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EKSPERIMENTAL PIPELINE FOR LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION AT NOVI SAD LANDFILL

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Novi Sad landfill

- Novi Sad landfill has approximate volume of 2.000.000 m³ and it takes around 28ha of surface area.
- Landfill gas had been monitored for several years at Novi Sad landfill, especially in last three years.
- During the reconstruction of gas extraction wells in 2009. 43 new wells were constructed, which makes a total of 96 gas wells with previously built wells. 67 of 96 gas wells are actively giving off LFG.







Initial data

- Of 96 gas wells, 14 have methane concentration higher than 25% and 17 wells have methane concentration between 10 and 25%.
- The idea of connecting the gas wells and possibility of LFG utilization was born.
- Field 3 of Novi Sad landfill is most suitable for this kind of experiment.



Initial data

- There are 10 gas extraction wells at field 3 with methane concentration higher than 25%.
- At first 4 gas wells, which fulfilled certain criteria, were connected into a single pipeline.

















- 250m of HDPE pipes, 90mm in diameter and 120m of HDPE pipes, 75mm in diameter were used for connecting these 4 gas extraction wells.
- A sidechannel blower with a frequency regulator was used for gas extraction.
- First measurements after connecting the wells were unexpected.

- Measurements were taken at different RPM (frequencies) of the blower.
- Methane concentration at individual wells ranged from 23 to 40%, depending on the well, while methane concentration at blower exhaust was 36% at flow rate of 26m³/h. Oxygen concentration at this flow rate was around 7%.
- First collected gas analysis results showed that there are some flaws in pipeline construction.

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- Methane concentration at additional gas wells ranges from 27 to 53%, depending on the well.
- Collected LFG analysis at same blower RPM (frequency), after connecting 4 additional gas wells to the pipeline showed not much improvement.
- Considerable change in LFG composition was noticed at half the previously used flow rate.
- Methane concentration rose to 47% and oxygen concentration dropped to 3,4% at flow rate of 13m³/h.

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- 8 gas extraction wells connected into a single pipeline.
- 400 m of main pipeline (HDPE, Ø90mm).
- 200 m of Ø75mm HDPE pipes for connecting the wells with main pipeline.
- Main pipeline connected to sidechannel blower with frequency regulator.

Sidechannel blower	3.228 €
Pipes	2.303€
Connections and other elements	716 €
Total expense	6.247 €

Conclusions

- Minor modifications to the wellheads are needed.
- Overcoming the faults in landfill design.
- High cost of this type of work.
- Lack of experience and of practical knowledge in this area.