

Greenhouse Gas Project Plan

Highway 101 Landfill Gas Capture Project

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Introduction

This Project Plan describes the GHG reductions from the capture and combustion of landfill gas and generation of electricity the province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

ISO 14064

The project documents have been prepared in conformance with the ISO Standard "CAN/CSA-ISO 14064-2-06 - Greenhouse Gases - Part 2: Specification with Guidance at the Project Level for Quantification, Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions or Removal Enhancements".

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GHG Programs

According to Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation (HREC) and the Regional Municipality of Halifax, the landfill is not subject to Canadian regulations requiring it to collect its landfill gas. The site is owned by the Regional Municipality of Halifax, which has entered into a 20-year gas rights agreement with HREC.

Intended User(s) of this Report

The intended users of this report are the Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation and the purchaser of any emission reductions. This report will form the basis of the quantification of the GHG emission reductions which are required under the contract the two organizations have entered into. This report will be validated by an independent third party and the subsequent verification statement will be submitted to both parties.

Project Description

The approximately 84-acre landfill opened in 1976 and accepted waste until 1997. Approximately 4 million tons of material was deposited at the site. Gas is extracted from seventy-five vertical collection wells installed in the landfill. A network of pipes is used to transport the collected gas from the wells to the power plant located at the eastern edge of the landfill. High pressure, centrifugal blowers and compressors located at the power plant apply vacuum to the collection piping to extract LFG (landfill gas) from the wells.

Electrical power is generated via combustion in two (2) GE/Jenbacher reciprocating engines that are specifically designed to operate on LFG. The in-service date of both engines was October 12, 2006 and the Effective Date was November 1, 2006. Each of the two engine sets is rated to produce roughly 1,063 kilowatts of electricity. According to manufacturer specifications, the GE/Jenbacher engines input energy at full load is 9,995 MBTU/hr. The heat rate is therefore 9402.6 BTU/kW-hr based on the lower heating value. Landfill gas destruction for the time period covered in this report was calculated using electricity production data.

A LFG flare is available as a back-up to the generating station, although the power plant accepts all of the LFG that is recovered.

The LFG is first treated to remove moisture and particulates. The treated LFG is then pressurized, cooled and injected into engines that are coupled to generators. Combustion of the gas in the engines powers the generators to produce electricity that is then delivered to the electrical grid.

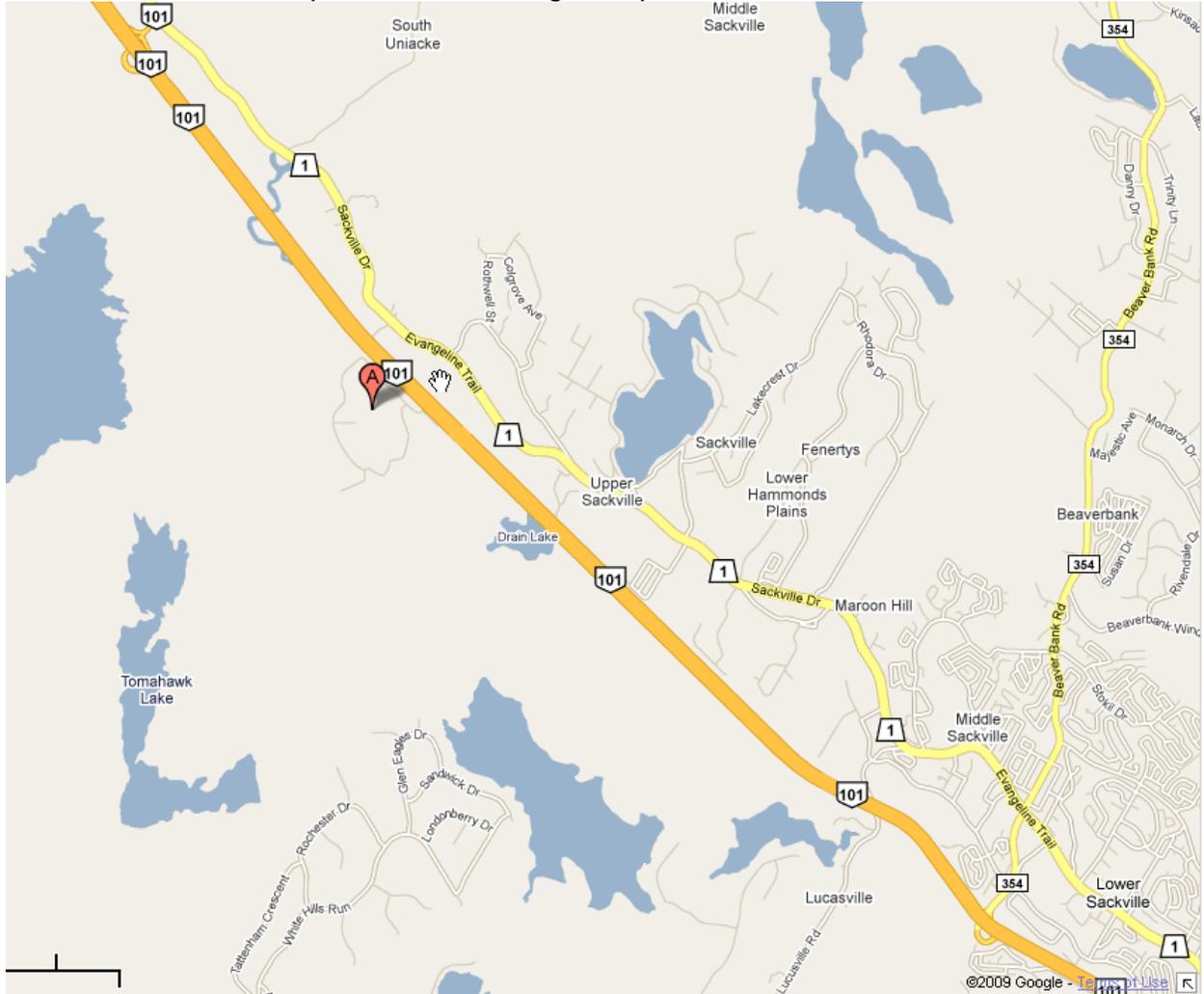
A DI.ANE XT control system is used to record information about each engine's performance including engine operating hours, engine pressure and temperature, and exported electricity. The DI.ANE's electronic logging system records data from the engines and stores it in an on-site database where it is held for three months. On-site system operators also complete performance logs for each engine daily.

