be spread	evenly t	hroughout mix, ii	n groups of 4	4-7.

Transplants and shrubs to be planted in single species blocks of 20-30 plants. Ulex to be planted to outer edges of blocks.

#### Mix 3 - Mixed Tree planting to wetland areas

40	90-120	1+1	2
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25	60-120	1+0	2
15	90-120	1+1	2
20	90-120	1+1	2
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Mix 4 - Grassed Areas/Hedgerow Planting to the mound		Mix 5 - Mass mixed tree planting/screening	
	Plant Name for Hedgerows	%	Plant Name
	Crataegus Monogyna - Hawthorn	50	Spruce
	llex aquifolium - Holly	20	Japanese Larch
	Fraxinus excelsior - Ash	10	Birch
	Fagus syvatica - Beech	10	Alder
	Prunus spinosa - Blackthorn	10	

%

Hedgerows to be planted in a triple row, plants at 45cm centres, rows 50cm apart.

Hedgerows to be planted in a triple row, plants at 45cm centres, rows 50cm apart. Transplants - 40-90cm in height. Container grown hollies - 1.5 - 2lt pots. Phased Planting Phases 1 to 3 Landfill - Planting at completion of landfill phases. AIM - to provide slope stability to side slopes of landfill, and to aid integration of the new landform into the landscape setting following establishment. Also to establish plants to site boundaries which would eventually screen operations from certain viewpoints. Grass seeding would be employed immediately following temporary capping of landfill to stabilise slopes/anchor soil. Reseeding and proposed shrub/tree planting to follow final capping. Establishment of proposed hedgerows to aid integration of new landform into landscape setting Adjustment to mixes may be necessary to suit ground conditions.

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# **APPENDIX 2**

**Corrective Action Procedures** 

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# **CORRECTIVE ACTION PROCEDURES**

#### Scope

Greenstar has prepared Corrective Action Procedures (CAP) to ensure that corrective action is taken should specified requirements of the EMS not be fulfilled. This Procedure describes the content and applicability of the CAPs and assigns responsibility for their implementation, maintenance and update.

### Content

The Procedure set out the approach to be taken to identify a non-compliance with the EMS, investigate the root cause, implement corrective actions and report on the non-compliance. They also identify the need to amend Operating Procedures and provide training or retraining to avoid the recurrence of the non compliance. The CAPs deal with: -

Facility Operation	:	CAP-2
Environmental Monitoring	:	CAP-3
Reports	:	CAP-4

#### Application

This CAP apply to the Galway Landfill operated under Waste Licence Registration No. W0178-02.

#### **Applicable Documents**

The following documents constitute part of the CAP to the extent specified in each Procedure. Unless otherwise specified the latest issue of each document applies.

- Waste Licence Registration No. W0178-02,
- Operating Procedures,
- Site Inspection Reports,
- Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP),

- Emergency Response Procedures (ERP),
- Awareness & Training Procedure,
- Document Control Procedure.

#### Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of Greenstar to ensure that the CAPs are implemented.

It shall be the responsibility of the Facility Manager to revise and amend the CAP in response to findings of the root cause of a non-compliance.

It shall be the responsibility of the Facility Manager to maintain copies of the most recent CAPs at the facility, ensure that they are available to all relevant site operatives, including Greenstar sub-contractors, and ensure that all site operatives have a thorough understanding of the CAPs relevant to their roles and areas of responsibilities.

### FACILITY OPERATION

#### Scope

This Procedure addresses the day to day operation of the facility to ensure that corrective action is taken should the specified requirements of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and/or the Waste Licence not be fulfilled.

### Application

The procedure applies to all site operations covered and includes: -

- Waste acceptance,
- Waste placement,
- Cover material stockpile,
- Condition of landfill cells,
- Condition of site entrance and access roads,
- Litter screens and control,
- Nuisance control, including, dusts, odours, birds, litter and vermin,
- Leachate and Landfill gas management,
- Surface water management,
- Wheel wash,
- Site security and environs,
- Complaints,
- Fires,
- Fuel storage,
- Record keeping.

#### Responsibility

Greenstar is responsible for ensuring the facility is operated in accordance with the LEMP, the Waste Licence and facility Operating Procedures or any other procedures and plans and reports prepared in compliance with licence conditions.

It is the responsibility of the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager to ensure that all site operatives, including *greenstar* sub-contractors, have a thorough understanding of the LEMP, the Waste Licence and the relevant Operating Procedures.

It is the responsibility of all staff, including Greenstar sub-contractors, to immediately notify the Facility Manager or the nominated Deputy Manager of any actual or potential non-compliance with the EMP and/or Waste Licence conditions.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall be responsible for implementing corrective action where site operations are identified as not meeting the objectives of the LEMP or the Waste Licence Conditions. In implementing the corrective actions the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall have regard to the facility Emergency Response Procedures to ensure that the proposed actions do not present a risk to Health and Safety.

