

# Landfill Operations to Improve Landfill Gas Collection

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# Presentation Topics

- Landfill Basics
- Components of Modern Landfill
- Leachate
- Landfill Gas



## **Types of Landfills**

- Open Dumps
- Sanitary Landfills
- Construction Demolition Debris
- Industrial
- Hazardous Waste Landfills



#### **Landfill Basics**

- Landfills provide for land disposal of waste.
- Designed to prevent pollution, fires, disease.
- Basics of sanitary landfill:
  - Waste containment in engineered cell
  - Water infiltration prevention
  - Liquids leaching prevention
  - Proper LFG management

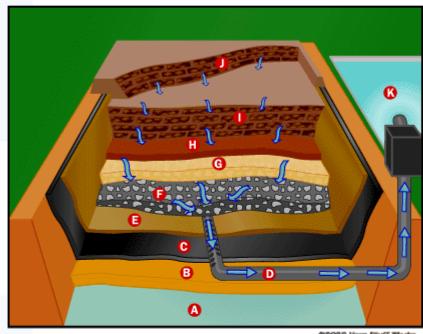


### **The Sanitary Landfill**

- Landfills are a Method of Disposing of Solid Wastes on Land Without Creating Nuisances or Hazards to Human Health or the Environment.
- Protect Safety and Health of staff and Citizens.
- Meet Regulatory Requirements



## **Sanitary Landfill**



- Ground Water
- Compacted Clay
- Plastic Liner
- D Leachate Collection Pipe
- @ Geotextile Mat
- @ Gravel

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- O Drainage Layer
- (1) Soil Layer
- Old Cells
- New Cells
- (1) Leachate Pond



### **Sanitary Landfill**

- Engineered Landfill
- Have bottom Liner (Clay or Synthetic)
- Leachate collection system
- LFG Collection System
- Groundwater Monitoring
- Surface Water Monitoring
- LFG Monitoring
- Meets the Regulatory Requirements
- Landfill Cover system (daily cover)
- Accepts MSW
- No Hazmat
- Post Closure Care



