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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose and Scope

This report presents information on the design, construction, and operation of the Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL) at the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Fayette Power Project (FPP). The design and construction information presented herein demonstrates that the CBL complies with Chapter 352, Subchapter F (Design Criteria) of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) (i.e., 30 TAC §352, Subchapter F). These regulations for the design of new coal combustion residuals (CCR) landfills and lateral expansions of existing CCR landfills, were adopted by reference to Section 257.70 of Part 257, Subpart D of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (i.e., 40 CFR §257.70). The operational information summarized herein demonstrates that the CBL complies with run-on and run-off control and inspection requirements of 30 TAC 352, Subchapter G. These requirements were adopted by reference to 40 CFR §257.81 and §257.84, respectively.

1.2 Organization of Report

The remainder of this Report is organized as follows:

- Section 2 summarizes the design, construction, and operational characteristics of the CBL;
- Section 3 describes how the composite liner component of the liner system proposed for the future lateral expansion cells of the CBL has been designed to meet the specification and performance requirements of 40 CFR §257.70(b);
- Section 4 describes how the leachate collection and removal system (LCRS) component of the liner system proposed for the future CBL cells has been designed to meet the performance requirements of 40 CFR §257.70(d);
- Section 5 describes how the CBL complies with the run-on and run-off control system requirements of 40 CFR §257.81;
- Section 6 describes how the CBL complies with the inspection requirements of CFR §257.84; and
- Section 7 provides a list of references cited in the report.
2. SUMMARY OF CBL CHARACTERISTICS

The FPP is a coal-fired power plant located east of La Grange in Fayette County, Texas (FPP site). CCR generated at FPP and small amounts of related Class 2 nonhazardous industrial wastes are disposed in the CBL, a CCR landfill located south of the power plant and north of the railroad that borders FPP (Drawing 1).

At final buildout, the CBL will consist of Cells 1 to 3 with approximate areas of 30 acres, 41 acres, and 29 acres, respectively (Drawing 2). Cell 1 and Subcell 2D are constructed, and the remainder of the CBL will be developed in phases (Drawing 2). Depending on the rates of CCR production and beneficial use, all cells may not be needed for CCR disposal and the final CBL footprint could be smaller than that shown in Drawing 2.

The CBL is primarily an above-grade landfill. The maximum below-grade depth of the liner system is typically 20 ft, but reaches up to 30 ft where there are localized topographic highs at natural ground level (Drawings B-C-00G-164 and B-C-00G-172). The future expansion area will be developed with a base (i.e., subgrade) that is located no less than 5 ft above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer, the Intermediate Sand (Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec), 2022c). The maximum design elevation of the CBL is 470 feet mean sea level (ft msl) (Drawing B-C-00G-166), resulting in a maximum above-grade fill height of approximately 130 ft, which occurs in Cell 3.

Cell 1 and Subcell 2D are existing CCR landfill areas as defined by 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53. Cell 1 was constructed in 1988 at natural grade with a recompacted clay liner installed over natural clay subgrade. This liner is equivalent to the liner recommended at that time in Texas Water Commission (TWC) Technical Guideline No. 3 for Class II industrial waste landfills: a 2-ft thick (minimum) recompacted clay-rich liner or 3 ft of in-place soil exhibiting a permeability less than $1 \times 10^{-7}$ centimeter/second (cm/s) (TWC, 1988). TCEQ reviewed and approved the design of Cell 1 and its construction in in a letter dated January 18, 1988. A clay perimeter berm was constructed around the west, north, and east sides of the cell, and a clay cell separation berm was constructed along the south boundary of the cell (Geosyntec, 2013). In, 1992, the northern slope of Cell 1 was closed with final cover consisting of a 2-ft thick compacted clay layer with a hydraulic conductivity no greater than $1 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/s overlain by 1 ft of general fill and at least 1 ft of topsoil. The limits of the final cover are shown on Drawing 2.

From October 2014 to May 2015, Subcell 2D was constructed below grade with a 3-ft thick compacted clay liner with a hydraulic conductivity less than $1 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/s, which met the recommendations of TCEQ Technical Guideline No. 3 (2015) for Class 2 monofills of consistent, well characterized waste. TCEQ reviewed and approved the design of Subcell 2D and its construction in in a letter dated January 18, 1988, and acknowledged the revisions to the CBL design in letters dated June 14, 2012 and June 12, 2013. Subcell 2D currently includes a contact water retention pond (herein referred to as the Subcell 2D Contact Water Retention Pond)
(Drawing 2) lined with a 60-mil thick high density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane/2-ft thick compacted clay composite liner. Details of the constructed liner system of Subcell 2D and the Contact Water Retention Pond are included in the Construction Quality Assurance Certification Report (CQA Report) for Subcell 2D (Geosyntec, 2015). Subcell 2D is being used as a waste storage/product preparation area during CCR operations in Cell 1 and future Subcells 2A, 2B and 2C. As Cell 2 is filled and waste disposal transitions into Cell 3, a waste staging area may be developed in Cell 3 (Geosyntec, 2013).

The remainder of Cells 2 and 3 will be constructed with a liner system that meets the requirements of 40 CFR §§257.70(b) and (d), which includes a leachate collection system and underlying geomembrane/compacted clay composite liner.

Runoff from active areas in Cell 1 of the CBL currently drains to the Runoff Retention Pond via the runoff channel (Drawing 2). Contact water from the Subcell 2D Contact Water Retention Pond is managed through a pumping system which routes flow to the runoff channel. The Runoff Retention Pond is permitted under LCRA’s Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002105000 and is designated as the “CBL Pond” in the permit. The permit allows water in the Runoff Retention Pond to be managed by conveying it to the FPP Reclaim Pond or, if effluent limitations are met, by discharging via Outfall 004. The Runoff Retention Pond will be used for management of contact water from the active area until the Leachate Evaporation Pond is constructed, which will occur prior to disposal of CCR in Subcell 2A (Drawing 4).

Stormwater run-off from the existing final cover system of the CBL flows into drainage channels along the perimeter of the CBL that primarily discharge south of the CBL, but also discharges to a drainage ditch north of the CBL. When CCR disposal operations are initiated in Cell 2 and later in Cell 3, the majority of stormwater run-off from the final cover system will flow into a proposed stormwater pond south of Cell 2 prior to being discharged from the site (Drawing 4).
3. COMPOSITE LINER DESIGN FOR FUTURE EXPANSION CELLS

3.1 Overview

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.701, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.70, new CCR landfills and any lateral expansion must be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained with a composite liner that meets the requirements of 40 CFR §257.70(b) or an alternative composite liner that meets the requirements of 40 CFR §257.70(c). There are no liner design requirements for existing CCR landfill areas in 30 TAC §352.701. Therefore, the liners for Cell 1 and Subcell 2D are not addressed in this section.

3.2 Liner Requirements

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.70(b), the standard composite liner must consist of two components:

- 30-mil (minimum) thick geomembrane liner (60-mil [minimum] thickness if an HDPE geomembrane is used) installed in direct and uniform contact with the underlying compacted soil; and
- 2-ft thick compacted soil liner with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than \(1 \times 10^{-7}\) cm/s.

The composite liner must also be:

- constructed of materials that are chemically compatible with the CCR and have sufficient strength and thickness to prevent failure due to pressure gradients, physical contact with CCR or leachate, climatic conditions, and stresses exerted during installation and operation;
- constructed of materials that provide appropriate interface shear resistance between the geomembrane and compacted soil layer to prevent sliding of the geomembrane;
- placed upon a stable foundation capable of preventing failure of the liner due to settlement, compression, or uplift; and
- installed to cover all ground surface likely to be in contact with CCR or leachate.

3.3 Liner Design

The liner system for the future expansion cells consists of the following components, from top to bottom (see Detail 14 on Drawing B-C-00G-177):
• 2-ft thick soil protective cover layer;

• geocomposite drainage layer consisting of an HDPE geonet core with a needlepunched non-woven geotextile bonded to its top and bottom surfaces (i.e., a double-sided geocomposite); and

• composite liner consisting of a 60-mil thick textured HDPE geomembrane overlying a 2-ft thick compacted clay liner with a hydraulic conductivity no greater than $1 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/s.

The composite liner included in this liner system is consistent with the configuration of the standard composite liner of 40 CFR §257.70(b). The composite liner will be installed over the floor and sideslopes of the proposed expansion area and will be anchored at the top of the sideslopes beyond the limit of waste (see Detail 16 on Drawing B-C-00G-177). Therefore, the liner will cover all ground surface likely to be in contact with CCR or leachate. Further, the Construction Quality Assurance Plan (CQA) for the CBL (Geosyntec, 2022a) requires that the surface of the compacted clay liner be rolled with a flat wheel roller to create a smooth uniform surface for geomembrane placement and that the geomembrane be placed in a manner that minimizes geomembrane wrinkles.

The CQA Plan includes procedures for developing a stable foundation for liner construction. It requires that prior to construction of the compacted clay liner, the liner subgrade be inspected to verify that it is free of debris, organic matter, standing water, or excess moisture. It also requires that the subgrade be proof rolled to confirm that there is not excessive pumping, rutting, or deflection that could adversely affect the stability of the subgrade (and overlying liner).

The composite liner will be constructed with materials that are chemically compatible with CCR. HDPE geomembranes are nearly chemically inert under most exposure conditions because of their semi-crystallinity and relatively inert molecular structure. HDPE generally does not react with most chemicals because it does not have reactive sites. This is supported by the results of numerous chemical compatibility and HDPE aging tests presented in the technical literature (Dudzik and Tisinger, 1990; Tisinger and Giroud, 1993; Sangam and Rowe, 2002; Rowe et al., 2010).

The selected geomembrane is the most common type of geomembrane used for landfill liner and cover systems. It has sufficient thickness and strength to prevent failure due to stresses caused during installation, when concentrated stresses on the geomembrane should be the highest. The specified thickness and strength of the geomembrane is included in the CQA Plan (Geosyntec, 2022a). After installation, the geomembrane will be protected from construction stresses by the placement of the overlying double-sided geocomposite and 2-ft thick soil protective cover layer. Further, the CQA Plan includes construction provisions designed to protect the geomembrane during construction, such as limiting the ground pressure of equipment trafficking over the geomembrane unless there is a sufficient thickness of soil cover over the geomembrane. During
operation, the geomembrane will be protected from concentrated stresses by the overlying liner system and waste materials.

The liner system will be constructed of materials that provide appropriate interface shear resistance between the geomembrane and compacted soil layer to prevent sliding of the geomembrane. The selected geomembrane is textured to enhance this interface strength. Further, the slope stability analysis of the CBL conducted by Geosyntec (2022c) indicated that the calculated factors of safety exceed the minimum value of 1.5 recommended by TCEQ (2020) for CCR landfills under typical conditions.
4. LCRS DESIGN FOR FUTURE EXPANSION CELLS

4.1 Overview

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.701, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.70, new CCR landfills and any lateral expansion must be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained with a leachate collection and removal system (LCRS) that meets the requirements of 40 CFR §257.70(d). There are no LCRS requirements for existing CCR landfill areas in 30 TAC §352.701. Therefore, LCRSs for Cell 1 and Subcell 2D are not addressed in this section.

4.2 LCRS Requirements

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.70(d), the LCRS for the CBL must be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to collect and remove leachate from the landfill during the active life and post-closure period. The LCRS must be:

- designed to maintain less than a 12-inch (30-cm) depth of leachate over the composite liner;
- constructed of materials that are chemically compatible with the CCR and have sufficient strength and thickness to prevent failure due to pressure gradients, physical contact with CCR or leachate, and stresses exerted during installation and operation; and
- designed and operated to minimize clogging during the active life and post-closure care period.

4.3 LCRS Design

The LCRS for the expansion area includes the double-sided geocomposite components of the liner system (see Detail 14 on Drawing B-C-00G-177) and associated 6-in. diameter standard dimension ratio (SDR)-11 HDPE piping (Drawings B-C-00G-165, B-C-00G-180, and B-C-00G-181). For each subcell, liquids collected in the geocomposite drainage layer and chimney drains will be conveyed to a leachate header pipe, leachate corridor pipe, and then subsurface drain pipe that flows to a leachate evaporation pond located south of the CBL (Drawing B-C-00G-177). The floor of the subcells will be graded with at a slope of approximately 2.2%, and the piping will have a minimum slope of 1%.

The geocomposite and leachate piping will be constructed with materials that are chemically compatible with CCR. As previously mentioned HPDE is nearly chemically inert because of their semi-crystallinity and relatively inert molecular structure. Further, a polypropylene geotextile was selected for the geocomposite because of its excellent chemical resistance.
The selected geocomposite has sufficient thickness and strength to prevent failure due to stresses caused during installation, when concentrated stresses on the geomembrane should be the highest. The specified thickness of the geonet component of the geocomposite is included in the CQA Plan (Geosyntec, 2022a). In addition, the geotextile component of the geocomposite was specified with strength parameters that meet installation survivability criteria of Geosynthetic Research Institute (GRI) Standard GT-13 (GRI, 2012). After installation, the geocomposite will be protected from construction stresses by the placement of the 2-ft thick soil protective cover layer and then overlying CCR. Further, the CQA Plan includes construction provisions designed to protect the liner system geosynthetics during construction, such as limiting the ground pressure of equipment trafficking over the geocomposite unless there is a sufficient thickness of soil cover over the geocomposite. During operation, the geocomposite will be protected from concentrated stresses by the overlying liner system and waste materials.

Consistent with standard practice and as recommended by TCEQ guidance (2020), the geocomposite drainage layer is designed to keep the calculated liquid levels within the thickness of the geocomposite (i.e., within the 0.2 in. thick geonet). The leachate collection rate and maximum leachate head on the floor of the liner system were calculated for four operational scenarios expected in the future subcells of the landfill (i.e., initial, intermediate, final, and final conditions after installation of the final cover system) using the Hydrologic Evaluation of Landfill Performance (HELP) computer model, Version 3.07, developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) (Schroeder, 1994a,b). The hydrologic processes considered in the HELP model include precipitation, surface-water evaporation, runoff, infiltration, plant transpiration, soil water evaporation, soil water storage, vertical drainage (saturated and unsaturated), lateral drainage (saturated), vertical drainage (saturated) through compacted soil liners, and leakage through geomembranes. The HELP model output for the four operational scenarios are included in Appendix C. For all evaluated scenarios, the peak daily average head on the geomembrane liner (i.e., level of liquid within the geocomposite) is less than the thickness of the geocomposite.

The design hydraulic conductivity of the geocomposite drainage layer was calculated for each operation case by varying hydraulic conductivity of the layer until the peak daily average head on the geomembrane liner was approximately equal to the thickness of the geosynthetic drainage layer. Then, the hydraulic conductivities were used to evaluate the critical geocomposite transmissivity to specify in the CQA Plan using the design methodologies presented in Giroud et al. (2000) and GRI-GC8 (2013). To account for the potential long-term reduction of transmissivity of the geocomposite drainage layer due to chemical clogging, reduction factors were used to calculate the minimum required in-plane hydraulic conductivity and equivalent transmissivity of the geocomposite drainage layer.