#### **Corrective Action**

Where a non-compliance is identified, either by site personnel during daily operations, routine inspections by the facility personnel or in the investigation of a complaint by a member of the public, the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will immediately initiate action to bring operations into compliance.

The scope and extent of the corrective actions will be based on the nature and scale of the non-compliance, the objectives of the LEMP and relevant Licence Conditions. The corrective actions will, at a minimum, be sufficient either to immediately rectify the non-compliance or minimise environmental risk pending completion of required works.

If the non-compliance constitutes an incident which might result in environmental pollution the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall initiate any environmental monitoring considered necessary to evaluate environmental pollution.

If the non-compliance constitutes an incident requiring notification to the Agency or other regulatory bodies, the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall notify the Agency and regulatory bodies in accordance with the Reporting Procedure and the Waste Licence Conditions

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall monitor implementation of the corrective action to ensure that actions are carried out and are effective.

Following the completion of the corrective action the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will carry out an investigation to identify the root cause of the non-compliance. Where the cause is the result of inadequate or improperly applied procedures or site practices, the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will review and amend the procedures and practices to avoid a reoccurrence of the non-compliance. If documented procedures or operational practice sheets are amended the Facility Manager shall ensure that the superseded documents are destroyed.

If the cause of the non compliance is due to a lack of understanding of operational practices, the LEMP, or licence conditions the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall ensure that the site staff, including Greenstar sub-contractors, receive the necessary instruction or training to ensure future avoidance of a recurrence of the non compliance.

#### Key Elements

A flow diagram that summarises the key elements of the CAP is attached.

### **CAP-2 Site Operation**



## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

#### Scope

This Procedure addresses the environmental monitoring programme at the facility to ensure that corrective action is taken should specified requirements of the LEMP and or the Waste Licence not be fulfilled.

### Application

The Procedure applies to all emissions, environmental impacts and monitoring of emissions and environmental media covered under the LEMP and Waste Licence Conditions, subject to any written agreements with the Agency and includes: -

- Surface water,
- Groundwater,
- Noise,
- Dust,
- PM<sub>10</sub>,
- VOC, and
- Odours.

#### Responsibility

Greenstar shall be responsible for providing the necessary resources to ensure the environmental monitoring programme is carried out in accordance with the EMP and the Waste Licence conditions.

It is the responsibility of the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager to have a thorough understanding of the requirements of the LEMP, Waste Licence, and Operating Procedures in relation to environmental monitoring.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will be responsible for arranging for the implementation of the specified environmental monitoring programme.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will be responsible for implementing corrective actions in the event that monitoring identifies an emission that exceeds emission limit/trigger level or where operations are identified as impacting on the receiving environment.

#### **Corrective Action**

Where in-situ monitoring identifies an impact on the receiving environment, the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will be immediately informed. The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy will carry out an inspection of the area surrounding the monitoring location to identify the source of the impact.

If the source of the impact is identified as an emission from the waste activities, the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall be responsible for taking corrective action to isolate the source and identify and execute measures to minimise the effects of the emission.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager may, depending on the nature of the impact, instruct the amendment of the routine monitoring programme to include additional monitoring to determine the extent of the impact. The number and location of these monitoring points will be established in consultation with the monitoring personnel.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will notify the Agency and, in the case of surface water or groundwater impacts, the Western Regional Fisheries Board in accordance with the Waste Licence notification requirements.

Where the in-situ monitoring indicates satisfactory conditions, but subsequent laboratory test results indicate an impact by an emission from site activities e.g. surface water or groundwater quality, the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will carry out a visual inspection of the monitoring points to identify a possible source. If a source cannot be identified the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager may, depending on the nature of the results, either immediately initiate further monitoring or await the following scheduled sampling event to obtain more information on the cause of the impact.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will monitor implementation of the corrective action to ensure that actions are carried out and are effective.

Following the completion of the corrective action the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will investigate and document the cause of the emission. The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will submit a report on the investigation to the Agency in accordance with the Waste Licence notification and reporting requirements. Where the cause is the result of failure or inadequacy of the design or implementation of specified engineering works, Greenstar shall ensure that the design or construction deficiencies are rectified to avoid a reoccurrence of the non-compliance.

Where the cause is the result of inadequate or improperly applied procedures or site practices the Facility Manager shall review and amend the procedures and practices to avoid a reoccurrence of the non-compliance. If documented procedures or work instructions are amended the Facility Manager shall ensure that the superseded documents are destroyed.

If the cause of the non compliance is due to a lack of understanding of operational practices or licence conditions the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall ensure that the site operatives, including Greenstar sub-contractors, receive the necessary instruction or training to ensure future avoidance of a recurrence of the non compliance.