In addition to the above mentioned engine data logging system, a methane measurement and data logging system was installed in early 2008. This system measures the flow rate and concentration of methane as it flows from the landfill site into the engines. This data logging system became fully operational in April 2008.

Project Location

The landfill is located on Highway 101 in Sackville, Nova Scotia. It is referred to as the 'Highway 101 Landfill', the 'Sackville Landfill' and the 'Mt. Uniacke Landfill'.

The center of the landfill is at latitude is +44° 48' 40.18", longitude is -63° 46' 32.90". Below is a map taken from Google Maps.



Expected Lifetime of the Project

As noted above, the landfill stopped accepting additional waste in 1997. Based on the LandGEM software simulation model of the site, the landfill will continue to generate methane until at least 2050, albeit at a declining rate. By 2035, the methane produced is expected to be about 1/3 of the amount produced in 2010.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The nature of the project does not require an environmental impact assessment as the impact on the environment is limited to the GHG emission reductions.

Stakeholder consultations and mechanisms for on-going communication

The nature of the project did not require any stakeholder consultations.

Principles of ISO 14064-2

In accordance with the requirements of the CleanProjects registry, this project adheres to the following principles of ISO 14064-2.

Transparency

The calculation methodology is disclosed in the GHG Emission Reduction Calculations later in this document. The raw data is made available to the verifier each year during the verification process. This data will be shown in graphical form in each year's Quantification Report.

Relevance

At the time of the initial quantification of the emission reductions for the CleanProjects Registry, the existing best practices, as outlined in the Alberta Specified Gas Emitters Regulation – Quantification Protocol for Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion were followed. All the relevant GHG SSRs have been properly quantified and included withing the project.

Accuracy

Every effort has been made to accurately measure the methane being destroyed from the landfill. This includes:

- Annual calibration of the methane sampling device
- Comparison of stored data with instantaneous readings
- Backup calculation methodology using the electricity produced from the engine generator

Completeness

All the relevant GHG SSRs have been included and properly quantified for this project, as outlined in the Alberta Specified Gas Emitters Regulation – Quantification Protocol for Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion, which was used as the good practice guidance.

Consistency

The calculation methodology that was adopted will be used for each year's methane destruction calculation as far as practical.

