

Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) Response Virtual Public Hearing

Mazzaro-McKees Rocks Landfill Site

McKees Rocks Road

Kennedy Township, Allegheny County

April 6, 2021

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary



Site Property Boundary and Project Work Area:

McKees Rocks Road, Kennedy Twp., Allegheny County





Vietmeier Golf Center:

Current Operations from Vietmeier Golf Center Website





Approximate Limits of Buried Waste and Vietmeier Golf Center Layout

Prior Site History and Remediation Work

Site History

Pre-1940s: Surface & deep coal mining

1940s – 1972: Disposal in previously mined areas (Pre-Solid Waste Management Act)

• 1980s: PA DEP and US EPA conducted initial assessments of the Site

• 1980s – 2005: PA DEP conducts various studies that include wetlands, soil and water testing

2005 – 2006: PA DEP's contractor performed a Remedial Investigation (RI); in 2006,

PA DEP's contractor removed exposed waste and drums from parts of the Site

2012 – 2014: PA DEP's contractor performed a Supplemental Remedial Investigation (SRI)

focused on landfill gas (LFG); in 2014, installed 28 vents in two phases

• 2016 – 2017: Pilot test conducted (of vents in active mode)



Prior Site History and Remediation Work

Response Action

• 2018: PA DEP authored analysis of alternatives and proposed HSCA response

• 2019: PA DEP's contractor performed pre-design investigation for gas collection trenches

2014 - 2020: Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) approved designs;

Kennedy Township officials updated on work

• 2020 – 2021: PA DEP's contractor completed final design and ~1,000-ft trench installation;

• Present: Landfill gas (LFG) collection trench performance monitoring



Passive Vents Installed (Two Phases – 2014) **Typical Passive Vent** ROTARY TURBINE VENTILATOR (OPTIONAL) 4" SCH 80 PVC FLANGE CONNECTION SAMPLE PORT SEE NOTE 3 4" SCH 80 PVC CAP 4" SCH 80 SOLID PVC X 6" LG 4° SCH 80 PVC WYE 4" SCH 80 SOLID PIPE CONCRETE COLLAR AND PAD/ SLOPE TO DRAIN ±3" ONSITE SOIL 2' BENTONITE SEAL, HYDRATED GRANULATED 8 MESH OR APPROVED FOUAL GEONET WITH HEAT-BONDED GEOTEXTILE (ONE-SIDE) OR APPROVED EQUAL NOTES: WASHED NON-CARBONATE 1. DETAIL NOT TO SCALE GRAVEL (NO FINES) PADOT #7 OR APPROVED EQUAL. 2. IF INSTALLED OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF WASTE, CONSTRUCT WITH 4" SCH 80 PERFORATED PIPE PERFORATED CASING IN PERMEABLE/TRANSMISSIVE END CAP 10' MIN. MIN. 3. # PVC LABCOCK OR APPROVED EQUAL ◆ MONITORING WELL LOCATION SOIL VAPOR POINT LOCATION (2012) SOIL VAPOR POINT LOCATION (2013) STANDPIPES



<u>PADEP Analysis of Alternatives and Proposed</u> <u>Response Document – Basis for Remedy Selection</u>

- Analyzed Alternatives
 - No. 1 No Action Maintain Existing Vent System with Continued Screening
 - No. 2 Enhanced Gas Venting Existing Vent System with Active Recovery of landfill gas (LFG)
 - No. 3 Passive Trench Venting System Horizontal Trench with Passive Venting
 - No. 4 <u>Semi-Active Trench Venting System</u> Modify Alternative 3 with Semi-Active Micro-Turbines
 - No. 5 Active Trench System Modify Alternative 3 with Active Extraction
 - No. 6 <u>Impermeable Barriers</u> Slurry Wall Barrier / Limited Waste Removal with Passive Vertical
 Vents
- Alternative No. 3 Selected



<u>Final Design – Landfill Gas Collection Trenches</u>

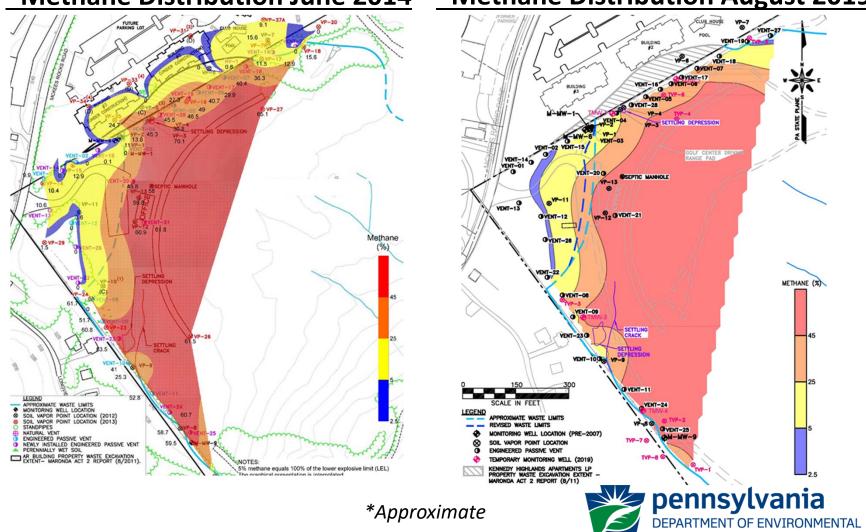
Objectives

- The overall objective is to prevent the offsite lateral migration of landfill gas (LFG) including methane at designated areas along the northern and western property boundaries, with a goal of fully intercepting LFG to the extent practicable.
- Achieve the project-specific and defined Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement (ARAR) as 5% methane (100% of the LEL) as a target compliance criteria.