To minimize clogging, the geotextile component of the geocomposite was selected to meet filtration criteria with the clayey on-site soil that is anticipated to be used for protective cover. For this, the geotextile was evaluated with respect to a retention criterion, a permeability criterion, a
porosity criterion, and a thickness criterion based on methods proposed by Holtz et al. (1998) and Giroud (2010). The hydraulic capacity and structural stability of the leachate pipes were evaluated using the calculated peak daily leachate flow rates and estimated applied loads, respectively. The hydraulic analysis indicated that the 6-in. diameter pipes have sufficient capacity to convey the peak daily flows estimated by the HELP model. The results of the structural stability analysis indicate that the specified flexible pipes have sufficient strength to withstand the applied loads when the landfill is at its final grades. The potential failure mechanisms that were evaluated include: (i) wall crushing; (ii) wall buckling; (iii) excessive ring deflection; and (iv) excessive bending strain.
5. RUN-ON AND RUN-OFF CONTROLS

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.811, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.81, the run-on and run-off control systems for the CBL must be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent flow onto the active portion of the CBL and collect and control flow from the active portion of the CBL during the peak discharge from a 25-year, 24-hour storm event. In addition, run-off from the active portion of the CBL must be handled in accordance with the surface waste requirements of 40 CFR §257.3-3.

A Run-on and Run-off Control System Plan (Plan) was previously prepared for the CBL by Geosyntec (2021) and certified by a qualified professional engineer to document that the CBL complies with 40 CFR §257.81(a) and (b), 30 TAC §352.821, and TCEQ guidance (TCEQ, 2020). The Plan has been added to the facility’s operating record and uploaded to the facility’s publicly-accessible website (Fayette Power Project CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information - LCRA), and TCEQ has been notified that these steps have been taken.
6.  INSPECTION

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.841, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.84, the CBL must be examined by a qualified person at intervals not exceeding seven days for appearance of actual or potential structural weakness and other conditions which are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation of safety of the CCR unit. In addition, the CCR must be inspected annually by a qualified professional engineer to ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR unit is consistent with recognized and generally accepted engineering standards.

Weekly inspections for the CBL are being conducted LCRA qualified staff. The results of the weekly inspections are added to the facility’s operating record. Annual inspections of the CBL by a qualified professional engineer are being conducted in accordance with 40 CFR §257.84(b). The annual inspection reports are being added to the facility’s operating record and uploaded to the facility’s publicly-accessible website (Fayette Power Project CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information - LCRA), and TCEQ has been notified that these steps have been taken.
7. REFERENCES


Texas Water Commission (1988). Letter from Minor Brooks Hibbs, Permits Section Chief, Hazardous and Solid Waste Division of TWC to Tom Remaley, Director of Environmental Quality, LCRA, indicating that the design of Cell 1 substantially conforms to the TWC Industrial Solid Waste Technical Guidelines, Jan 18.

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EXISTING RAILROAD
EXISTING COMBUSTION WASTE FORCE MAIN
EXISTING POWER POLE AND OVERHEAD POWER LINE
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PROPOSED LEACHATE COLLECTION CORRIDOR
PROPOSED LEACHATE DRAIN PIPE

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Certification by a Qualified Professional Engineer
CERTIFICATION BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

The report was prepared by Geosyntec under the direction of Dr. Beth Ann Gross, P.E., a qualified professional engineer, in accordance with 30 TAC §352.231(d) and 30 TAC §352.4.

I certify that the design of the composite liner for the Combustion Byproduct Landfill at the Fayette Power Project (FPP) meets the liner design criteria of 40 CFR §257.70(b) and (d).

Beth Ann Gross
Printed Name of Licensed Professional Engineer

Signature

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APPENDIX B

Construction Quality Assurance Plan
CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This Construction Quality Assurance Plan (CQA Plan) establishes the material requirements; construction installation requirements; quality control (QC) program; and quality assurance (QA) monitoring, testing, documentation, and reporting procedures that will be used during construction of the soils and geosynthetics components of the liner system for Cells 2 (Subcells A-C) and 3 of the Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL) at the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Fayette Power Project (FPP) site (Site). Specifically, this CQA Plan addresses the structural fill, compacted soil liner, geomembrane liner, geocomposite drainage layer, leachate collection system aggregate, and protective cover layer components of the work.

This CQA Plan was developed in general accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) guidance for CQA of liner systems for municipal solid waste landfills (“Guidance for Liner Construction and Testing for a Municipal Solid Waste Landfill”, RG-534, TCEQ Waste Permits Division, September 2017) and also considers the technical guidance presented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for CQA of waste containment facilities (“Quality Assurance and Quality Control for Waste Containment Facilities,” EPA/600/R-93/182, October 1993).

1.2 Definitions of Quality Assurance and Quality Control

In the context of this document, it is important to distinguish between CQA and construction QC (CQC). These terms are defined as follows:

- CQA refers to methods and actions employed by CQA personnel to provide confidence that an item or service meets the conformance requirements for a liner system component and installation described in this CQA Plan, contractual and regulatory requirements, and construction-level project plans, and will perform satisfactory in service. CQA is provided by a third-party consultant, hired by the Owner, who is independent from production and installation (i.e., independent of the Earthwork Contractor, Geosynthetics Manufacturer, Geosynthetics Installer, and any other material suppliers).

- CQC refers to those actions which provide a means to measure and control the characteristics of an item or service to meet contractual and regulatory requirements. Thus, CQC refers to those actions taken by the Earthwork Contractor, Geosynthetics Installer, and Geosynthetics Manufacturer to ensure that the materials and the workmanship meet the requirements of the construction-level project plans and specifications. In the case of soils, CQC is often combined with CQA and provided by the CQA Consultant. In the case of geosynthetics, CQC is provided by the manufacturers and installers of the various geosynthetics.
1.3 Description of Project Parties

The project parties who may be involved in the construction of the liner system for CBL Cells 2 (Subcells A-C) and 3 are described below.

- **Owner.** The Owner owns and/or is responsible for overall management of the Site and is responsible for complying with the provisions of the registration and of applicable state and federal regulations.

- **Project Manager.** The Project Manager is the official representative of the Owner. A key role of the Project Manager is to oversee CQA and CQC, hire CQA/CQC consultants and surveyors, manage contractor bidding and procurement, and review/approve project expenditures. Typically, the Project Manager also serves as a liaison between all parties involved in construction, to help ensure that lines of communication are maintained.

- **Design Engineer.** The Design Engineer is a Texas licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) responsible for the design of the liner system. The Design Engineer may also be responsible for preparation of the construction-level project plans and specifications.

- **Earthwork Contractor.** The Earthwork Contractor (Contractor) is responsible for the preparation of the subgrade and placement of the soils components of the liner system and associated facilities.

- **Supplier.** The Supplier is responsible for supplying any man-made liner system material.

- **Geosynthetics Manufacturer.** The Geosynthetics [e.g., Geomembrane, Geotextile, and Geocomposite (i.e., bonded geonet-geotextile combination)] Manufacturer (Manufacturer) is responsible for the production of materials such as the geomembrane and geonet rolls from resin, geotextile rolls from fiber, and geocomposite rolls (bonding of geotextile and geonet).

- **Geosynthetics Installer.** The Geosynthetics Installer (Installer) is responsible for field handling, storing, placing, seaming, loading (against wind), and other aspects of the geosynthetics installation. The Installer may also be responsible for transportation of these materials to the site and for construction of the anchor trenches.

- **Soils CQA Consultant.** The Soils CQA Consultant is a party, independent from the Owner, Contractor, Manufacturer, and Installer, that is responsible for observing, testing and documenting activities related to the CQA of the earthworks at the site. The Soils CQA Consultant includes the Soils CQA Engineer, a Texas licensed P.E. who is responsible for issuing a signed and sealed CQA Certification Report for soils.
• **Geosynthetics CQA Consultant.** The Geosynthetics CQA Consultant is a party, independent from the Owner, Contractor, Manufacturer, and Installer, that is responsible for observing, testing, and documenting activities related to the CQA of the geosynthetics. The Geosynthetics CQA Consultant includes the Geosynthetics CQA Engineer, a Texas licensed P.E. who is responsible for issuing a signed and sealed CQA Certification Report for geosynthetics. Soils CQA services and Geosynthetics CQA services may be provided by the same firm.

• **Soils CQA Laboratory.** The Soils CQA Laboratory is a party, independent from the Owner, Contractor, Manufacturer, and Installer, that is responsible for conducting tests in the field and/or in the laboratory on samples of soils.

• **Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory.** The Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory is a third-party, independent from the Owner, Contractor, Manufacturer, and Installer, that is responsible for conducting tests in the field and/or in the laboratory on samples of geosynthetics. The Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory must be capable of providing geomembrane seam test results within 24 hours of receipt of samples.

• **CQA Surveyor.** The CQA Surveyor is a party, independent from the Owner, Contractor, Manufacturer, and Installer, that is responsible for conducting field surveys to collect data to verify the as-built locations of the work. The CQA Surveyor includes the Texas licensed Professional Land Surveyor, who is responsible for issuing signed and sealed final record drawings.

Each of the construction activities could be carried out by separate project parties selected by the Owner.

1.4 **Manufacturer, Supplier, Contractor, and Installer Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the Manufacturer, Supplier, Contractor, and Installer (as appropriate for various aspects of the work) to provide materials meeting the physical specifications provided in the Construction Documents. It is also the responsibility of the Contractor and Installer to be aware of the CQA testing and evaluation activities required for this project.

1.5 **CQA Personnel Roles and Responsibilities**

1.5.1 **CQA Consultant**

1.5.1.1 **CQA Engineer**

Each phase of the soil and liner evaluation will be conducted by the CQA Engineer or a qualified representative (described subsequently) working under the direct supervision of the CQA Engineer. The CQA Engineer will be a professional engineer (P.E.) registered in Texas,
independent from the Owner, Contractor, and Installer, and experienced in geotechnical engineering and soils testing. The CQA Engineer must also be familiar with the use of soils and/or geosynthetics for liner construction. It is the responsibility of the CQA Engineer to oversee implementation of the CQA Plan during construction to verify that the liner system (materials, construction activities, and QA/QC activities) is constructed in accordance with the site-specific design.

The general responsibilities of the CQA Engineer include the following:

- review relevant construction-level project plans and specifications;
- be familiar with other site-specific documentation, including bid documents, proposed layouts, soils and groundwater investigation reports if relevant, and Manufacturer's and Installer's literature as relevant;
- attend appropriate project meetings (e.g., Pre-Construction Meeting, select Progress Meetings);
- administer the CQA program (i.e., assign and manage CQA technicians, check CQA field reports, and provide engineering review of CQA related issues);
- conduct periodic site visits as construction progresses to be fully knowledgeable of the construction methods and performance;
- review changes to the design, plans, and specifications;
- review Record Drawing(s) and related as-built information provided by the CQA Surveyor (e.g., thickness verifications, slopes, etc.); and
- oversee preparation of and sign and P.E. seal the CQA Certification Report.

1.5.1.2 CQA Technician

A properly qualified CQA Technician may work under the direct supervision of the CQA Engineer to monitor, test, and document construction. The CQA Technician will have one of the following minimum levels of experience: (i) a minimum of two years of directly related liner construction experience (or experience with similar low permeability liner and containment applications); or (ii) for an engineer or geologist with a bachelor of science degree, a minimum of six months of directly related experience. If there is more than one CQA Technician on-site at the same time on a project, a Lead CQA Technician will be designated, who will meet the above CQA Technician requirements.

The general responsibilities of the CQA Technician include the following:

- act as the on-site (resident) representative of the CQA Engineer;
- review relevant construction-level project plans and specifications;
- be familiar with other site-specific documentation, including bid documents, proposed layouts, soils and groundwater investigation reports if relevant, and Manufacturer's and Installer's literature as relevant;
- attend CQA-related meetings (i.e., Pre-Construction, Progress, and Problem or Work Deficiency Meetings);
- review the qualifications of the Contractor's equipment operators to ensure that care is taken to protect other portions of the work;
- review the Installer's personnel qualifications for conformance with those pre-approved for work on site;
- review all Supplier, Manufacturer, and Installer certifications and documentation and make appropriate recommendations;
- verify the calibration documentation and condition of on-site CQA equipment;
- periodically check stockpile or borrow pit sources for variability of the soils and ensure that conformance testing is carried out;
- monitor construction activities, including:
  - soils delivery, dumping, and placement;
  - soils moisture content and moisture conditioning, if required;
  - compaction of soils and in-situ testing of compacted density and moisture content;
  - collection of soil samples for laboratory testing for moisture/density relationships, permeability, and other testing as outlined in the specifications;
  - operations to protect completed areas before the covering materials are placed;
  - measurement of loose and compacted lift thickness;
  - verification of bonds between lifts;
  - compaction equipment type, number of passes, and equipment contact pressure;
  - condition of the soil surface for signs of excessive wetting, desiccation, or other disturbance prior to placement of any cover materials;
  - scarification, rewetting, recompaction, or proof rolling required to repair deteriorated areas;
  - geosynthetic material delivery;
  - unloading and on-site transport and storage of geosynthetics;
  - sampling for conformance testing by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory;
  - all geosynthetics placement operations;
  - condition of geosynthetics panels as placed;
  - all geosynthetic joining and/or seaming operations, including geomembrane trial seams, seam preparation, seaming, nondestructive seam testing, sampling for destructive testing, field tensiometer testing, laboratory sample marking, and repair operations;
- prepare soils and geosynthetics CQA logs;
- assign locations for testing and sampling;
- oversee collection and shipping of all laboratory test samples;
• review results of laboratory testing and make appropriate recommendations;
• note any on-site activities that could result in damage to the geosynthetics;
• oversee ongoing preparation of Record Drawing(s) and related as-built information provided by the CQA Surveyor (e.g., thickness verifications, slopes, etc.);
• prepare a brief daily field report that includes date, project name, weather conditions, equipment and personnel in the work area, activities planned and performed, a summary of the locations where construction and installation occurred, observations made of activities, names of parties to any discussions and discussion outcomes, off-site materials received, constraints or suggestions, concerns or potential problems including when the issue was identified and how it was corrected, decisions made regarding acceptance of units or work and/or corrective actions to be taken in instances of substandard quality, and signature of CQA personnel who authored the report;
• maintain a photographic record of work progress;
• report relevant observations and any unresolved deviations from the Plan to the CQA Engineer; and
• assist the CQA Engineer with preparation of the CQA Certification Report.

1.5.2 CQA Surveyor

The CQA Surveyor will be an independent third-party professional land surveyor (P.L.S.) registered in Texas.

1.6 Construction Timing and Full-Time CQA

Liner system soil and geosynthetics components should be constructed in a systematic and timely manner. Once construction is started, delays should be avoided unless adverse weather conditions prevent construction progress. Work areas for liner construction should be selected, sized, and sequenced so that each day’s work can be protected from adverse weather conditions. Furthermore, the selection of size and shape of work areas should be consistent, so that uniform construction/installation techniques and equipment can be selected.