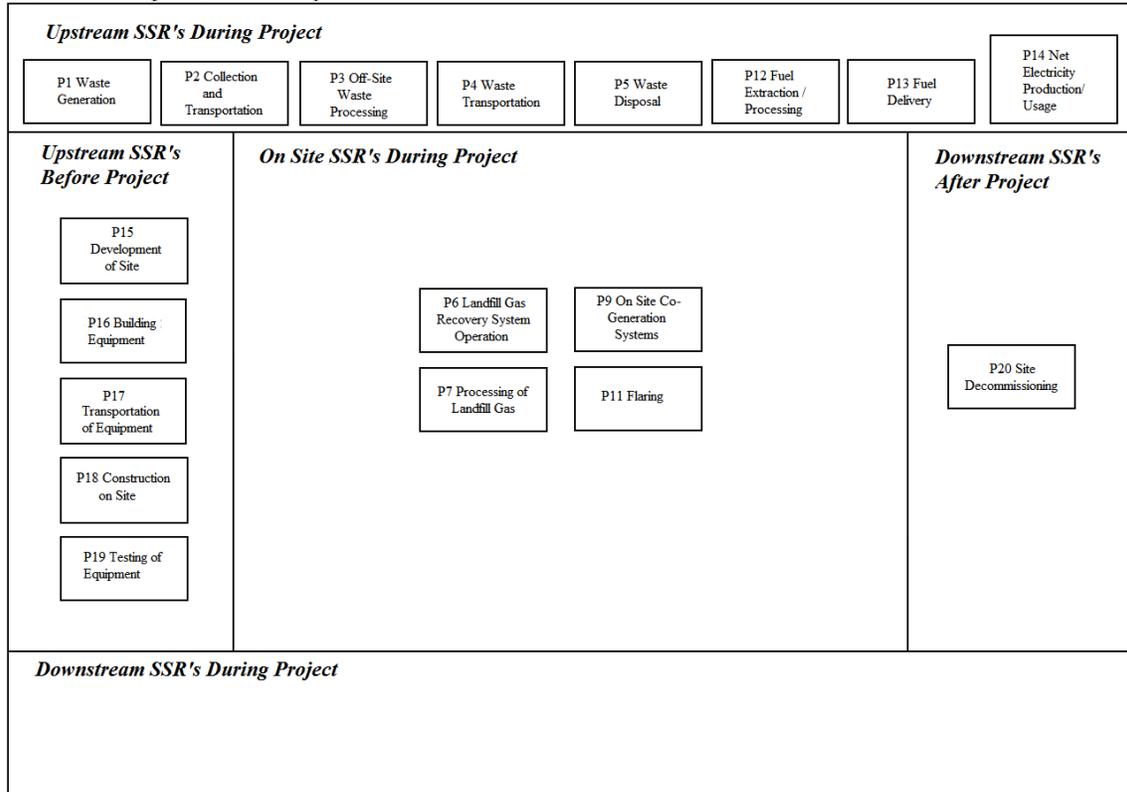
Conservativeness

As outlined in the Alberta Specified Gas Emitters Regulation – Quantification Protocol for Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion, conservative assumptions and methodologies have been applied to the project.

Identification of Project SSRs (Sources, Sinks and Reservoirs)

Based on industry related project documents¹, the project SSRs were organized in a Life Cycle Diagram in Figure 1. Descriptions of each of the SSRs and their classification as controlled, related or affected are provided in Table 1.

Figure 1 – Project Elements



¹ Alberta Specified Gas Emitters Regulation – Quantification Protocol for Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion, September 2007, version 1, ISBN 978-0-7785-7235-0 (online)