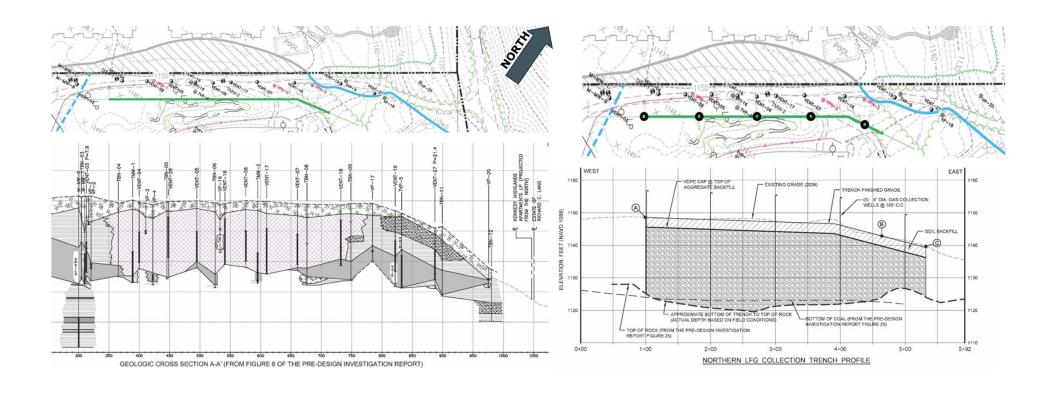


^{*} Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) means the minimum concentration of vapor in air below which propagation of a flame does not occur in the presence of an ignition source (OSHA).

*Methane Distribution June 2014 *Methane Distribution August 2019

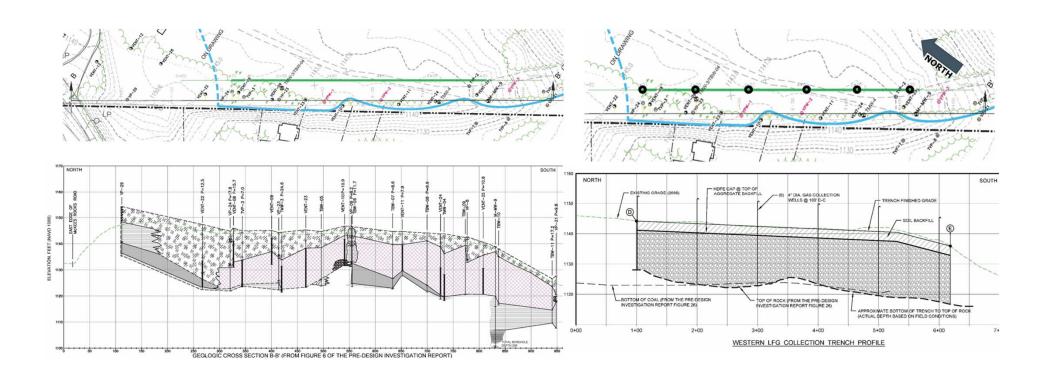


Northern Landfill Gas Collection Trench Plan and Profiles





Western Landfill Gas Collection Trench Plan and Profiles





Landfill Gas Collection Trench Installation Photos



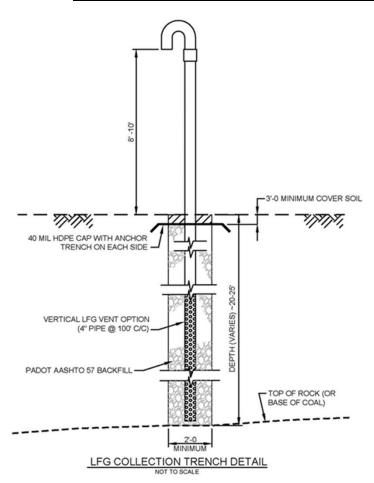


Landfill Gas Collection Trench Installation Photos





Landfill Gas Collection Trenches - Completed March 2021







West LFG Gas Collection Trench

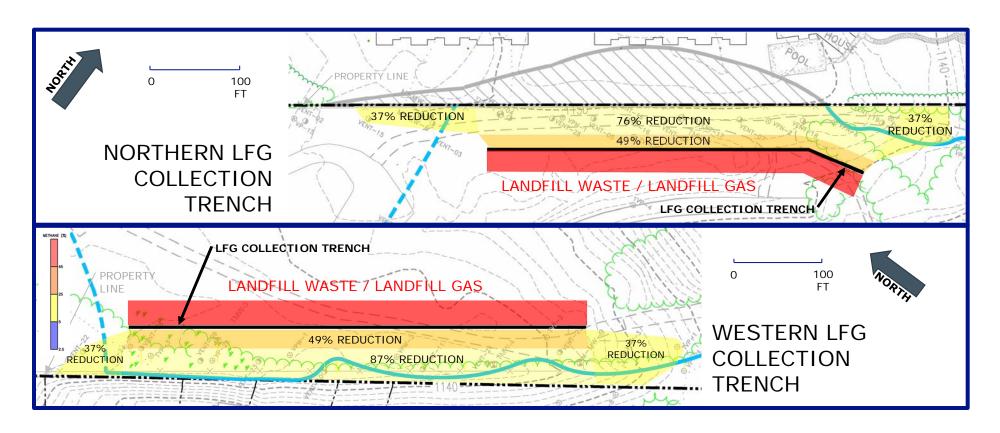
North LFG Collection Trench







Reduction of Methane Gas by Collection Trenches



Preliminary post-installation methane monitoring results (field meter)
Five (5) monitoring events completed between February 19 and March 24, 2021
Methane concentrations expected to vary over time while equilibrium is attained





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