Full-time CQA will be provided during construction and installation of the liner system soil and geosynthetics components by the CQA Engineer or his/her qualified representative(s) serving as CQA Technicians as described above. In the remainder of this document, the term “CQA personnel” refers collectively to either the CQA Engineer or to the CQA Technician(s) working on-site under direct supervision of the CQA Engineer.
2. SITE AND PROJECT CONTROL

2.1 Pre-Construction Meeting

Prior to initiating construction activities at the site, a Pre-Construction Meeting will be held at the site. The meeting will be attended by the Project Manager, Contractor, Installer, CQA Engineer, CQA Technician, and CQA Surveyor, as appropriate for the construction activity. If desired, a separate Soils Pre-Construction Meeting and Geosynthetics Pre-Construction meeting may be held, each to be attended by the appropriate parties.

The purpose of this meeting is to begin planning for coordination of tasks, to present the schedule and sequence of work, to discuss anticipated problems that might cause difficulties and delays in construction, and present the procedures for review and approval of clarifications and changes to the project documents.

The following scope should be considered for the Pre-Construction Meeting:

- communicate to all parties any relevant documents;
- review the project-specific CQA Plan;
- make any appropriate modifications to the CQA Plan;
- review critical design details of the project;
- review the responsibilities of each party;
- review lines of authority and communication;
- establish work area security and safety protocol;
- review methods for documenting and reporting, and for distributing documents and reports;
- select testing equipment and review protocols for testing and placement of soil and geosynthetics materials;
- establish protocols for handling deficiencies, repairs, and retesting;
- review the time schedule for all operations;
- establish soil stockpiling locations;
- review precautions to be taken against clay deterioration, due to wetting or desiccation;
- establish rules for writing on the geomembrane, i.e., who is authorized to write, what can be written and in which color;
- outline procedures for packaging and storing archive samples;
- review panel layout and numbering systems for panels and seams;
- establish procedures for use of the fusion welding apparatus;
- establish procedures for use of the extrusion welding apparatus;
- finalize field cutout sample sizes;
- review seam testing procedures;
- review repair procedures; and
• conduct a site tour after the meeting to review the project features, clarify site conditions, and review material storage locations.

Items discussed during the Pre-Construction Meeting will be documented by a person designated at the beginning of the meeting, and the meeting minutes will be distributed to all relevant parties.

2.2 **Progress Meetings**

A weekly progress meeting will be held between the Project Manager, Contractor, Installer, CQA Technician, and any other concerned parties. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss current progress, planned activities for the next week, and any CQA issues, concerns, new business, or revisions to the work. The meeting will be documented by a person designated at the meeting, and minutes will be transmitted to affected parties. Any matter requiring action which is raised in this meeting will be reported to the appropriate parties.

Informal daily progress meetings may be held between select CQA personnel and the Contractor and/or Installer prior to the start of work or following the completion of work. The purpose of these informal meetings is to review the previous day's activities, review the upcoming day's activities, and identify any needs or potential construction problems. Major items discussed during these meetings will be documented in the CQA Technician’s daily field reports.

2.3 **Problem or Work Deficiency Meetings**

A special meeting will be held when and if a problem or deficiency is present or likely to occur. At a minimum, the meeting will be attended by the Project Manager, Contractor, and CQA Technician. If the problem involves geosynthetics or may require a design modification, the Installer or Design Engineer, respectively, should also be available. The purpose of these meetings will be to define and resolve the problem or work deficiency as follows:

• define and discuss the problem or deficiency;
• review alternative solutions; and
• implement an action plan to resolve the problem or deficiency.

The meeting will be documented by a person designated at the meeting and minutes will be transmitted to affected parties.

2.4 **Project Control Visits**

Periodically, the construction site will be visited by the CQA Engineer. Project-specific plant visits for the manufacture and fabrication of the geomembrane are optional. These plant visits will be carried out at the discretion of the Owner, by the Owner or his designated alternate.
2.5 **Drawing, Specification, and Plan Clarifications and Changes**

Clarifications and/or changes to the design (drawings, specifications, and/or Plan) may be necessary during construction. In such cases, the CQA personnel will notify the CQA Engineer, who will in turn notify the Project Manager. After discussion between these parties about the need to consider a clarification or change, the CQA personnel will prepare written information describing the proposed change and rationale for the request. The Project Manager will determine whether the changes are relatively minor changes, or whether they are more substantial changes.

For minor changes to the design, the Project Manager and Design Engineer will consider the change and will then notify the CQA personnel of their acceptance or rejection of proposed change. The minor change will then be documented in the CQA Certification Report (e.g., narrative description, as-built detail, etc., as appropriate). Examples of minor changes include revisions to specified test methods (e.g., ASTM, GRI) and material properties to reflect the current industry standard and state of practice.

More substantial design changes will be made only with the written agreement of the Project Manager and Design Engineer. After the change is approved, the change as implemented will be documented in the CQA Certification Report (e.g., narrative description, as-built detail, etc., as appropriate).
3. STRUCTURAL FILL

3.1 Overview

This section addresses the specifications and CQA program to be implemented for structural fill. The following is discussed in the remainder of this section:

- Structural Fill Specifications;
- Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources;
- Material Conformance Testing During Construction;
- Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction;
- Field Testing of Work Product; and
- Deficiencies, Problems, and Repairs.

3.2 Structural Fill Specifications

3.2.1 Structural Fill Material Specifications

Material requirements for the structural fill are presented in Table 3-1.

3.2.2 Structural Fill Target Compaction Criteria

Each lift of structural fill will be compacted to within the required range of moisture contents and densities defined by the pre-construction CQA testing program described subsequently in Section 3.3. Compaction criteria may be developed based on one of the following methods depending on the compaction equipment used and soil moisture conditions:

**Standard Proctor Compaction Criteria.** When “light” weight equipment (CAT 815-series compactors or equivalent) is used, the compaction criteria for structural fill are ≥95% of the maximum dry density and within 1 percentage point dry to 4 percentage points wet of optimum as determined from the Standard Proctor compaction test (ASTM D 698).

**Modified Proctor Compaction Criteria.** When “heavy” weight equipment (CAT 835-series compactors or equivalent) is used, the compaction criteria for structural fill are ≥90% of the maximum dry density and within 2 percentage points dry to 3 percentage points wet of optimum as determined from the Modified Proctor compaction test (ASTM D 1557).

**Alternative Compaction Criteria.** Alternative compaction criteria within the zone bounded by Standard and Modified Compaction Criteria may also be used.
3.3 Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources

3.3.1 Sampling and Testing

Prior to placement of structural fill, CQA personnel will obtain a soil sample from the proposed source(s). Each source will be evaluated for potential use as structural fill by performing the pre-construction laboratory tests presented in Table 3-2 and comparing the results of the tests, where applicable, to the material specifications presented in Table 3-1.

3.3.2 Establishment of Target Compaction Criteria

The CQA Engineer will use the results of the pre-construction testing program to develop target compaction criteria for construction of the structural fill.

3.4 Material Conformance Testing During Construction

When soil from the borrow/stockpile area is easily distinguished and consistent with the soil characterized during pre-construction testing, additional ongoing laboratory conformance testing beyond the initial pre-construction tests is not required. Any time the soil material being used becomes variable, or soils vary or appear inappropriate or questionable compared to the results from the initial pre-construction test program, additional material conformance testing of the tests and methods outlined in Table 3-2 should be performed.

3.5 Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction

CQA personnel will be on-site when structural fill installation is ongoing so that all relevant activities can be observed and documented. The CQA Engineer will visit the site periodically as construction progress warrants. Such visits will be frequent enough so that the CQA Engineer is fully knowledgeable of the construction methods and performance, so that the CQA Engineer can determine that quality control monitoring and testing activities are adequate to meet the terms and intent of this CQA Plan. CQA personnel will visually monitor and document that construction of the structural fill is in accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth previously in this CQA Plan. These observations will include, but not be limited to:

- visual inspection of the subgrade for evidence that it is free of debris, organic matter, standing (ponded) water, and excessive moisture;

- visual inspection during subgrade proof-rolling for evidence (e.g., lack of excessive pumping, rutting, deflection) that the subgrade provides a sufficient foundation to place and compact structural fill;
over-excavation of unsuitable subgrade and replacement of the unsuitable material with structural fill so that the affected area provides a firm foundation and ties into surrounding areas with acceptable proof-roll results or properly placed structural fill;

scarifying of the subgrade surface prior to placing the first lift of structural fill, with scarification accomplished by tracking with a dozer, making a pass with the compactor, or similar means as approved by the CQA Engineer;

moisture content and distribution, particle size, and other physical properties of the soil during processing, placement, and compaction;

type and level of compactive effort, including type and weight of compactor, drum size and foot length, and number of passes;

thickness of the loosely-placed soil lift for evidence that the loose lift thickness is no greater than 9 inches and no greater than the pad/prong length of the compactor so that complete bonding with the top of the previous lift is achieved;

action of compaction equipment on soil surface (i.e., foot penetration, rolling, pumping, or shearing);

thickness of the compacted soil lift for evidence that the lift thickness is approximately 6 inches;

soil processing to achieve breakdown of soil structure;

method of bonding lifts together, with each lift constructed on a scarified surface;

soil moisture conditioning as needed to adjust the in-place moisture content to within specified limits;

visual inspection for stones or other inclusions which may adversely affect compaction, lift bonding, and in-place testing;

areas where damage due to excess moisture, insufficient moisture, or freezing may have occurred.

3.6 Field Testing of Work Product

3.6.1 Routine Field Testing

Field testing (e.g., in-situ density and moisture content testing) of placed structural fill will be performed by CQA personnel during construction to evaluate the Contractor's work product with
respect to the requirements of the specifications. The test methods and frequencies for routine CQA field testing of the structural fill are given in Table 3-3. Test locations will be selected by CQA personnel.

### 3.6.2 Special Testing

A special testing frequency will be implemented at the discretion of CQA personnel when observations indicate potential problems, or as requested by the Owner. Additional testing for suspected areas will be considered when:

- the compactor rollers slip during rolling operations;
- the lift thickness is greater than specified;
- the material is at improper and/or highly variable moisture content;
- fewer than the anticipated number of roller passes are made;
- dirt-clogged rollers are used to compact the material;
- the fill materials differ substantially from those specified; or
- the degree of compaction is doubtful.

During construction, the frequency of testing may also be increased in the following situations:

- adverse weather conditions;
- breakdown of equipment;
- at the start and finish of grading;
- if the material fails to meet specification requirements;
- the work area is reduced; or
- as otherwise requested by the Owner.

### 3.6.3 Perforations

Perforations are holes in the structural fill that should be filled, and may include nuclear density test probe locations or sand cone test locations. Small perforations in the structural fill created during testing will be backfilled with structural fill material and the fill will be tamped in-place with a rod by CQA personnel.

### 3.7 Deficiencies, Problems, and Repairs

If a deficiency or noncompliance in the structural fill is discovered, CQA personnel will promptly evaluate the extent and nature of the defect. The extent of the deficient area will be evaluated by additional tests, observations, a review of records, or other means deemed appropriate.

Sections of structural fill that do not pass the required field tests will be reworked as appropriate (e.g., water added, additional compaction passes, etc.) and retested until the section in question
does pass. If a failure occurs, the failing area will be defined. This will be accomplished by performing additional tests between the failed test and the nearest adjacent passing test locations. If those additional tests pass, then the area between the failed test and the additional passing tests must be reworked and retested until passing. If the additional tests fail, then additional tests must be performed halfway between the initial additional tests and the adjacent passing tests to further define the failing area. This procedure must be repeated until the failing area is defined, reworked, and retested with passing results. All field moisture-density results will be reported in the CQA Certification Report whether they indicate passing or failing values.
TABLE 3-1
MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR STRUCTURAL FILL

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**Notes:**

(1) CQA testing frequencies are provided in Tables 3-2 and 3-3.
# TABLE 3-2
PRE-CONSTRUCTION TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURAL FILL

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<td>Unified Soil Classification</td>
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<td>Standard Proctor Compaction</td>
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<td>1 per source of consistent material and 1 test per 5,000 yd&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt; (select either Standard or Modified Proctor Compaction Test based on weight of compactor to be used)</td>
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<td>Modified Proctor Compaction</td>
<td>ASTM D 1557, if “heavy” weight compactor to be used&lt;sup&gt;(2)&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>1 per source of consistent material and 1 test per 5,000 yd&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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Notes:

1. The testing frequency of one per source refers to a relatively consistent and distinguishable soil type at a borrow source location based on visual observations and field classification procedures. If the same borrow source is utilized for the soil supply of more than one liner area project, results from previous pre-construction tests may continue to be used. The minimum testing frequency can be reduced from 1 test per 5,000 yd<sup>3</sup> of consistent material after a sufficient database of pre-construction test results has been developed for the Site as determined by the CQA Engineer.

2. The compaction test method will be selected to be representative of the type of compaction equipment planned for use by the Contractor. For reference, CAT 815 series compactors or equivalent are considered “light” weight equipment, representative of Standard Proctor Compaction Tests; and CAT 825 series compactors or equivalent are considered “heavy” weight equipment, representative of Modified Proctor Compaction Tests.
## TABLE 3-3
FIELD CQA TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURAL FILL

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<th>MINIMUM FREQUENCY OF TESTING</th>
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<td>In-Place Density and In-Place Moisture Content (Nuclear Gauge)</td>
<td>ASTM D 6938</td>
<td>1 per 1,000 yd$^3$ of placed fill (minimum 2 tests per lift)</td>
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<td>Oven Moisture Content</td>
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<td>As necessary to verify nuclear gauge density results</td>
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<td>In-Place Density (Sand Cone or Drive Cylinder Method)</td>
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4. **COMPACTED SOIL LINER**

4.1 **Overview**

This section addresses the specifications and CQA program to be implemented for the compacted soil liner. The following is discussed in the remainder of this section:

- Compacted Clay Liner Specifications;
- Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources;
- Material Conformance Testing During Construction;
- Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction;
- Field Testing of Work Product;
- Deficiencies, Problems, and Repairs; and
- Thickness Verification.

4.2 **Compacted Soil Liner Specifications**

4.2.1 **Compacted Soil Liner Material Specifications**

Material requirements for the structural fill are presented in Table 4-1.

4.2.2 **Compacted Soil Liner Compaction Criteria**

Each lift of compacted soil liner will be compacted to within the required range of moisture contents and densities defined by the pre-construction CQA testing program described subsequently in Section 4.3.2. The pre-construction CQA testing program will establish the target compaction criteria (i.e., Acceptable Permeability Zone (APZ)) for construction of the recompacted clay liner. The APZ, developed in the laboratory, represents a range of moisture contents and dry unit weights that yields the required hydraulic conductivity for the anticipated range of compactive efforts (representative of compaction equipment type) to be used during construction. The APZ will be further defined by the following minimum standards for target compaction:

**Standard Proctor Compaction Criteria.** When “light” weight equipment (CAT 815-series compactors or equivalent) is used, the compaction criteria for compacted clay liner are ≥95% of the maximum dry density and within 0 to 4 percentage points wet of optimum as determined from the Standard Proctor compaction test (ASTM D 698).
Modified Proctor Compaction Criteria. When “heavy” weight equipment (CAT 835-series compactors or equivalent) is used, the compaction criteria for structural fill are ≥90% of the maximum dry density and within 1 percentage points dry to 3 percentage points wet of optimum as determined from the Modified Proctor compaction test (ASTM D 1557).