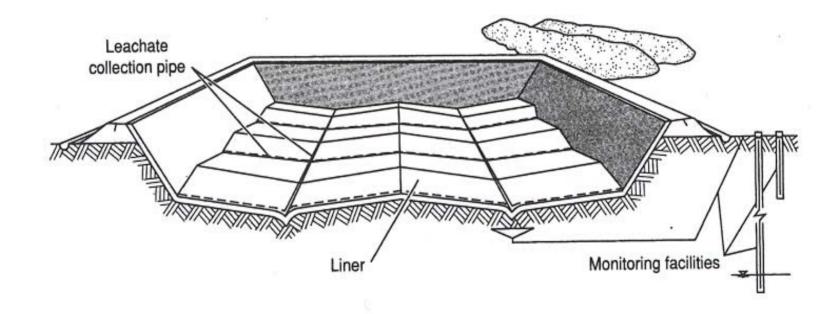
## **Modern Landfill**





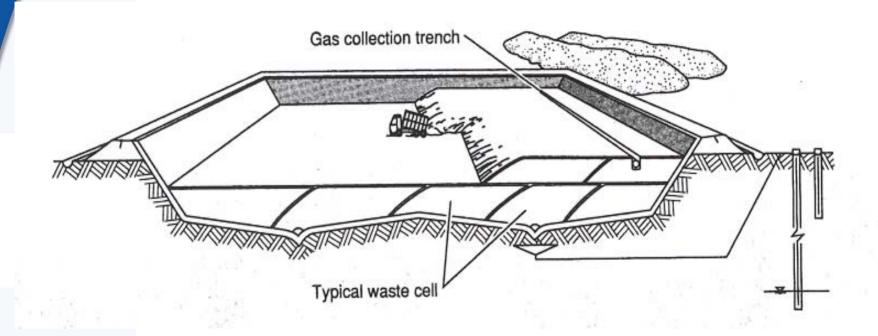


## **Development of a Landfill**



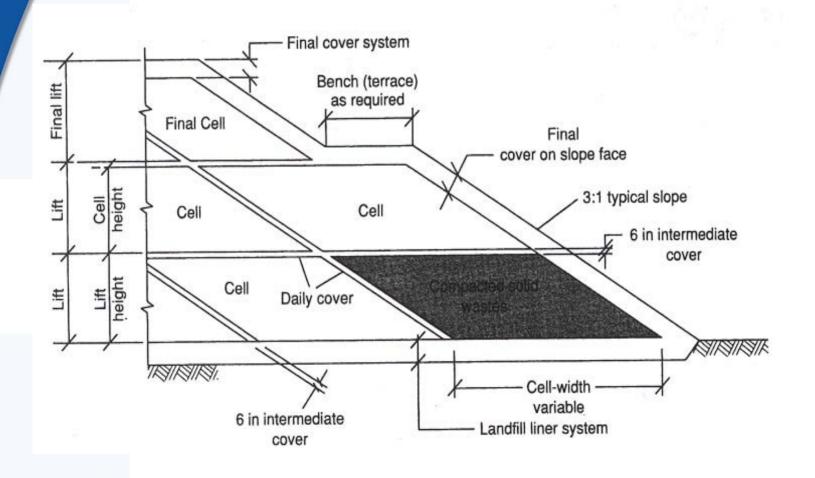


## **Landfill During Operations**



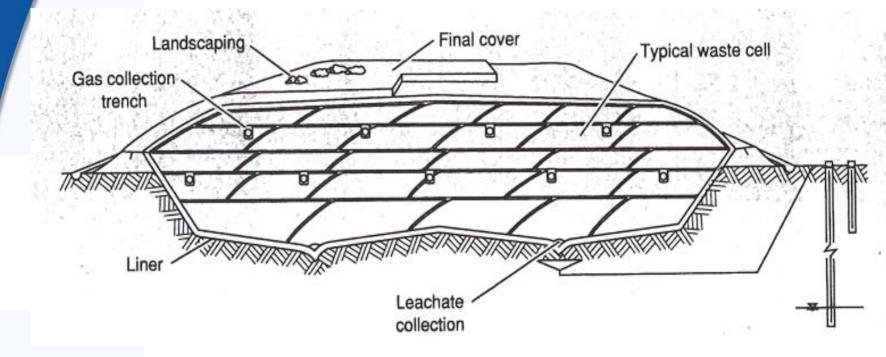


### **Section Through a Landfill**





## **Completed Landfill**





#### **Liner Construction**





# **Spreading Liner**





#### **Liner Construction Defects**





#### **Leachate Collection**





#### **Leachate Pipe in a Gravel Trench**







# New Liner During Landfill Operations





# **Working Face**





#### **Controlled Face**





# **Landfill Equipment**





# Waste Spread With Dozer





# **Working Face in Layers**





## **Compact Waste & Cover**





## **Daily Soil Cover**





# **Daily Cover With Dozer**





# Foam Daily Cover Application





## **Tarp Daily Cover**





#### **Closure of Landfill**





# **HDPE Cap**







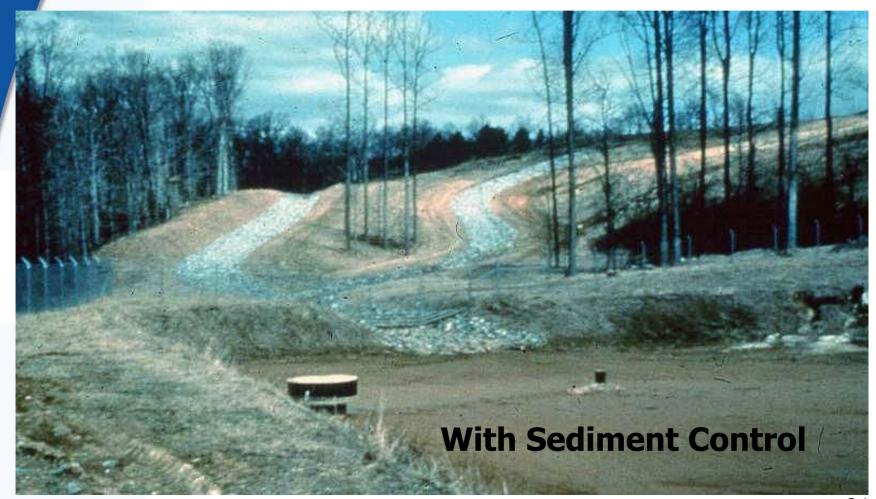
## **Stormwater Management**



**Exposed Earth** 



## Stormwater Management (continued)





#### Leachate

- Leachate is a Solution Containing Dissolved and Finely Suspended Particles from the Waste
- Contaminants in the Leachate are Dependent on:
  - Solid Waste Composition
  - Physical, Chemical, and Biological Activity within the Landfill



#### Leachate

 Leachate is Typically a High Strength, Soluble Organic Waste, with High Concentrations of Inorganic Constituents