Flow diagrams showing the actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance identified during the environmental monitoring programme are attached.

#### **CAP-3 Surface Water**



#### **CAP-3 Groundwater**



#### **CAP-3 Landfill Gas**



#### **CAP-3** Noise



## REPORTS

#### Scope

This Procedure addresses reporting, to ensure that corrective action is taken should specified requirements of the Waste Licence not be fulfilled.

### Application

The Procedure applies to all reports and notifications required under the LEMP and the Waste Licence, subject to any written agreements with the Agency.

### Responsibility

Greenstar shall be responsible for ensuring the resources are provided to complete the required reports in accordance with the schedules specified in the LEMP and set in the individual conditions and *Schedule E* of the Waste Licence.

It is the responsibility of the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager to have a thorough understanding of the LEMP and Waste Licence Conditions in relation to reporting requirements.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall be responsible for arranging the completion of the stipulated reports and submission to the Agency within the timeframe set in the LEMP and the Waste Licence.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy shall be responsible for implementing corrective actions in the event that reports will not be prepared or submitted to the Agency within the specified timeframe.

#### **Corrective Action**

If the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager identifies that a report will not be prepared and submitted to the Agency by the scheduled date he (she) shall identify the cause of the delay.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will inform the Agency in writing that the report will not be submitted by the due date. This notification will be submitted to the Agency preferably before, but at a minimum no later than the report due date.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager will include in the written notification the reason(s) for the failure to submit the report on time and provide a revised submission date for the Agency's agreement.

Following the submission of the report the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager shall review that particular report preparation process to identify the root cause of failure to meet the deadline. Based on the review the Facility Manager or nominated Deputy shall if necessary revise the report preparation process to avoid a recurrence of the non-compliance.

A flow diagram showing the actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with the reporting programme is attached.

### **CAP-4** Reports



**Facility Manager / Nominated Deputy** 

# **APPENDIX 3**

Awareness & Training Procedures

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## AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROCEDURE

#### Scope

Greenstar has prepared this Awareness and Training Procedure to ensure that the awareness and training needs of all relevant facility personnel are identified and the required training provided.

### Application

This Procedure applies to all personnel whose work is related to the Galway Landfill, including Greenstar staff and any subcontractors working at the facility on behalf of the Greenstar.

### **Applicable Documents**

The following documents constitute part of the Procedure to the extent specified. Unless otherwise specified the latest issue of each document applies: -

- Waste Licence Registration No. W0178-02,
- Operating Procedures,
- Site Inspection Reports,
- Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP),
- Emergency Response Procedures,
- Management Structure,
- Corrective Action Procedures.

#### Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of Greenstar to ensure that this Procedure is implemented.

It shall be the responsibility of the Facility Manager and/or nominated Deputy Manager(s) to identify training needs and arrange for the provision of the appropriate awareness and training programmes to all relevant personnel.

It shall be the responsibility of the Facility Manager and/or nominated Deputy Manager(s) to maintain written records of all awareness and training programmes received by site personnel.

#### Programmes

The Facility Manager shall identify the awareness and training needs of all personnel by means of Management Structure documents and the Training Evaluation Matrix. The Management Structure document assigns responsibilities to site personnel. The Matrix sets out positions, training needs and a programme delivery timeframe.

The Facility Manager or nominated Deputy Manager(s) will arrange for the delivery of the awareness and training programmes. The programme may include internal training provided by Greenstar personnel who have the necessary skills and experience to deliver the programmes, and external training provided by appropriately experienced and recognised training organisations.

The programmes shall include education and instruction on: -

- Compliance with Waste Licence conditions, Operating Procedures and LEMP objectives and targets relating to site operation,
- Awareness of the implications of non compliance with LEMP objectives and Licence conditions,
- Environmental Monitoring Programmes,
- Dealing with Complaints,
- Corrective Action Procedures,
- Health & Safety,
- Emergency Response Procedures.

The Facility Manager or Nominated Deputy Manager(s) shall ensure that all personnel receive the required training and shall maintain records of training provided. The records shall include the names of the trainees, the date of the training and the topics covered.

The Facility Manager shall review and amend the awareness and training programmes based on the corrective action investigation of non-compliances.

# Awareness & Training Matrix

#### Date:

Programme	Scope	
	Person Affected	Frequency
Operations	All personnel.	Annual.
Environmental Awareness (EMS, ISO 14001 etc)	All personnel	Annual
Environmental Monitoring	Facility Manager, Nominated Deputy.	Initial and following licence review.
Complaints	Facility Manager, Nominated Deputy.	Initial and following licence review.
Corrective Action Procedures	Facility Manager, Nominated Deputy.	Initial and following any licence amendments.
Health & Safety	All personnel.	Initial and following any licence amendments.
Emergency Response Procedures	All personnel.	Initially & following any procedure amendments but at least annually.