Alternative Compaction Criteria. Alternative compaction criteria within the zone bounded by Standard and Modified Compaction Criteria may also be used.

4.3 Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources

4.3.1 Sampling and Testing

Prior to construction of the compacted soil liner, CQA personnel will obtain a soil sample from the proposed source(s). Each source will be evaluated for potential use as compacted soil liner by performing the pre-construction laboratory tests presented in Table 4-2 and comparing the results of the tests, where applicable, to the material specifications presented in Table 4-1.

4.3.2 Establishment of Target Compaction Criteria

The CQA Engineer will use the results of the pre-construction testing program to develop target compaction criteria [i.e., Acceptable Permeability Zone (APZ)] for construction of the compacted soil liner. The APZ, developed in the laboratory, represents a range of moisture (i.e., water) contents and dry unit weights that yields the desired hydraulic conductivity for the anticipated range of compactive efforts used during construction. The APZ will be further defined by the following minimum standards for target compaction:

Standard Approach. Pre-construction hydraulic conductivity samples will be remolded to the moisture and density conditions set forth in Table 4-2. These points should represent reasonable “worst case” conditions for hydraulic conductivity results on appropriately compacted soils. Thus, if the results pass, the largest possible APZ is then defined to be the range of moisture contents and dry densities that are wetter and denser than the pre-construction test. If higher moisture contents or dry densities are used for the hydraulic conductivity tests, then the higher values will be used for field control during placement. However, if lower moisture or density values are used and confirmed to achieve acceptable hydraulic conductivities, the APZ will still be based on the minimum compaction requirements provided in Table 4-2. In any case, when the APZ is based on the Standard Proctor compaction test, the maximum moisture content for compaction is 4 percentage points wet of optimum. When the APZ is based on the Modified Proctor compaction test, the maximum moisture content for compaction is 3 percentage points wet of optimum.

Alternate Approach. If requested by the Owner to further define a more detailed APZ, or if deemed necessary by the CQA Engineer based on material variability or equipment variability, an alternate approach may be used to develop the APZ. This alternate approach provides a rational method for accepting or disapproving compaction results when more than one type of compactor or
compaction effort is used or when variations in Proctor relationships make choosing the most appropriate curve difficult. More specifically, the “line of optimums” approach may be used as the basis in field control. Under this alternative procedure, 80 percent of the field densities must lie on or above the line of optimums. The line of optimums approach is described in the following reference:


The line of optimums approach as described by Benson and Boutwell (1992) is essentially a line drawn through the points corresponding to the optimum moisture content/maximum dry density on the moisture/density relationship curves for the modified proctor test, the standard proctor test, and a third compaction test using a reduced energy from the standard proctor test. If this procedure is used, those field density points that do not lie above the line of optimums must not be concentrated in any specific lift or section of fill.

4.3.3 Use of Results

The APZ is borrow-source soil specific. Thus, the APZ may be used from project-to-project when the same borrow source is used and when the borrow soil properties remain consistent with those used to develop the APZ. In some cases, soils in the borrow source may be variable. If the soils can be distinguished in the borrow source or at the construction area, separate APZs can be developed and applied in the field by CQA personnel. If the soils are not easily distinguishable, a composite APZ can be developed by overlaying the APZs and using the range determined from these values.

4.4 Material Conformance Testing During Construction

When soil from the borrow/stockpile area is easily distinguished and consistent with the soil characterized during pre-construction testing, additional ongoing laboratory conformance testing beyond the initial pre-construction tests is not required. Any time the compacted soil liner material being used becomes variable, or soils vary or appear inappropriate or questionable compared to the results from the initial pre-construction test program, additional material conformance testing of the tests and methods outlined in Table 4-2 should be performed.

4.5 Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction

CQA personnel will be on-site at all times when compacted soil liner construction is ongoing so that all relevant activities can be observed and documented. The CQA Engineer will visit the site periodically as construction progress warrants. Such visits will be frequent enough so that the CQA Engineer is fully knowledgeable of the construction methods and performance, so that the CQA Engineer can determine that quality control monitoring and testing activities are adequate to
meet the terms and intent of this CQA Plan. CQA personnel will visually monitor and document that construction of the compacted soil liner is in accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth previously in this CQA Plan. These observations will include, but not be limited to:

- visual inspection of the subgrade for evidence that it is free of debris, organic matter, standing (ponded) water, and excessive moisture;

- visual inspection during subgrade proof rolling for evidence (e.g., lack of excessive pumping, rutting, deflection) that the subgrade provides a sufficient foundation for installation of compacted soil liner;

- scarifying of the subgrade surface prior to placing the first lift of compacted soil liner, with scarification accomplished by tracking with a dozer, making a pass with the compactor, or similar means as approved by the CQA Engineer;

- moisture content and distribution, particle size, and other physical properties of the soil during processing, placement, and compaction;

- type and level of compactive effort, including roller type and weight, drum size and foot length, and number of passes;

- thickness of the loosely-placed soil lift for evidence that the loose lift thickness is no greater than 9 inches and no greater than the pad/prong length of the compactor so that complete bonding with the top of the previous lift is achieved;

- action of compaction equipment on soil surface (i.e., foot penetration, rolling, pumping, or shearing);

- thickness of the compacted soil lift for evidence that the lift thickness is approximately 6 inches;

- soil processing to yield a relatively uniform soil matrix devoid of large clods or macrostructural features;

- method of bonding lifts together and making liner tie-ins, with each lift constructed on a scarified surface;

- soil moisture conditioning as needed to adjust the in-place moisture content to within specified limits;
• visual inspection for stones or other inclusions which may damage the overlying geomembrane liner or adversely affect compaction, lift bonding, and in-place testing/sampling;

• areas where damage due to excess moisture, insufficient moisture, or freezing may have occurred; and

• preparation and maintenance of the top surface of the soil liner for proper conditions for geomembrane liner deployment.

4.6 Field Testing of Work Product

4.6.1 Routine Field Testing

Field testing (e.g., in-situ density and moisture content testing and undisturbed tube sampling) of placed/compacted soil liner will be performed by CQA personnel during construction to evaluate the Contractor's work product with respect to the requirements of the specifications and requirements set forth in this CQA Plan. The test methods and frequencies for routine CQA field testing of the compacted soil liner are given in Table 4-3. Sampling and test locations will be selected by CQA personnel.

4.6.2 Special Testing

A special testing frequency will be implemented at the discretion of CQA personnel when observations indicate potential problems, or as requested by the Owner. Additional testing for suspected areas will be considered when:

• the compactor rollers slip during rolling operations;
• the lift thickness is greater than specified;
• the material is at improper and/or highly variable moisture content;
• fewer than the anticipated number of roller passes are made;
• dirt-clogged rollers are used to compact the material;
• the fill materials differ substantially from those specified; or
• the degree of compaction is doubtful.

During construction, the frequency of testing may also be increased in the following situations:

• adverse weather conditions;
• breakdown of equipment;
• at the start and finish of grading;
• if the material fails to meet specification requirements;
• the work area is reduced; or
• as otherwise requested by the Owner.

4.6.3 Perforations

Perforations are holes in the compacted soil liner that must be filled, and may include, but are limited to, the following:

• nuclear density test probe locations;
• undisturbed hydraulic conductivity test tube locations; and
• sand cone test locations or other density verification test methods.

All perforations in the compacted soil liner created during any sampling or testing will be backfilled using a mixture of at least 20% bentonite mixed with compacted soil liner material and compacted, or using an appropriate bentonite grout. Small perforations in the structural fill caused by nuclear density and sand cone test probe locations or other perforations of similar size will be backfilled and the fill will be tamped in-place with a rod by CQA personnel. Perforations in the compacted soil liner caused by sand cone test or tube sample locations will be backfilled and compacted by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the CQA Consultant.

4.7 Deficiencies, Problems, and Repairs

If a deficiency or noncompliance in the compacted soil liner is discovered, CQA personnel will promptly evaluate the extent and nature of the defect. The extent of the deficient area will be evaluated by additional tests, observations, a review of records, or other means deemed appropriate. If the defect is related to adverse site conditions, such as overly wet soils or surface desiccation, the CQA Consultant will define the limits and nature of the defect.

Sections of compacted soil liner that do not pass the required field tests will be reworked as appropriate (e.g., water added, additional compaction passes, etc.) and retested until the section in question does pass. If a failure occurs, the failing area will be defined. This will be accomplished by performing additional tests between the failed test and the nearest adjacent passing test locations. If those additional tests pass, then the area between the failed test and the additional passing tests must be reworked and retested until passing. If the additional tests fail, then additional tests must be performed halfway between the initial additional tests and the adjacent passing tests to further define the failing area. This procedure must be repeated until the failing area is defined, reworked, and retested with passing results. All field moisture-density results will be reported in the CQA Certification Report whether they indicate passing or failing values.

4.8 Thickness Verification

The CQA Surveyor will verify all lines and grades of compacted soil liner subgrade prior to liner construction and the top surface of the compacted soil liner. Compacted soil liner thickness
verification will be determined by instrument survey method only; no test probes that create holes will be allowed. The verification points provided in the Construction Drawings will be used for record purposes. The verification points will be the same for both beginning and finished elevations of the soil liner, so that minimum thicknesses can be calculated and verified.
TABLE 4-1
MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPACTED SOIL LINER

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<td>SC, CL, CH</td>
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<td>Hydraulic Conductivity</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td>cm/s</td>
<td>( \leq 1 \times 10^{-7} )</td>
<td>ASTM D 5084(3)</td>
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Notes:
(1) CQA testing frequencies are provided in Tables 4-1 and 4-2.
(2) Compacted clay liner material must also not contain rocks or stones that total more than 10% by weight.
(3) Refer to Table 4-3 for additional hydraulic conductivity testing requirements.
## TABLE 4-2
PRE-CONSTRUCTION TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPACTED SOIL LINER

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<td>Natural (as-received) Moisture Content</td>
<td>ASTM D 2216</td>
<td>1 per source of consistent material and 1 test per 10,000 yd³</td>
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<td>Standard Proctor Compaction</td>
<td>ASTM D 698, if “light” weight compactor to be used(2)</td>
<td>1 per source of consistent material and 1 test per 10,000 yd³ (select either Standard or Modified Proctor Compaction Test based on weight of compactor to be used)</td>
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<td>Modified Proctor Compaction</td>
<td>ASTM D 1557, if “heavy” weight compactor to be used(2)</td>
<td>1 per source of consistent material and 1 test per 10,000 yd³ (select either Standard or Modified Proctor Compaction Test based on weight of compactor to be used)</td>
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<td>Remolded Hydraulic Conductivity</td>
<td>ASTM D 5084(3)(4)(5)</td>
<td>1 per source of consistent material and 1 test per 10,000 yd³</td>
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Notes:

1. The testing frequency of one per source refers to a relatively consistent and distinguishable soil type at a borrow source location based on visual observations and field classification procedures. If the same borrow source is utilized for the soil supply of more than one liner area project, results from previous pre-construction tests may continue to be used. The minimum testing frequency can be reduced from 1 test per 10,000 yd³ of consistent material after a sufficient database of pre-construction test results has been developed for the Site as determined by the CQA Engineer.

2. The compaction test method will be selected to be representative of the type of compaction equipment planned for use by the Contractor. For reference, CAT 815 series compactors or equivalent are considered “light” weight equipment, representative of Standard Proctor Compaction Tests; and CAT 825 series compactors or equivalent are considered “heavy” weight equipment, representative of Modified Proctor Compaction Tests.

3. Hydraulic conductivity testing will be performed using tap water or a 0.05N solution of CaSO₄. Use effective stress of 20 psi. Distilled or deionized water will not be used. The permeant should be deaired. Testing procedures in Appendix VII of the Corps of Engineers Manual EM 1110-2-1906 may be used as an alternative method.

4. Perform remolded hydraulic conductivity test as appropriate for the type of compaction equipment planned for use, on either: (i) a remolded sample that is compacted greater than or equal to 95% of the maximum dry density and at the optimum moisture content as determined from the Standard Proctor Compaction test; or (ii) a remolded sample that is compacted greater than or equal to 90% of the maximum dry density and at one percentage point dry of optimum as determined from the Modified Proctor Compaction Test.

5. Additional hydraulic conductivity tests may be performed during the preconstruction testing program if authorized by the Owner, in order to develop a more detailed, alternative acceptable permeability zone (APZ) that may broaden the range of allowable moisture-density target compaction criteria or define allowable conditions for use of soil blends. See Section 4.3.2. of this CQA Plan for a discussion of this approach.
TABLE 4-3
FIELD CQA TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMPACTED SOIL LINER

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<td>In-Place Density and In-Place Moisture Content (Nuclear Gauge)</td>
<td>ASTM D 6938</td>
<td>1 per 8,000 ft² of surface area per lift (minimum 3 tests per lift) for parallel lifts</td>
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<td>Percent Passing #200 Sieve</td>
<td>ASTM D 422 or ASTM D 1140</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft² of surface area per lift (minimum 1 test per lift)</td>
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<td>Atterberg Limits</td>
<td>ASTM D 4318</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft² of surface area per lift (minimum 1 test per lift)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Undisturbed Hydraulic Conductivity</td>
<td>ASTM D 5084(1)</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft² of surface area per lift (minimum 1 test per lift)</td>
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<td>Oven Moisture Content</td>
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<td>ASTM D 1556 or ASTM 2937</td>
<td>As necessary to verify nuclear gauge density results</td>
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<td>Layer Thickness Verification</td>
<td>Instrument Survey Measurements with As-Built Signed by Registered Surveyor</td>
<td>Minimum of 1 verification point per 5,000 ft² of surface area (minimum of 2 points),</td>
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Notes:
(1) Undisturbed hydraulic conductivity tests will be obtained using thin-walled push tube sampler (e.g., Shelby tube), and will be tested using tap water or a 0.05N solution of CaSO₄. Use effective stress of 20 psi. Distilled or deionized water will not be used. The permeant should be deaired.
5. **GEOMEMBRANE LINER**

5.1 **Overview**

This section addresses the specifications and CQA program to be implemented for the 60-mil textured high-density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane liner. The following is discussed in the remainder of this section:

- Geomembrane Liner Specifications;
- Pre-Installation Qualification of Material Sources;
- Material Conformance Testing;
- Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Installation;
- Field Testing of Work Product; and
- Deficiencies, Problems, and Repairs.

5.2 **Geomembrane Liner Specifications**

5.2.1 **Geomembrane Material Specifications**

A. Material requirements for the geomembrane are presented in Table 5-1.

B. The geomembrane resin properties will meet the requirements set forth in the Geosynthetics Research Institute (GRI) Test Method GM-13 (current industry standard), including a resin density generally in the range of 0.932 g/cc or higher, and a melt flow index of less than 1.0 g/10 min. Test standards for measuring resin density and melt flow index are given in GRI GM-13.