#### **Leachate Treatment**





#### Leachate Management

- Inspect and repair collection and storage systems
- Treat leachate on site and discharge
- Transport leachate for off-site treatment
- Repair leachate seeps

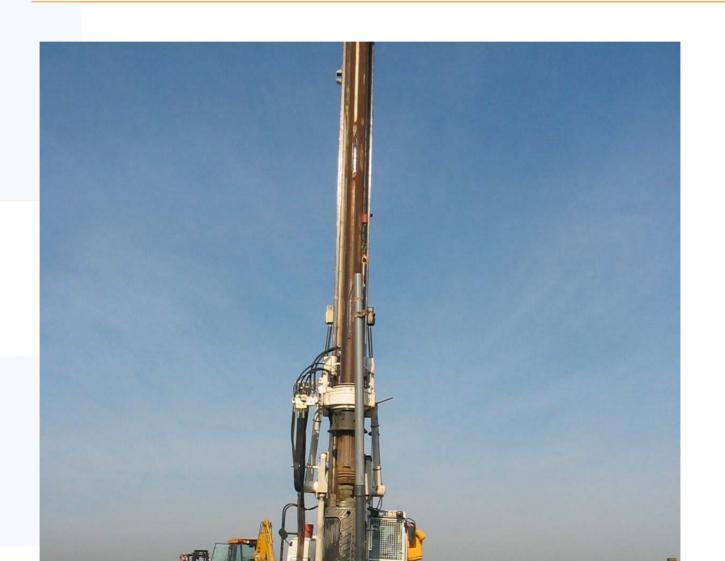


#### **Landfill Gas**

- Produced from Solid Waste Decomposition
- Amount & Composition Dependent on Solid Waste Characteristics
- Increase in Organics Equals an Increase in Gas Generation
- Gas Production Ends with End of Decomposition



### **Landfill Gas Well Drilling**



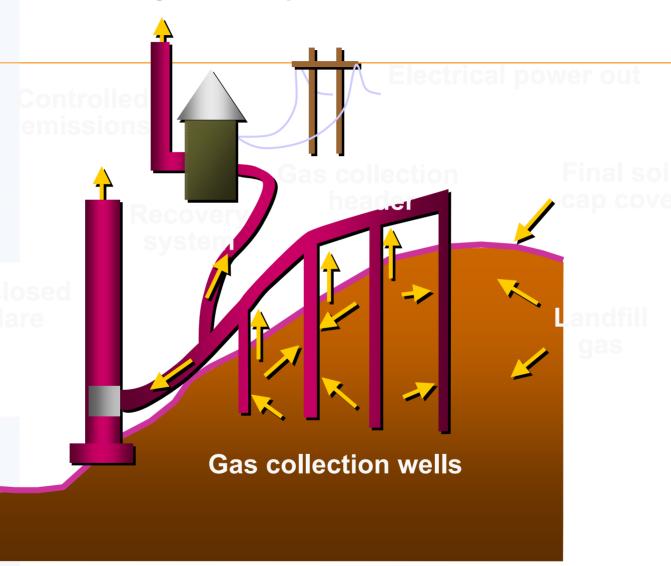


#### **Landfill Gas**

- Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Make Up Almost
   100% of Landfill Gas
- All Other Constituents Make Up Less Than 1% of Landfill Gas
- Production gas depend upon composition of waste and type of degradation (Aerobic or Anaerobic)
- Type of Cap at the landfill also impact the gas production



#### **Landfill Gas Collection System Components**





#### **Landfill Gas Management**

- Inspect and repair collection system
- Inspect the landfill look for distressed vegetation
- Condensate removal and disposal
- Maintain flares and other destruction devices
- Operate and oversee recovery system
- Check settlement at Landfill
- Check settlement of Pipes





# Optimizing the LFG Production

- Regular Inspection of of Cap at the landfill
- Proper LFG Well Construction
- Installation of Collection Headers
- Monitoring and balancing well field
- Monitoring for Migration and Surface Emission
- Proper Management of Leachate/Condensate
- Regular Maintenance of LFG Collection System
- All weather Access to LFG Collection System
- Good Record Keeping
- Staff Training and attending LFG conferences and networking
- Good communication system



#### **LFG Flare Station**





#### **LFG Monitoring**

Monitoring for Pressure
Oxygen
Temperature
Migration and Surface
Emission
Composition of Gas
Perimeter Monitoring



## **LFG Monitoring**

