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Yolo County's Accelerated Anaerobic and Aerobic Composting (Full-Scale Controlled Landfill Bioreactor) Project

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Project Location Map



Project Site Map







Project Phase 1 & 2





Project Site Map







- Primary composite liner better than Subtitle D and CA Title 27 prescriptive standards
- Clay permeability better (6x10⁻⁹
 cm/sec) than 1x1⁻⁷ cm/sec
- Secondary containment (40 mil HDPE) to protect groundwater
- Leak testing of primary liner system to locate pin holes



Design Differences from a Conventional Landfill

- No soil cover used within the waste mass as daily or intermediate cover
- Horizontal gas collection system installed at 40 to 80 feet at each lift
 - Install pressurized horizontal leachate injection lines within the same trench as the gas collection system
- Install temperature, pressure transducers, tubes, and moisture sensors to collect real time data
- Use real time monitoring (SCADA)
 system
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Project Partners & Funding

Project Partners:

- Yolo County-DIWM (\$2,753,000)
- California Energy Commission-PIER (\$1,154,250)
- National Energy Technology Laboratory, U.S. DOE (\$563,000)
- California Integrated Waste Management Board (\$400,000)
- Institute for Environmental Management (Tech. Support)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Solid Waste Association of North America
- California State Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- California Air Resources Control Board
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
- Yolo County Environmental Health





Project Goals and Objectives

- Collect technical and economic data to demonstrate full-scale operation as beneficial
- Provide technical solution to permitting and regulatory constrains in the commercialization of this technology
- U.S. EPA XL project ("eXcellence and Leadership")



Regulatory Requirements

What is EPA Project XL?

- Project XL, stands for "eXcellence and Leadership"
- It is a national pilot program that tests innovative ways of achieving better and more cost-effective public health and environmental protection
- Under EPA Project XL Yolo County can obtain state and federal regulatory flexibility to implement innovative Full-scale Bioreactor
 - The goal is to engage those parties affected by environmental regulations and policies to <u>find solutions</u> <u>that work better than those currently mandated</u>
 - What is learned will be applied broadly to improve public health and environmental protection



EPA XL Project Schedule

- Project XL application submitted in 1999
- Permits issued by CA State Agencies-6/2000
- Final Project Agreement signed-9/2000
 - Federal rule making completed by EPA-8/2001
- Construction (2000-2002)
- Data collection and reporting (2001-2005)





Project Objectives

- Full-scale operation to accelerate waste decomposition through liquid addition without liquid head build up over the base liner
 - Efficient capture of nearly all methane generated without an impact to the local air quality
- Document capital and operation's cost of project - commercialization





Achievements to Date

Construction of base liner system







Achievements to Date

Construction of landfill waste filling









Achievements to Date

Construction of the instrumentation system







Achievements to Date

Construction of the SCADA System





SCADA System for Bioreactor



SCADA-Leachate Injection System



SCADA Real Time Data





SCADA Control for Leachate Injection System

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SCADA- Real Time Data Export to Database



Yolo Bioreactor Home Page

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Bioreactor Landfill Monitoring System Division of Intergrated Waste Management, Planning and Public Works, County of Yolo, California

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The Yolo County Central Landfill is demonstrating an innovative landfill management strategy called "enhanced or controlled" landfilling to manage solid waste. Controlled landfilling has the potential to provide reliable energy generation from solid waste, as well as significant environmental and solid waste management benefits such as reduced pollution threat, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, landfill life extension , and reduced post-closure maintenance.





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Yolo Bioreactor-Web Based Data Extraction and Graphing

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Yolo Bioreactor-Sample 2D Graphs from Database





Bioreactor Bottom Liner Temp.

Tempature (degree C)







Achievements to Date

Construction of landfill gas collection and removal system







Achievements to Date

Collection of 2x10⁶ SCF fugitive landfill gas (45% methane) from 3.5 acre anaerobic bioreactor before water addition















Achievements to Date

- Construction of leachate recirculation and pumping system
- Injected of over 850,000 gallons of leachate in the anaerobic 3.5 acre landfill







Achievements to Date

Construction of final cover system





Achievements to Date

First waste sampling and testing







Achievements to Date

First waste Settlement Survey







Achievements to Date

 Fugitive methane emissions monitoring using FID/PID Vapor Analyzer (FOXBORO TVA-1000)





Achievements to Date

- Landfill gas sampling (LANDTECH GEM-500) and laboratory testing
- Leachate sampling and laboratory testing



Design and Construction Challenges

- Liner cap design and construction
- Installation of instrumentation after waste filling
- Securing installed liner and penetration of pipes through the cap
- HDPE Injection lines-drilling and installing fittings
- Pressurized Leachate injection system-inspection for leaks



ECONOMICS-Capital Cost for Bioreactor

Capital Cost per Ton of Waste (360,000 tons, 12 acres, 1,200 lbs/c.y.)



Annual Operating Cost Estimate

Annual Opearting Cost per Ton of Waste (360,000 tons, 12 acres, 1,200 lbs/c.y.)





Benefits of Bioreactors

Total Benefit per Ton of Waste (360,000 tons, 12 acres, 1,200 lbs/c.y.)





Present Worth Benefit/Cost

Present Worth Benefit Cost Ratio (360,000 tons, 12 acres, 1,200 lbs/c.y.)





Remaining Tasks for the 3.5 acre Anaerobic Bioreactor

- Complete the second surveying event to monitor waste settlement
- Conduct the second round of waste sampling and testing
 - Perform surface scan monitoring for methane emissions
- Monitor and sample leachate
- Monitor and sample landfill gas
- Report results





Remaining Tasks for the 6 acre Anaerobic Bioreactor

- Complete installation of instrumentation and monitoring system
- Complete installation of the surface liner system
- Complete installation of the leachate injection and pumping system





Remaining Tasks for the 6 acre Anaerobic Bioreactor

- Complete installation of the landfill gas collection and removal system
- Conduct the second round of waste sampling and testing
- Complete the first surveying event to monitor waste settlement
- Install, and troubleshoot the SCADA system





Remaining Tasks for the 6 acre Anaerobic Bioreactor

- Perform surface scan monitoring for methane emissions
- Monitor and sample leachate
 - Monitor and sample landfill gas
- Begin operation and report results



Remaining Tasks for the 2.5 acre Aerobic Bioreactor

- Complete installation of blower and piping
- Complete installation of the biofilter
- Begin liquid injection and air suction
 Perform surface scan monitoring for methane emissions
- Monitor and sample leachate
- Monitor and sample biofilter air samples
- Begin operation and report results



Conclusions

Bioreactors can be:

- Designed to protect the environment more than the conventional landfills
- Be operated in a safe manner
- Be Constructed with normal equipments
- Instrumentations be installed as filling
- Early gas collection under cover to reduce fugitive emissions via horizontal layers
- Inject leachate slowly to not impact head over the liner within waste lifts



Conclusions

Bioreactors can be:

- Inject leachate horizontally within the waste to distribute moisture
- Be design to be operated by SCADA
- system
- Collect real-time field data for monitoring and control
- Create a master database for data management and reporting
- Economical to construct and operate