5.2.2 **Manufacturing Quality Control (MQC)**

A. The Geomembrane Manufacturer will implement a manufacturing quality control (MQC) program for materials related to geomembrane manufacturing, which will include MQC sampling and testing to demonstrate the geomembrane quality and suitability for use.

B. The required MQC tests, methods, and frequencies are presented in Table 5-1.

C. Prior to shipping, the Geomembrane Manufacturer will provide CQA personnel with the required MQC information listed in Section 5.3, including results of the required MQC tests. Any sample that does not comply with the requirements will result in rejection of the roll from which the sample was obtained.
5.3 **Pre-Installation Qualification of Material Sources**

Prior to installation of the geomembrane, the Manufacturer will provide CQA personnel with manufacturer’s certification statements and quality control information, including the following:

- Written certification, signed by a responsible party employed by the Manufacturer. The Manufacturer will guarantee the specified roll values are met for physical, mechanical, and environmental properties corresponding to the test procedures for the required geomembrane properties listed in the specifications.

- Manufacturer’s quality control (MQC) certificates with test results signed by a responsible party employed by the Manufacturer. Each quality control certificate will include date, roll identification numbers, testing procedures, and results of quality control tests performed using the methods specified and at the required frequencies given in the specifications.

- Certification statement from the resin supplier stating that the resin properties are met for the specified test procedures and properties listed in the specifications.

- Copies of dated quality control certificates issued by the resin supplier for the resin density and melt flow index at the minimum frequency of one per each resin lot for the resin used in geomembrane production.

CQA personnel will examine all Manufacturer's certifications to verify that the property values listed on the certifications meet or exceed the specifications shown in Table 5-1 and that proper and complete documentation has been provided for all geomembrane to be used at the site. CQA personnel will report any deviations from the above requirements to the Project Manager and Installer prior to installation of the geomembrane. Any sample that does not comply with the requirements will result in rejection of the roll from which the sample was obtained and additional testing of rolls from the same lot or batch until a pattern of acceptable test results is established.

5.4 **Material Conformance Testing**

Conformance testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory. As a minimum, the geotextile, geonet, and geocomposite conformance tests listed in Table 5-2 will be performed by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory. Conformance sampling may be performed either at the manufacturing plant or upon delivery of rolls to the site, as requested by the Project Manager. Conformance samples will be taken across the entire roll width. All conformance test results will be reviewed by CQA personnel prior to deployment of the material. Any nonconformance will be immediately reported to the Project Manager. When a sample fails a conformance test, the material from the lot represented by the failing test should be considered out-of-specification and rejected.
5.4.1 Sampling Procedure

Samples will be taken across the entire width of the roll and will not include the first 3 ft. Unless otherwise specified, samples shall consist of one section 3 ft long by the roll width. The required minimum geomembrane conformance sampling frequencies are provided in Table 5-2. The CQA Consultant shall affix a label, tag, or otherwise mark each sample with the following information:

- date sampled;
- project number;
- lot/batch number and roll number;
- conformance sample number; and
- CQA personnel identification.

The geomembrane rolls which are sampled shall be immediately rewrapped in their protective coverings to the satisfaction of the CQA Consultant.

5.4.2 Test Results

The CQA Consultant will review all laboratory conformance test results and assure compliance of the test results with the Technical Specifications prior to deployment of the geomembrane. Any non-conformance shall be reported to the Construction Manager.

5.4.3 Conformance Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be retested by the Geosynthetics CQA laboratory with the manufacturer's technical representative present during the test procedure. If the retest fails or if the option to retest is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples shall be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples shall be taken from rolls, which have been determined by correlation with the manufacturer's roll number, to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing should continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls which fail numerically between the passing roll numbers shall be rejected. The CQA Consultant will assure that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant shall document all actions taken in conjunction with geocomposite conformance test failures.
5.5 Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Installation

5.5.1 General

Prior to construction, CQA personnel and the Project Manager will review the proposed panel layout plan prepared by the Installer. The purpose of the review is to become familiar with the proposed orientation of the panels, the general installation sequencing, and the quantities of materials needed for the job, and to assess whether the proposed installation layout complies with the relevant specifications.

5.5.2 Transportation, Handling, and Storage

CQA personnel will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the geomembrane onsite. The Project Manager will designate a geomembrane storage location. During transportation, handling, and storage, the geomembrane must be protected from ultraviolet light exposure, precipitation or other inundation, mud, dirt, dust, puncture, cutting or any other damaging or deleterious conditions.

Handling of the geomembrane rolls must be performed in a competent manner such that damage does not occur to the geomembrane or to its protective wrapping. Rolls of geomembrane must not be stacked upon one another to the extent that deformation of the roll occurs or to the point where accessibility can cause damage in handling. Furthermore, geomembrane rolls must be stacked in such a way that access for conformance sampling is possible.

Upon delivery to the Site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Project Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, which should be rejected and removed from the Site because they have severe flaws; and
- rolls which include minor repairable flaws.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor that equipment used to handle the geomembrane onsite is adequate and does not pose any risk of damage to the geomembrane when used properly.

5.5.3 Condition of Geomembrane Subgrade

Prior to deployment of geomembrane, CQA personnel will observe the work area, and will verify that the surface on which geomembrane will be deployed has been fully approved. This includes, at a minimum the following requirements:
- keep surface of the subgrade soil free of sharp stones, stones larger than 3/8-inch, sticks, or other debris;

- finish soil subgrade surface by rolling with a flat wheel roller until a smooth uniform surface is achieved;

- protect soil subgrade from desiccation cracking, rutting, erosion, and ponding prior to and during placement of the geomembrane; and

- preserve subgrade by regular watering and proof rolling or by placing a temporary soil cover over subgrade, removing the temporary soil cover prior to geomembrane placement, and resurveying the soil subgrade surface prior to geomembrane placement.

It is the responsibility of CQA personnel to provide subgrade acceptance forms to the Installer and verify that they have been signed by CQA personnel and the Installer prior to deployment.

5.5.4 Field Panel Identification

Each field panel will be given an identification code, which will be used for CQA records. CQA personnel will monitor field panel placement and will record the field panel identification code, manufacturers roll number, location, date of installation, and dimensions of each field panel. CQA personnel will label each panel in the field with its panel identification number using a semi-permanent marker (e.g., paint stick).

5.5.5 Geomembrane Deployment

CQA personnel will continuously monitor geomembrane deployment and verify compliance with the geomembrane installation specifications, including:

- the wind is not excessive for deployment;

- any equipment used does not damage the geomembrane by handling, trafficking, excessive heat, leakage of hydrocarbons or other means;

- the surface underlying the geomembrane has not deteriorated since previous acceptance, and is still acceptable immediately prior to geomembrane placement, without excessive moisture (e.g., dew, ponding, etc.);

- the anchor trench is of the proper dimensions and in suitable condition, without loose soils underlying the geomembrane;

- personnel working on the geomembrane do not smoke, wear damaging shoes, or engage in other activities which could damage the geomembrane;
• the method used to unroll the panels does not cause scratches or crimps in the geomembrane and does not damage the supporting soil;

• the method used to place the panels minimizes wrinkles (especially differential wrinkles between adjacent panels);

• adequate temporary loading and/or anchoring (e.g., sand bags) has been placed to prevent uplift by wind; and

• direct contact with the geomembrane is minimized in areas where excessive traffic may be expected (e.g., the geomembrane is protected by geosynthetics, extra geomembrane, or other suitable materials).

CQA personnel will advise the Installer which panels, or portions of panels, should be rejected, repaired, or accepted. Damaged panels or portions of damaged panels which have been rejected will be marked and their removal from the work area will be recorded by CQA personnel.

5.5.6 Geomembrane Seaming

Field panel seaming will be continuously monitored by CQA personnel to verify and document compliance with the seaming specifications shown in Table 5-3, including:

• weather conditions for seaming are within the limits required by the specifications, unless authorized by the CQA Engineer;

• prior to seaming, the seam area is clean and free of moisture, dust, dirt, debris of any kind, and foreign material;

• seams are overlapped a minimum of 3 inches or as recommended by the Manufacturer;

• if seam overlap grinding is required, the process is completed according to the Manufacturer's instructions and/or the specifications, whichever is the more stringent, prior to the seaming operation, and in a way that does not damage the geomembrane;

• the grind depth will not exceed 10 percent of the geomembrane thickness;

• grinding marks will not appear beyond the extrudate after it is placed; and

• seams are aligned with the fewest possible number of wrinkles and “fishmouths”.

For fusion welding, CQA personnel will:
• verify and document that the fusion-welding apparatus is a self-propelled device and that it is permanently marked with an identification number;

• verify that the fusion-welding apparatus is equipped with gauges giving the applicable temperatures and welding speed;

• verify that a suitable number of spare operable seaming apparatus are maintained on site;

• confirm that the electric generator is placed on a smooth base such that no damage occurs to the geomembrane;

• confirm that, for cross seams, the edge of the cross seam is ground to a smooth incline (top and bottom) prior to welding;

• verify that a smooth insulating plate or fabric is placed beneath the hot welding apparatus after usage; and

• verify that a movable protective layer is used, as necessary, directly below each overlap of geomembrane that is to be seamed to prevent build-up of moisture between the sheets.

For extrusion welding, CQA personnel will:

• verify and document that the extrusion-welding apparatus is permanently marked with an identification number;

• verify that the extrusion-welding apparatus is equipped with gauges giving the temperature in the apparatus and at the nozzle;

• verify that the extrudate is comprised of the same resin as the geomembrane sheeting;

• monitor extrudate temperatures, ambient temperatures, and geomembrane sheet temperatures at appropriate intervals;

• verify that a suitable number of spare operable seaming apparatus are maintained on site;

• verify that the extruder is purged prior to beginning a seam until all heat-degraded extrudate has been removed from the barrel;

• confirm that the electric generator is placed on a smooth base such that no damage occurs to the geomembrane; and

• confirm that a smooth insulating plate or fabric is placed beneath the hot welding apparatus after usage.
5.5.7 Placement of Soil Materials Over Geomembrane

CQA personnel will provide continuous monitoring during soil placement on the geomembrane liner to document that soil is being placed in a manner protective of the geomembrane and that the equipment placing the soil meets the ground pressure requirements.

5.6 Field Testing of Work Product

5.6.1 Trial Seams

Trial seam testing will be performed by the Installer. CQA personnel will observe and document the Installer’s trial seam testing procedures and verify that they are in accordance with the specifications shown in Table 5-3. CQA personnel will document identification numbers of trial seam samples and record results. Each sample will also be marked with the date, time, machine temperature(s), setting(s), number of seaming unit, and name of seaming technician.

5.6.2 Nondestructive Seam Testing

Nondestructive field seam testing will be performed on all seams by the Installer to check the continuity of seams. During the Installer’s nondestructive testing of field seams, CQA personnel will continuously monitor and confirm that seams are tested over their full length using either the vacuum test (for extrusion welds) or the air pressure test (for double fusion seams). CQA personnel will also continuously monitor nondestructive testing and document the results, including at a minimum the test location, date, test identification number, name of tester, and result of testing.

CQA personnel will notify the Installer of any required repairs and will observe and document that adequate repairs are made and retesting performed. The information collected for an initial test will also be collected for a retest.

5.6.3 Destructive Testing

Location and Frequency. CQA personnel will select all destructive seam test sample locations in order to accomplish the minimum average sampling and testing frequencies of 1 test per 500 ft of seam per seamer/welder combination. Sample locations will be established by CQA personnel according to the guidelines given below.

- Test locations will be determined during seaming at CQA personnel’s discretion. Selection of such locations may be prompted by suspicion of excess crystallinity, contamination, offset welds, or any other potential cause of imperfect welding.

- The Installer will not be informed in advance of the locations where the seam samples will be taken.
Sampling Procedures. The Installer will cut the destructive samples at the locations designated by CQA personnel, under observation of the CQA personnel when possible. CQA personnel will mark each sample accordingly and record the sample location. At a given sampling location, two types of samples will be taken: (i) field test samples; and (ii) laboratory test samples. A minimum of two field samples (i.e., test strips) should be taken for field testing. Each of these test strips should typically be 1 in. wide by 12 in. long, with the seam centered parallel to the width. The distance between these two specimens should typically be 42 in. If both specimens pass the field test described below, a full laboratory destructive sample will be taken for testing by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory, as follows:

- The full destructive sample should be located between the two field test strips. The sample should typically be 12 in. wide by 42 in. long with the seam centered lengthwise. The sample will be cut into three parts and distributed as follows:
  - one 12 in. by 12 in. portion to be retained by the Installer;
  - one 12 in. by 12 in. portion to be archived by CQA personnel; and
  - the remaining 12 in. by 18 in. portion to be forwarded immediately by CQA personnel to the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory.

All holes in the geomembrane resulting from destructive seam test sampling will be immediately repaired by the Installer. The continuity of the new seams in the repaired area will be nondestructively tested.

Field Testing. The test strips will be tested in the field by the Installer, using a gauged tensiometer. CQA personnel will observe the field tests and mark all samples and portions of samples with their test number. CQA personnel will also document using the appropriate standardized field forms: the date, number of seaming unit, seaming technician identification, destructive sampling, and pass or fail description.

Laboratory Testing. Destructive test samples will be tested in peel and shear by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory. Results will be reviewed by CQA personnel for conformance with the specifications as soon as they become available. The CQA Engineer and Owner will be notified of any inconsistencies or nonconformances.

Procedures for Destructive Test Failure. The following procedures will apply whenever a sample fails a destructive test, whether that test was conducted in the field or by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory. CQA personnel will document that the Installer follows one of two options to repair the failed seam:
• The Installer may reconstruct the entire seams (e.g., remove the old seams and reseam) between any two passed destructive test locations.

• The Installer may trace the welding path to an intermediate location a minimum of 10 ft from the point of the failed test in each direction and take a small sample for an additional field testing in accordance with the destructive test procedure at each location. If these additional isolation samples pass the field test, then full laboratory samples are taken at both locations. If these laboratory samples meet the specified strength criteria, then the seam is reconstructed between these locations. If either sample fails, then the process is repeated to establish the zone in which the seam should be reconstructed.

In all cases, failed seams must be bounded by two locations from which samples passing laboratory destructive tests have been taken or the entire seam is reconstructed and retested. In cases exceeding 150 ft of reconstructed seam, a sample taken from the zone in which the seam has been reconstructed must pass destructive testing. CQA personnel will document all actions taken in conjunction with destructive test failures.

5.7 Deficiencies, Problems, and Repairs

5.7.1 Inspection for Defects

All seams and non-seam areas of the geomembrane will be examined by CQA personnel for identification of defects, holes, blisters, undispersed raw materials and any sign of contamination by foreign matter. Because light reflected by the geomembrane helps to detect defects, the surface of the geomembrane should be clean at the time of examination.

5.7.2 Repair Procedures

Any portion of the geomembrane exhibiting a flaw, or failing a destructive or non-destructive test, must be repaired by the Installer. Several procedures exist for the repair of these areas. The final decision as to the appropriate repair procedure will be agreed upon between the Installer, the CQA Engineer, and the Project Manager.

5.7.3 Verification of Repairs

Each repair will be numbered, logged, and non-destructively tested using approved methods. Repairs which pass the non-destructive test will be taken as an indication of an adequate repair. Large caps may be of sufficient extent to require destructive test sampling, at the discretion of CQA personnel or as previously specified. CQA personnel will observe all non-destructive testing of repairs and will record the number of each repair, date, and test outcome.
### TABLE 5-1a

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR GEOMEMBRANE LINER**(11)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PROPERTIES</th>
<th>TEST METHOD</th>
<th>SPECIFIED VALUE</th>
<th>FREQUENCY</th>
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<tr>
<td>Thickness mils (min. ave.) - mils</td>
<td>D 5994</td>
<td>nom. – 5%</td>
<td>per roll</td>
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<tr>
<td>• lowest individual for 8 out of 10 values - %</td>
<td></td>
<td>-10</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• lowest individual for any of the 10 values - %</td>
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<td>-15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td>Asperity Height mils (min. ave.) - mils</td>
<td>D 7466</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>every 2nd roll (I)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Formulated Density (min. ave.) - g/cc</td>
<td>D 1505/D 792</td>
<td>0.940</td>
<td>200,000 lb</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tensile Properties (min. ave.) (2)</td>
<td>D 6693</td>
<td>Type IV</td>
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<td>• yield strength - lb/in.</td>
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<td>126</td>
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<tr>
<td>• break strength - lb/in.</td>
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<td>90</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>• yield elongation - %</td>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
<td></td>
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<td>• break elongation - %</td>
<td></td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tear Resistance (min. ave.) - lb</td>
<td>D 1004</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>45,000 lb</td>
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<td>Puncture Resistance (min. ave.) - lb</td>
<td>D 4833</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>45,000 lb</td>
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<td>Stress Crack Resistance (3) - hr.</td>
<td>D 5397</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>per GRI GM10</td>
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<td>(App.)</td>
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<td>Carbon Black Content (range) - %</td>
<td>D 4218 (4)</td>
<td>2.0-3.0</td>
<td>20,000 lb</td>
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<td>Carbon Black Dispersion</td>
<td>D 5596</td>
<td>note (5)</td>
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<td>Oxidative Induction Time (OIT) (min. ave.) (6)</td>
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<td>(a) Standard OIT - min.</td>
<td>D 8117</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>200,000 lb</td>
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<td>— or —</td>
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<td>(b) High Pressure OIT - min.</td>
<td>D 5885</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>Oven Aging at 85°C (6), (7)</td>
<td>D 5721</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>per each formulation</td>
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<td>55</td>
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<td>80</td>
<td>per each formulation</td>
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<td>UV Resistance (8)</td>
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<td>D 7238</td>
<td>N.R. (9)</td>
<td>per each formulation</td>
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<td>— or —</td>
<td>D 8117</td>
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<tr>
<td>(b) High Pressure OIT (min. ave.) - % retained after 1600 hrs (10)</td>
<td>D 5885</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>per each formulation</td>
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**Notes:**

1. Alternate the measurement side for double sided textured sheet
2. Machine direction (MD) and cross machine direction (XMD) average values should be on the basis of 5 test specimens each direction. Yield elongation is calculated using a gage length of 1.3 inches. Break elongation is calculated using a gage length of 2.0 inches.
3. SP-NCTL per ASTM D5397 Appendix is not appropriate for testing geomembranes with textured or irregular rough surfaces. Test should be conducted on smooth edges of textured rolls or on smooth sheets made from the same formulation as being used for the textured sheet materials.
   The yield stress used to calculate the applied load for the SP-NCTL test should be the manufacturer’s mean value via MQC testing.
4. Other methods such as ASTM D1603 (tube furnace) or D6370 (TGA) are acceptable if an appropriate correlation to D4218 (muffle furnace) can be established.
5. Carbon black dispersion (only near spherical agglomerates) for 10 different views: 9 in Categories 1 or 2 and 1 in Category 3.
6. The manufacturer has the option to select either one of the OIT methods listed to evaluate the antioxidant content in the geomembrane.
7. It is also recommended to evaluate samples at 30 and 60 days to compare with the 90 day response.
8. The condition of the test should be 20 hour UV cycle at 75°C followed by 4 hour condensation at 60°C.
9. Not recommended since the high temperature of the Std-OIT test produces an unrealistic results for some of the antioxidants in the UV exposed samples.
10. UV resistance is based on percent retained values regardless of the original HP-OIT value.
11. This specification is based on the Geosynthetic Research Institute (GRI) GM-13 Specification, currently the industry standard.
### TABLE 5-1b

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR GEOMEMBRANE LINER INTERFACE SHEAR STRENGTH**

<table>
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<th>PROPERTY</th>
<th>QUALIFIER</th>
<th>UNITS</th>
<th>SPECIFIED VALUE</th>
<th>TEST METHOD</th>
<th>CQA TESTING FREQUENCY (Minimum)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Interface Shear Strength (geomembrane to compacted clay liner)</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>deg</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>ASTM D 5321(1)</td>
<td>Note 1</td>
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<td>Interface Shear Strength (geomembrane to geocomposite)</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>deg</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>ASTM D 5321(1)</td>
<td>Note 1</td>
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Notes:

1. Interface shear strength testing will be performed by a qualified, independent third-party geosynthetics testing laboratory on the materials intended for use as the liner system side slope prior to shipping.

Interface shear tests will be performed at a range of normal stresses up to 15,000 psf (min) using fresh specimens for each test configuration, and using a maximum shear rate of 1 mm/minute for geosynthetic-to-soil interfaces and 5 mm/minute for geosynthetic-to-geosynthetic interfaces. Compacted clay material used for interface tests will be remolded in the laboratory to the critical compaction condition (e.g., the lowest density and highest moisture content specified for compaction).

Passing interface strength results for a particular interface are applicable from project-to-project at the site (e.g., for subsequent cell construction, next liner phases, etc.) and testing need not be repeated, provided that the geosynthetic type and soil source/properties proposed for use remains representative of those tested.
### TABLE 5-1c

**WELDED SEAM SPECIFICATIONS FOR GEOMEMBRANE LINER**

<table>
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<th>PROPERTY</th>
<th>QUALIFIER</th>
<th>UNITS</th>
<th>VALUES(^{(3), (4), (5)})</th>
<th>TEST METHOD(^{(5)})</th>
<th>CQA TESTING FREQUENCY</th>
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<td><strong>Fusion Seams</strong></td>
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<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Air Test</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>psi</td>
<td>30 psi pressure, 5 minute hold, pressure must not drop by 3 psi</td>
<td>ASTM D 5820</td>
<td>Observe Installer testing 100% of fusion seams</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shear Strength</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>lb/in.</td>
<td>120</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shear Elongation at Break</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>GRI GM-19 (using ASTM D 6392)</td>
<td>(1) and (2)</td>
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<td>Peel Strength</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>lb/in.</td>
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<td>Peel Separation</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td><strong>Extrusion Seams</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Vacuum Test</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>psi</td>
<td>5 psi vacuum, 10 second hold</td>
<td>ASTM D 5641</td>
<td>Observe Installer testing 100% of extrusion seams</td>
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<td>Shear Strength</td>
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<td>lb/in.</td>
<td>120</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shear Elongation at Break</td>
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<td>%</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Peel Strength</td>
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Notes:

1. Trial seams will be made at start of each day and at re-start after breaks, shift change, etc. Elongation/separation measurements may be eliminated for field testing.
2. Destructive tests will be taken at a minimum frequency of one per 500 linear ft of welded production seam.
3. For all destructive tests, 4 of 5 samples must meet or exceed the above values, and all samples must meet or exceed 80% of the above values for a test to pass.
4. Locus-of-break patterns will meet the acceptable break codes given in GRI GM-19.
5. The above specification is based on the GRI GM-19 Specification, currently the industry standard for welded geomembrane seams. Specified test methods and parameters may be modified by the CQA Engineer to be consistent with changes to the industry standard for geomembrane seams.
### TABLE 5-2

**MATERIAL CQA CONFORMANCE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GEOMEMBRANE LINER**

<table>
<thead>
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<th>TEST</th>
<th>METHOD(1)</th>
<th>MINIMUM FREQUENCY OF CQA TESTING(3)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Thickness – Lab Measurement(2)</td>
<td>ASTM D 5994</td>
<td>1 per 50,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sheet Density</td>
<td>ASTM D 1505/D 792</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tensile Properties</td>
<td>ASTM D 6693 Type IV</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carbon Black Content</td>
<td>ASTM D 4218</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carbon Black Dispersion</td>
<td>ASTM D 5596</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
</tr>
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**Notes:**

1. Required Manufacturer’s QC testing methods and frequencies are given in the geomembrane specifications for the applicable test items listed above, along with the required material properties.
2. CQA testing frequency will also be at a minimum of one per resin lot.
3. Specified test methods may be replaced with new ASTM or GRI methods by CQA Engineer as they become available, consistent with changes to the industry standard for HDPE geomembranes.
6. GEOCOMPOSITE DRAINAGE LAYER

6.1 Overview

This section addresses the specifications and CQA program to be implemented for the double-sided geocomposite drainage layer. The following is discussed in the remainder of this section:

- Geocomposite Drainage Layer Specifications;
- Pre-Installation Qualification of Material Sources;
- Material Conformance Testing During Installation; and
- Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Installation.

6.2 Geocomposite Drainage Layer Specifications

6.2.1 Geocomposite Material Specifications

A. Material requirements for the geocomposite drainage layer are presented in Table 6-1.

B. The resin of the geonet component of the geocomposite will have a resin density generally in the range of 0.932 g/cc or higher, and a melt flow index of less than 1.0 g/10 min.

6.2.2 Manufacturing Quality Control (MQC)

A. The Geocomposite Manufacturer will implement a manufacturing quality control (MQC) program for materials related to geocomposite manufacturing, which will include MQC sampling and testing to demonstrate the geomembrane quality and suitability for use.

B. The required MQC tests, methods, and frequencies are presented in Table 6-1.

C. Prior to shipping, the Geocomposite Manufacturer will provide CQA personnel with the required MQC information listed in Section 6.3, including results of the required MQC tests. Any sample that does not comply with the requirements will result in rejection of the roll from which the sample was obtained.

6.3 Pre-Installation Qualification of Material Sources

Prior to installation of the geomembrane, the Manufacturer will provide CQA personnel with manufacturer’s certification statements and quality control information, including the following:

- Written certification, signed by a responsible party employed by the Manufacturer. The Manufacturer will guarantee the specified roll values are met for physical, mechanical, and
environmental properties corresponding to the test procedures for the required geocomposite properties listed in the specifications.

- Manufacturer’s quality control (MQC) certificates with test results signed by a responsible party employed by the Manufacturer. Each quality control certificate will include date, roll identification numbers, testing procedures, and results of quality control tests performed using the methods specified and at the required frequencies given in the specifications.

CQA personnel will examine all Manufacturer's certifications to verify that the property values listed on the certifications meet the specifications shown in Table 6-1 and that proper and complete documentation has been provided for all geocomposite to be used at the site. CQA personnel will report any deviations from the above requirements to the Project Manager and Installer prior to installation of the geocomposite. Any sample that does not comply with the requirements will result in rejection of the roll from which the sample was obtained and additional testing of rolls from the same lot or batch until a pattern of acceptable test results is established.

6.4 Material Conformance Testing

6.4.1 Testing Procedure

Conformance testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory. As a minimum, the geotextile, geonet, and geocomposite conformance tests listed in Table 6-2 will be performed by the Geosynthetics CQA Laboratory. Conformance sampling may be performed either at the manufacturing plant or upon delivery of rolls to the site, as requested by the Project Manager. Conformance samples will be taken across the entire roll width. All conformance test results will be reviewed by CQA personnel prior to deployment of the material. Any nonconformance will be immediately reported to the Project Manager. When a sample fails a conformance test, the material from the lot represented by the failing test should be considered out-of-specification and rejected.

Additional conformance samples may be taken to isolate the portion of the lot not meeting the specifications shown in Table 5-2. To isolate the out-of-specification material, two additional conformance samples should be taken from the closest numerical roll numbers to the failing sample. If both samples pass, only the initial failed roll will be rejected. If any one of the additional tests fails, then the entire lot will be rejected, and the procedure may be repeated with additional tests to further bracket the failing rolls within the lot.

6.4.2 Sampling Procedure

Samples will be taken across the entire width of the roll and will not include the first 3 ft. Unless otherwise specified, samples shall consist of one section 3 ft long by the roll width for geonet and geocomposite testing and one section 10 ft long cut 1 ft from the edge of the geonet for testing of the unbonded geotextiles. The required minimum geocomposite conformance sampling
frequencies are provided in Table 6-2. The CQA Consultant shall mark the machine direction on the samples with an arrow and affix a label, tag, or otherwise mark each sample with the following information:

- date sampled;
- project number;
- lot/batch number and roll number;
- conformance sample number; and
- CQA personnel identification.

The geocomposite rolls which are sampled shall be immediately rewrapped in their protective coverings to the satisfaction of the CQA Consultant.

6.4.3 Test Results

The CQA Consultant will review all laboratory conformance test results and assure compliance of the test results with the Technical Specifications prior to deployment of the geocomposite. Any non-conformance shall be reported to the Construction Manager.

6.4.4 Conformance Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be retested by the Geosynthetics CQA laboratory with the manufacturer's technical representative present during the test procedure. If the retest fails or if the option to retest is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples shall be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples shall be taken from rolls, which have been determined by correlation with the manufacturer's roll number, to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing should continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls which fail numerically between the passing roll numbers shall be rejected. The CQA Consultant will assure that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant shall document all actions taken in conjunction with geocomposite conformance test failures.

6.5 Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Installation

6.5.1 Transportation, Handling, and Storage of Geocomposite

CQA personnel will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the geocomposite onsite. The Project Manager will designate a geocomposite storage location. During transportation, handling, and storage, the geocomposite must be protected from ultraviolet light exposure,
precipitation or other inundation, mud, dirt, dust, puncture, cutting or any other damaging or deleterious conditions.

Handling of the geocomposite rolls must be performed in a competent manner such that damage does not occur to the geocomposite or to its protective wrapping. Rolls of geocomposite must not be stacked upon one another to the extent that deformation of the roll occurs or to the point where accessibility can cause damage in handling. Furthermore, geocomposite rolls must be stacked in such a way that access for conformance sampling is possible. Protective wrappings shall be removed less than one hour prior to unrolling the geocomposite. After unrolling, a geocomposite shall not be exposed to ultraviolet light for more than 14 calendar days.

Outdoor storage of geocomposite rolls must not exceed the Manufacturer’s recommendations or longer than 6 months whichever is less. For storage periods longer than 6 months a temporary enclosure shall be placed over the rolls, or they shall be moved to an enclosed facility. The location of temporary field storage shall not be in areas where water can accumulate. The rolls shall be elevated off the ground to prevent contact with ponded water.

Upon delivery to the Site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Project Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, which should be rejected and removed from the Site because they have severe flaws; and
- rolls which include minor repairable flaws.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor that equipment used to handle the geocomposites onsite is adequate and does not pose any risk of damage to the geocomposites when used properly.

6.5.2 Geocomposite Placement

The CQA Consultant shall monitor the placement of all geocomposites to assure they are not damaged in any way, and the following conditions are met.

- On slopes, the geocomposites shall be securely anchored in the anchor trench and then deployed down the slope in such a manner as to continually keep the geocomposites in tension.
- In the presence of wind, all geocomposites shall be weighted with sandbags or the equivalent. Such sandbags shall be installed during placement and shall remain until replaced with earth cover material.
- Trimming of the geocomposites shall be performed using only a upward cutting hook
blade. Special care must be taken to protect other materials from damage which could be caused by the cutting of the geocomposites.

- The CQA Consultant shall monitor that the Installer is taking necessary precautions to prevent damage to underlying layers during placement of the geocomposite.
- During placement of geocomposites, care shall be taken not to entrap stones, soil, excessive dust, or moisture that could damage the geomembrane, generate clogging of drains or filters, or hamper subsequent drainage operations.
- A visual examination of the geocomposite shall be carried out over the entire surface, after installation, to ensure that no potentially harmful foreign objects, (e.g., stones, sharp objects, small tools, sandbags, etc.) are present.

6.5.3 Geocomposite Joining, Seams, and Overlaps

The components of the geocomposite (e.g., geotextile, geonet) shall be seamed, joined, and overlapped to like components in adjacent geocomposites. Lower geotextile components of the geocomposites shall be overlapped such that the component has a minimum overlap of 4 in. Adjacent edges of geonet component along the length of the geocomposite should be overlapped a minimum 2-3 in. and joined by tying the geonet together with white or yellow plastic fasteners or polymeric thread evenly spaced every 5 ft along slopes and every 10 ft along flat surfaces and slopes less than or equal to 2 percent grade. Geonet for adjoining geocomposite panels (end to end) along the roll width should be shingled down in direction of slope and overlapped a minimum of 12 in. and joined by tying the geonet together with white or yellow plastic fasteners or polymeric thread evenly spaced every 12 in. Upper geotextile components of the geocomposites shall be continuously sewn (i.e., spot sewing is not allowed). Geotextiles shall be overlapped 6 in. prior to sewing. No horizontal seams shall be allowed on side slopes that are steeper than 10 horizontal to 1 vertical (i.e., seams shall be along, not across, the slope), except as part of a patch.

Sewing of geotextiles shall be done using polymeric thread with chemical and ultraviolet resistance properties equal to or exceeding those of the geotextile. The seams shall be sewn using a single row type "401" two-thread chain stitch or similar approved by the CQA Managing Engineer. The CQA Consultant shall monitor the geotextile seaming and geonet tying procedures to assure that joining, seams, and overlaps are in accordance with the specifications described in this document.

6.5.4 Geocomposite Repair

The CQA Consultant shall monitor that any holes or tears in the geocomposite are repaired as follows:

- A patch made from the same geocomposite will be secured into place by tying fasteners through the bottom geotextile and the geonet of the patch, and through the top geotextile
and geonet.

- The patch will extend at least 2 ft beyond the edges of the hole or tear.
- The patch will be secured every 6 in. and heat sealed to the top geotextile of the geocomposite needing repair.
- If the hole or tear is more than 50 percent of the width of the roll, the damaged area should be cut out and the two portions of the geocomposite will be joined.

Care will be taken to remove any soil or other material which may have penetrated the torn geocomposite component. The CQA Consultant will observe any repair and verify that any non-compliance with the above requirements is corrected.

6.5.5 Placement of Soil Materials Over Geocomposite

CQA personnel will provide continuous monitoring during placement of soil materials located on top of a geocomposite, to assure that:

- no damage occurs to the geocomposite;
- no shifting of the geocomposite from its intended position occurs and underlying materials are not exposed or damaged;
- excess tensile stress does not occur in the geocomposite; and
- equipment ground pressure on geocomposites overlying geomembranes does not exceed those specified in the material specifications.

Soil backfilling or covering of the geocomposite shall be completed within 14 days. On side slopes soil layers shall be placed over the geocomposite from the bottom of the slope upward.
### TABLE 6-1
MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR GEOCOMPOSITE DRAINAGE LAYER

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<th>SPECIFIED VALUES(1)</th>
<th>TEST METHOD(1)</th>
<th>MINIMUM FREQUENCY OF MQC TESTING(2)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Nonwoven Geotextile Component</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Polymer Composition</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>percent</td>
<td>95% polypropylene</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mass Per Unit Area</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>oz/yd²</td>
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<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<td>Grab Tensile Strength</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>lbs</td>
<td>158</td>
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<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<td>Trapezoidal Tear Strength</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>lbs</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>ASTM D 4533</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<td>CBR Puncture Strength</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>lbs</td>
<td>320</td>
<td>ASTM D 6241</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<td>Apparent Opening Size</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>sieve size</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>ASTM D 4751</td>
<td>1 per 500,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Permittivity</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>s⁻¹</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>ASTM D 4491</td>
<td>1 per 500,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>UV Resistance</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>percent ret. @ 500 hrs</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>ASTM D 4355</td>
<td>per formulation</td>
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<td><strong>Geonet Component</strong></td>
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<td>Polymer Composition</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>percent</td>
<td>95% polyethylene</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thickness</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>inch</td>
<td>0.20</td>
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<td>Tensile Strength</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>lb/inch</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>ASTM D 5035</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carbon Black Content</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>ASTM D 5035</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Density</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>g/cc</td>
<td>0.935</td>
<td>ASTM D 792 or ASTM D 1505</td>
<td>1 per 100,000 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Double-Sided Geocomposite</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Transmissivity(2)</td>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>m²/s</td>
<td>3 x 10⁻⁴</td>
<td>ASTM D 4716</td>
<td>1 per 500,000 ft²</td>
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</table>

Notes:

1. Specified test methods and parameters may be modified by the CQA Engineer to be consistent with changes to the industry standard ASTM or GRI methods as they become available.
2. At least one test per resin lot.
3. Index transmissivity test for liner system geocomposite will be performed at: applied stress of 14,000 psf (min.), gradient of 0.02, and load duration of 15 minutes. Test configuration between two steel plates.
### TABLE 6-2
CQA CONFORMANCE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR
GEOCOMPOSITE DRAINAGE LAYER

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<td>1 per 200,000 ft²</td>
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Notes:
(1) Specified test methods may be replaced with new ASTM or GRI methods by CQA Engineer as they become available, consistent with changes to the industry standard for geocomposites.
(2) CQA testing frequency will also be at a minimum of one per resin lot.

General Note: Required material properties are given in Table 6-1 of this Plan.
7. LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM AGGREGATE

7.1 Introduction

This section addresses the specifications and CQA program to be implemented for leachate collection system aggregate. The following is discussed in the remainder of this section:

- Leachate Collection System Aggregate Specifications;
- Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources;
- Material Conformance Testing During Construction; and
- Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction.

7.2 Leachate Collection System Aggregate Specifications

7.2.1 Aggregate Material Requirements

Material requirements for the leachate collection system aggregate are presented in Table 7-1.

7.3 Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources

Prior to placement of leachate collection system aggregate, CQA personnel will obtain a soil sample from the proposed source(s). Each source will be evaluated for potential use as protective cover by performing the pre-construction laboratory tests presented in Table 7-2 and comparing the results of the tests, where applicable, to the material specifications presented in Table 7-1.

7.4 Material Conformance Testing During Construction

Conformance testing shall be performed in accordance with the methods and frequencies given in Table 7-2.

7.5 Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction

CQA personnel will be on-site at all times when placement of leachate collection system aggregate is ongoing, so that all relevant activities can be observed and documented. CQA personnel will visually monitor and document that installation of the gravel is in accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth previously in this document. These observations will include, but not be limited to visual monitoring and documentation of:

- the thickness and dimensions of the material as loosely placed and spread for compliance with the drawings and engineering details;
• the granular material for consistency of particle size distribution, shape, color, and appearance with the material approved during the pre-construction qualifying process;

• the construction equipment used during placement of the material to verify that only low-ground pressure equipment traverses over geosynthetics-lined areas until the specified material thickness above the geosynthetics is attained:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Allowable Equipment Ground Pressure (psi)</th>
<th>Minimum Thickness of Soil Overlying Geosynthetics (in.)</th>
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<td>&lt;5</td>
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A greater thickness than 36-in. shall be maintained over geosynthetics in areas trafficked by loaded hauling trucks and trailers and for turning areas.

• wrinkles or excess tensile stresses to underlying geosynthetics are minimized.
# TABLE 7-1
MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM DRAINAGE AGGREGATE

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<td>Largest Particle Size</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td>Inch</td>
<td>2 in.</td>
<td>ASTM D 422 OR ASTM C 136</td>
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<td>Percent Passing 3/8-in. Sieve</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td>Percent</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>ASTM D 422 OR ASTM C 136</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent Passing #200 Sieve</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td>Percent</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>ASTM D 422 OR ASTM C 136</td>
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### TABLE 7-2
PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONFORMANCE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM AGGREGATE

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<tr>
<td>Particle Size (Sieve) Analysis</td>
<td>ASTM D 422 or ASTM C136</td>
<td>Pre-construction: 1 per source</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Conformance: repeat every 3,000 yd&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Results of Pre-Construction qualification tests may be counted towards the conformance testing frequency requirements, provided the results meet the specified material properties.
8. PROTECTIVE COVER LAYER

8.1 Introduction

This section addresses the specifications and CQA program to be implemented for protective cover. The following is discussed in the remainder of this section:

- Protective Cover Specifications;
- Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources;
- Material Conformance Testing During Construction;
- Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction; and
- Thickness Verification.

8.2 Protective Cover Layer Specifications

8.2.1 Protective Cover Layer Material Requirements

Material requirements for the protective cover material are presented in Table 8-1.

8.2.2 Protective Cover Layer Target Compaction Criteria

Protective cover does not require compaction control; however, it should be stable for construction and subsequent disposal traffic.

8.3 Pre-Construction Evaluation of Material Sources

Prior to placement of protective cover, CQA personnel will obtain a soil sample from the proposed source(s). Each source will be evaluated for potential use as protective cover by performing the pre-construction laboratory tests presented in Table 8-2 and comparing the results of the tests, where applicable, to the material specifications presented in Table 8-1.

8.4 Material Conformance Testing During Construction

When soil from the borrow/stockpile area is easily distinguished and consistent with the soil characterized during pre-construction testing, additional ongoing laboratory conformance testing beyond the initial pre-construction tests is not required. Any time the soil material being used becomes variable, or soils vary or appear inappropriate or questionable compared to the results from the initial pre-construction test program, additional material conformance testing of the tests and methods outlined in Table 8-2 should be performed.
8.5 **Field Evaluation/Monitoring During Construction**

CQA personnel will be on-site at all times when protective cover layer construction is ongoing, so that all relevant activities can be observed and documented. CQA personnel will visually monitor and document that construction of the protective cover layer is in accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth previously in this document. These observations will include, but not be limited to visual monitoring and documentation of:

- the protective cover soil material to evaluate the visual material classification and check for the presence of deleterious materials that could damage the liner and leachate collection systems or impede their performance as designed;
- the thickness and dimensions of the material as loosely placed and spread for compliance with the drawings and engineering details;
- proper placement techniques (generally in the up-slope direction) for protective cover on sideslope areas;
- the construction equipment used during placement of the material to verify that only low-ground pressure equipment traverses over geosynthetics-lined areas until the specified material thickness above the geosynthetics is attained:

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A greater thickness than 36-in. shall be maintained over geosynthetics in areas trafficked by loaded hauling trucks and trailers and for turning areas.

- wrinkles or excess tensile stresses to underlying geosynthetics are minimized.

8.6. **Thickness Verification**

The CQA Surveyor will verify protective cover thickness. Protective cover thickness verification will be determined by instrument survey method. The verification points provided in the Construction Drawings will be used for record purposes. Verification points should be at a spacing (e.g., grid) not exceeding 5,000 square feet. The beginning survey will be the previously completed top of compacted soil liner survey. The finished elevations of the protective cover layer will be taken using the same horizontal survey locations, so that thicknesses can be calculated and verified.
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MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROTECTIVE COVER

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<th>SPECIFIED VALUES</th>
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<td>Percent Passing 2-inch Sieve</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>Percent</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>ASTM D 422</td>
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**Notes:**

1. CQA testing frequencies are provided in Table 8-2.
### TABLE 8-2
PRE-CONSTRUCTION TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTIVE COVER

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<tr>
<td>Particle Size (Sieve) Analysis</td>
<td>ASTM D 422</td>
<td>1 per source of consistent material</td>
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**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> The testing frequency of one per source refers to a relatively consistent and distinguishable soil type at a borrow source location based on visual observations and field classification procedures. If the same borrow source is utilized for the soil supply of more than one liner area project, results from previous pre-construction tests may continue to be used.
9. DOCUMENTATION

Upon completion of all required liner construction and evaluation and before placing the lined area into service, the CQA Engineer will prepare and submit a CQA Certification Report to the Owner for review and retention. The CQA Certification Report will document that all QA requirements have been addressed and satisfied and will be signed and sealed by the CQA Engineer performing the evaluation. The report will include a narrative describing the work and testing programs required by the CQA Plan, “as-built” record drawings, and appendices of photographs, laboratory test results, and field data. Specifically, the CQA Certification Report will include the following:

- a narrative summary of the construction activities, including a discussion of required CQA and CQC testing (procedures, protocols, required and actual testing frequencies or number of tests, failed tests, procedures to correct failed areas, documentation of re-tests, etc.;

- a photographic log showing a chronological record of work progress;

- as-built record drawing(s) showing confirmation of compacted soil liner and protective cover elevations and thicknesses;

- as-built geomembrane panel layout record drawing(s), showing location of panels, destructive test samples, patches and repairs;

- supporting documentation, including reference to the following items in the narrative report or as attachments to the report, as appropriate:
  - provision of full-time CQA by CQA personnel during soil liner construction and geomembrane installation;
  - preconstruction and CQA conformance soil test results;
  - for compacted soil liner:
    - nuclear gauge calibration information;
    - summary of field moisture-density control test methods and results, with reference to the lift and location tested and indication of passing or failing test results with cross-reference to a corresponding repair and passing test;
    - summary of hydraulic conductivity test results, with reference to the lift and location where samples were taken and indication of passing or failing test results with cross-reference to a corresponding repair and passing test;
    - summary tables of laboratory tests, with comparison to the specifications and indication of passing or failing test results;
- compacted soil liner construction practices for floor and sideslope sections;
- compacted soil liner placement and processing methods;
- observations of compacted soil liner conditions prior to and after construction, including soil structure, clod size and presence of inclusions;
- compacted soil liner construction methods, equipment type, compactor weight and foot length, and typical number of passes;
- compacted soil liner lift tie-in and bonding observations;
- repair of failed and damaged lifts of compacted soil liner;
- post-construction care of compacted soil liner;
  - geosynthetic roll shipment information (material inventory);
  - geosynthetic MQC certificates, documentation, and testing results for the required MQC tests and frequencies identified in this CQA Plan;
  - geosynthetic CQA conformance testing results for the required CQA tests and frequencies identified in this CQA Plan;
  - for geomembrane:
    - geomembrane liner subgrade acceptance;
    - geomembrane storage and handling procedures;
    - information on deployment of geomembrane panels (also addressing field panel identification and placement, panel wrinkles, fish-mouths, or manufacturing creases, and equipment placed on geomembrane);
    - weather and ambient temperature compared to seaming limits;
    - trial seaming documentation, including names of seamers and machines, trial test times and temperatures, and results;
    - production seam documentation, including preparation and orientation, names of seamers and machines, and seam times;
    - seam repair documentation, including preparation and orientation, names of seamers and machines, and seam times;
    - nondestructive testing documentation for 100% of seams, including methods, criteria, names of testers, test times, and results;
    - destructive seam testing methods, criteria, and results;
    - 100% visual inspection of geomembrane for defects, damage, etc.;
    - repair information, including preparation and procedures, failure delineation, patch size and shape, and retesting;
  - anchor trench preparation and backfilling; and
  - any deviations from the construction drawings and specifications.
APPENDIX C
HELP Model Output
Initial Condition (IN)

**HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION OF LANDFILL PERFORMANCE**
**HELP MODEL VERSION 3.07 (1 NOVEMBER 1987)**
**DEVELOPED BY ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY**
**FOR USEPA RISK REDUCTION ENGINEERING LABORATORY**

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**TITLE:** LCRA Fayette Power Project - Initial Condition

**NOTE:** INITIAL MOISTURE CONTENT OF THE LAYERS AND SNOW WATER WAS COMPUTED AS NEARLY STEADY-STATE VALUES BY THE PROGRAM.

**LAYER 1**
**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**
**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER 0**
**THICKNESS = 24.00 INCHES**
**POROSITY = 0.4180 VOL/VOL**
**FIELD CAPACITY = 0.4180 VOL/VOL**
**WETTING POINT = 0.3670 VOL/VOL**
**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT = 0.4180 VOL/VOL**
**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND. = 0.0100 VOL/VOL**

**LAYER 2**
**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**
**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER 13**
**THICKNESS = 24.00 INCHES**
**POROSITY = 0.3670 VOL/VOL**
**FIELD CAPACITY = 0.3670 VOL/VOL**
**WETTING POINT = 0.3550 VOL/VOL**
**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT = 0.3670 VOL/VOL**
**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND. = 0.0100 VOL/VOL**

**LAYER 3**
**TYPE 1 - LATERAL DRAINAGE LAYER**
**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER 0**
**THICKNESS = 24.00 INCHES**
**POROSITY = 0.2000 VOL/VOL**
**FIELD CAPACITY = 0.2000 VOL/VOL**
**WETTING POINT = 0.1950 VOL/VOL**
**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT = 0.2000 VOL/VOL**
**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND. = 0.0000 VOL/VOL**

**LAYER 4**
**TYPE 4 - FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE LAYER**
**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER 16**
**THICKNESS = 24.00 INCHES**
**POROSITY = 0.4270 VOL/VOL**
**FIELD CAPACITY = 0.4270 VOL/VOL**
**WETTING POINT = 0.3670 VOL/VOL**
**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT = 0.4270 VOL/VOL**
**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND. = 0.0100 VOL/VOL**

**LAYER 5**
**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**
**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER 16**
**THICKNESS = 24.00 INCHES**
**POROSITY = 0.4270 VOL/VOL**
**FIELD CAPACITY = 0.4270 VOL/VOL**
**WETTING POINT = 0.3670 VOL/VOL**
**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT = 0.4270 VOL/VOL**
**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND. = 0.0100 VOL/VOL**

**COMPUTED AS NEARLY STEADY-STATE VALUES BY THE PROGRAM.**
**NOTE:** INITIAL MOISTURE CONTENT OF THE LAYERS AND SNOW WATER WAS COMPUTED AS NEARLY STEADY-STATE VALUES BY THE PROGRAM.

**GENERAL DESIGN AND EVAPORATIVE ZONE DATA**
**NOTE:** SCS RUSOFF CURVE NUMBER WAS USER-SPECIFIED.
**ACS RUSOFF CURVE NUMBER = 1.00**
**FRACTION OF AREA ALLOWING RUSOFF = 0.50 PERCENT**
**AREA PROJECTED ON HORIZONTAL PLANE = 1.500 ACRES**
**EVAPORATIVE ZONE DEPTH = 10.4 INCHES**
**INITIAL WATER IN EVAPORATIVE ZONE = 1.551 INCHES**
**UPPER LIMIT OF EVAPORATIVE STORAGE = 5.110 INCHES**
**LOWER LIMIT OF EVAPORATIVE STORAGE = 1.550 INCHES**
**INITIAL SNOW WATER = 0.000 INCHES**
**INITIAL WATER IN LAYER MATERIALS = 36.391 INCHES**
**TOTAL INITIAL WATER = 36.391 INCHES**
**TOTAL SUBSURFACE INFLOW = 0.00 INCHES/YEAR**

**TITLE:** LCRA Fayette Power Project - Initial Condition

**NOTE:** EVAPOTRANSPIRATION DATA WAS OBTAINED FROM AUSTIN TEXAS
**NORMAL MEAN MONTHLY TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)****

**NOTE:** SOLAR RADIATION DATA WAS SYNTHETICALLY GENERATED USING COEFFICIENTS FOR AUSTIN TEXAS

**NORMAL MEAN MONTHLY PRECIPITATION (INCHES)**

**NOTE:** TOTAL INITIAL WATER WAS COMPUTED AS NEARLY STEADY-STATE VALUES BY THE PROGRAM.
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### Average Annual Totals & (Std. Deviations) for Years 1 Through 1

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### Averages of Monthly Averaged Daily Heads (Inches)

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### Final Water Storage at End of Year 1

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<td>5</td>
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**Reference:** Maximum Saturated Depth over Landfill Liner

Maximum heads are computed using McEnroe's equations.

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by Bruce M. McEnroe, University of Kansas

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Intermediate Condition (INT)

**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND.** = 0.100000001000E-06 CM/SEC

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.4180 VOL/VOL

**WILTING POINT** = 0.3670 VOL/VOL

**POROSITY** = 0.4270 VOL/VOL

**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**

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**LAYERS 1 through 5**

**FML PLACEMENT QUALITY** = 3 - GOOD

**FML INSTALLATION DEFECTS** = 2.00 HOLES/ACRE

**FML PINHOLE DENSITY** = 2.00 HOLES/ACRE

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.0000 VOL/VOL

**WILTING POINT** = 0.0000 VOL/VOL

**FIELD CAPACITY** = 0.0000 VOL/VOL

**POROSITY** = 0.0000 VOL/VOL

**TOTAL INITIAL WATER** = 224.846 INCHES

**TOTAL SUBSURFACE INFLOW** = 0.00 INCHES/YEAR

**EVPOTRANSPIRATION AND WEATHER DATA**

**NOTE:** EVAPOTRANSPIRATION DATA WAS OBTAINED FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS

**NORMAL MEAN MONTHLY PRECIPITATION (INCHES)**

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**NORMAL MEAN MONTHLY TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)**

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**NORMAL MEAN MONTHLY SUNSHINE (HOURS)**

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**NORMAL MEAN MONTHLY HUMIDITY (%)**

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### Change in Water Storage

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### Precipitation

- **Average Monthly Values in Inches for Years 1 Through 30**
  - **January/July (INCHES)**: 1.15, **FEB/MAY (INCHES)**: 2.10, **MAR/AUG (INCHES)**: 2.91, **APR/OCT (INCHES)**: 2.84, **NOV/JUN (INCHES)**: 2.02
  - **STD. DEVIATIONS**: 0.76, **2.10**, **0.98**, **1.88**, **2.60**, **1.35**

### Percolation/Leakage

- **PERCOLATION/LEAKAGE THROUGH LAYER 5**: 0.000464 ± 1.68339
  - **DISTANCE FROM DRAIN**: 7.2 FEET
  - **MAXIMUM HEAD ON TOP OF LAYER 4**: 0.392
  - **AVERAGE HEAD ON TOP OF LAYER 4**: 0.199
  - **PERCOLATION/LEAKAGE THROUGH LAYER 4**: 0.000000 ± 0.00165
  - **LATERAL DRAINAGE COLLECTED FROM LAYER 3**: 0.03186 ± 115.64494

### Evapotranspiration

- **EVAPOTRANSPIRATION**: 1.841 ± 0.00165

### Summary

- **MINIMUM VEG. SOIL WATER (VOL/VOL)**: 0.1350
- **MAXIMUM VEG. SOIL WATER (VOL/VOL)**: 0.5010
- **SNOW WATER**: 1.95 ± 7072.4541
- **TOTALS**
  - **PERCOLATION/LEAKAGE THROUGH LAYER 5**: 0.000000 ± 0.00165
  - **DRAINAGE COLLECTED FROM LAYER 3**: 0.03186 ± 115.64494
  - **RUNOFF**: 0.000 ± 0.0000
  - **PRECIPITATION**: 8.49 ± 30818.699

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**Fayette Power Project**

**Combustion Byproduct Landfill**

**Landfill Design and Operating Criteria Report**

**January 2022**
Final Condition – No Cover (FNC)

**HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION OF LANDFILL PERFORMANCE**

**REPRODUCED BY ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY**

**GAGE WATERWAY EXPERIMENT STATION**

**FOR USEPA RISK REDUCTION ENGINEERING LABORATORY**

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.4180 VOL/VOL

**WILTING POINT** = 0.3670 VOL/VOL

**THICKNESS** = 24.00 INCHES

**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER** 16

**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**

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**FML INSTALLATION DEFECTS** = 2.00 HOLES/ACRE

**FML PINHOLE DENSITY** = 2.00 HOLES/ACRE

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.0000 VOL/VOL

**FIELD CAPACITY** = 0.0000 VOL/VOL

**THICKNESS** = 0.06 INCHES

**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER** 35

**TYPE 4 - FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE LINER**

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**DRAINAGE LENGTH** = 500.0 FEET

**SLOPE** = 2.24 PERCENT

**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND.** = 0.540000021000E-04 CM/SEC

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.0141 VOL/VOL

**WILTING POINT** = 0.0050 VOL/VOL

**POROSITY** = 0.8500 VOL/VOL

**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER** 0

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**LAYER 3**

**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND.** = 0.330000003000E-04 CM/SEC

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.3244 VOL/VOL

**WILTING POINT** = 0.2210 VOL/VOL

**POROSITY** = 0.4300 VOL/VOL

**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER** 13

**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**

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**EFFECTIVE SAT. HYD. COND.** = 0.109000001000E-03 CM/SEC

**INITIAL SOIL WATER CONTENT** = 0.2857 VOL/VOL

**WILTING POINT** = 0.1350 VOL/VOL

**FIELD CAPACITY** = 0.2840 VOL/VOL

**POROSITY** = 0.5010 VOL/VOL

**THICKNESS** = 1536.00 INCHES

**MATERIAL TEXTURE NUMBER** 16

**TYPE 1 - VERTICAL PERCOLATION LAYER**

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### REFERENCES

- Maximum VEL. SOIL WATER (VOL/VOL) 0.1350
- Maximum VEL. SOIL WATER (VOL/VOL) 8.5010
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Note: Initial moisture content of the layers and soil water were computed as nearly steady-state values by the program.

Layer 1

Type 1 - Vertical Percolation Layer

Material Texture Number 11

Thickness = 18.00 inches
Porosity = 0.4640 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.3000 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.1870 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.3769 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.4309999500E-04 cm/sec

Layer 2

Type 1 - Vertical Percolation Layer

Material Texture Number 16

Thickness = 24.00 inches
Porosity = 0.4720 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.4540 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.2470 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.4710 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.1000000010E-03 cm/sec

Layer 3

Type 1 - Vertical Percolation Layer

Material Texture Number 0

Thickness = 1594.00 inches
Porosity = 0.5010 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.2840 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.1350 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.2840 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.1000000010E-03 cm/sec

Layer 4

Type 1 - Vertical Percolation Layer

Material Texture Number 13

Thickness = 64.00 inches
Porosity = 0.4950 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.2840 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.1350 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.2840 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.1000000010E-03 cm/sec

Layer 5

Type 2 - Lateral Drainage Layer

Material Texture Number 0

Thickness = 0.20 inches
Porosity = 0.4850 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.3000 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.2010 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.2010 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.7099999740E-01 cm/sec
Slope = 2.24 percent
Drainage Length = 500.0 feet

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Note: SCS Runoff Curve Number was computed from details soil data were used using soil texture #1 with a good stand of grass, a surface slope of 1.4 and a slope length of 1001 feet.

Layer 6

Type 4 - Flexible Membrane Liner

Material Texture Number 35

Thickness = 0.00 inches
Porosity = 0.0000 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.0000 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.0000 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.0000 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.1999999600E-12 cm/sec
PML Porosity Density = 2.00 miles/acre
PML Installation Density = 2.00 miles/acre
PML Placement Quality = 3 - GOOD

Layer 7

Type 1 - Vertical Percolation Layer

Material Texture Number 16

Thickness = 0.00 inches
Porosity = 0.0000 vol/vol
Field Capacity = 0.0000 vol/vol
Wilt Point = 0.0000 vol/vol
Initial Soil Water Content = 0.0000 vol/vol
Effective Sat. Avg. Cond. = 0.1000000010E-04 cm/sec

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General Design and Evaporative Zone Data

Note: Electrostatics were generated using soil texture #1 with a good stand of grass, a surface slope of 1.4 and a slope length of 1001 feet.

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Precipitation Data File: C:\LCRA\DATA\04
Temperature Data File: C:\LCRA\DATA\07
SOLAR Radiation Data File: C:\LCRA\DATA\10
General Design and Evaporative Zone Data

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Final Cover (FC)

Area Projected on Horizontal Plane = 1.000 acres
Fraction of Area Allowing Runoff = 100.0 percent
SCS Runoff Curve Number = 79.60
AND A SLOPE LENGTH OF 1600 FEET.

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General Design and Evaporative Zone Data

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Precipitation Data File: C:\LCRA\DATA\04
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General Design and Evaporative Zone Data

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Average Monthly Values in Inches for Years 1 Through 30

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### RUNOFF

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- **TOTALS:** 6.1372 / 0.3418
- **STD. DEVIATIONS:** 0.0263 / 0.0189
- **AVERAGES:** 0.0545 / 0.0480
- **DAILY AVERAGE HEAD ON TOP OF LAYER 6**

### PERCOLATION/LEAKAGE THROUGH LAYER 7

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- **STD. DEVIATIONS:** 0.000 / 0.000
- **TOTALS:** 0.000 / 0.000

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**Notes:**
- **LATERAL DRAINAGE COLLECTED FROM LAYER 5:** 1.908 / 1.623
- **STD. DEVIATIONS:** 0.426 / 0.551
- **TOTALS:** 1.681 / 1.683

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### PEAK DAILY VALUES FOR YEARS 1 THROUGH 30

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