Table 1 – Project SSRs

1. SSR	2. Description	3. Controlled, Related or Affected
Upstream SSRs during Project Operation		
P1 Waste Generation	Streams of solid waste are produced in a number ways, depending on the source of these residues. Quantities for each of the energy inputs related to the generation of the waste streams would be contemplated to evaluate functional equivalence with the baseline condition.	Related
P2 Collection and Transportation	Solid waste may be transported to the project site by truck, barge and/or train. The related energy inputs for fuelling this equipment are captured under this SSR, for the purposes of calculating the resulting greenhouse gas emissions. Type of equipment, number of loads and distance travelled would be used to evaluate functional equivalence with the baseline condition.	Related
P3 Off-Site Waste Processing	Solid waste may be processed using a series of mechanical processes, heavy equipment and conveyors. This equipment would be fuelled by diesel, gasoline, or natural gas resulting in GHG emissions, or electricity. Quantities and types for each of the energy inputs would be tracked.	Related
P4 Waste Transportation	Organic residues may be transported to the project site by truck, barge and/or train. The related energy inputs for fuelling this equipment are captured under this SSR, for the purposes of calculating the resulting greenhouse gas emissions. Type of equipment, number of loads and distance travelled would be used to evaluate functional equivalence with the baseline condition.	Related
P5 Waste Processing and Disposal	Waste may be handled at a disposal site by transferring the waste from the transportation container, spreading, burying, processing, otherwise dealing with the waste using a combination of loaders, conveyors and other mechanized devices. This equipment would be fuelled by diesel, gasoline or natural gas, resulting in GHG emissions. Other fuels may also be used in some rare cases. Quantities and types for each of the energy inputs may need to be tracked.	Controlled
P12 Fuel Extraction and Processing	Each of the fuels used throughout the on-site component of the project will need to be sourced and processed. This will allow for the calculation of the greenhouse gas emissions from the various processes involved in the production, refinement and storage of the fuels. The total volumes of fuel for each of the on-site SSRs are considered under this SSR. Volumes and types of fuels are the important characteristics to be tracked.	Related
P13 Fuel Delivery	Each of the fuels used throughout the on-site component of the project will need to be transported to the site. This may include shipments by tanker or by pipeline, resulting in the emissions of greenhouse gases. It is reasonable to exclude fuel sourced by taking equipment to an existing commercial fuelling station as the fuel used to take the equipment to the site is captured under other SSRs and there is no other delivery.	Related
P14 Net Electricity Production/ Usage	Electricity may be required for operating the facility. This power may be sourced either from internal generation, connected facilities or the local electricity grid. Metering of electricity may be netted in terms of the power going to and from the grid. Quantity and source of power are the important characteristics to be tracked as they directly relate to the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions.	Related
Onsite SSRs during Project Operation		
P6 Landfill Gas Recovery System Operation	Landfill gas recovery systems require compressors and other equipment for the gathering and distribution of the gas at the project facility. This equipment may be fuelled by diesel, gasoline or natural gas, resulting in GHG emissions. Other fuels, such as landfill gas, may also be used in some rare cases. Quantities and types for each of the energy inputs may need to be tracked.	Controlled
P7 Processing	Landfill gas will likely have a higher concentration of carbon dioxide and	Controlled

of Landfill Gas	other impurities than may be acceptable for the any number of uses. Mechanical equipment may be required to treat the landfill gas in order meet the required specifications. This may require several energy inputs such as natural gas and diesel. Quantities and types for each of the energy inputs would be tracked.	
P9 On Site Co-Generation Systems	On site co-generation systems may be included at the project site. This generation could require the combustion of landfill gas, and may be supplemented by fossil fuels precipitating greenhouse gas emissions. Volumes and types of fuels are the important characteristics to be tracked.	Controlled
P11 Flaring	Flaring of the landfill gas may be required during upset conditions or during maintenance. Emissions of greenhouse gases would be contributed from the combustion of the LFG as well as from any natural gas used in flaring to ensure more complete combustion. Quantities of LFG being flared and quantities of any pilot fuels or supplemental fuels would need to be tracked.	Controlled
Downstream SSRs during Project Operation		
None		
Other		
P15 Development of Site	The site may need to be developed. This could include civil infrastructure such as access to electricity, gas and water supply, as well as sewer etc. This may also include clearing, grading, building access roads, etc. There will also need to be some building of structures for the facility such as storage areas, storm water drainage, offices, vent stacks, firefighting water storage lagoons, etc., as well as structures to enclose, support and house the equipment. Greenhouse gas emissions would be primarily attributed to the use of fossil fuels and electricity used to power equipment required to develop the site such as graders, backhoes, trenching machines, etc.	Related
P16 Building Equipment	Equipment may need to be built either on-site or off-site. This includes all of the components of the storage, handling, processing, combustion, air quality control, system control and safety systems. These may be sourced as pre-made standard equipment or custom built to specification. Greenhouse gas emissions would be primarily attributed to the use of fossil fuels and electricity used to power equipment for the extraction of the raw materials, processing, fabricating and assembly.	Related

Baseline Scenarios

The baseline is the most appropriate and best estimate of a reference case for which the project can be compared to. The baseline scenario covers the same time period as the project.

The following six steps were used in identifying baseline candidates:

1. Define the product or service provided by the project activity
2. Identify possible types of baseline candidates
3. Define and justify the geographic area and the temporal range used to identify baseline candidates
4. Define and justify any other criteria used to identify baseline candidates
5. Identify a final list of baseline candidates
6. Identify baseline candidates that are representative of common practice. In identifying the baseline candidates that are of common practice, then those baseline scenarios whose GHG emissions are higher than those of common practice can be eliminated from the list of potential baseline candidates.

In order to appropriately select baseline candidates, the project activity must be clearly defined so as to select baseline scenarios/candidates that provide the same service. In this case, the service provided is the management of municipal solid waste (MSW). Therefore, alternative methods for the management of MSW will be considered as baseline candidates. The geographic area considered will be all of Nova Scotia and the temporal range will include the years 2005 to 2012. The table below lists potential baseline scenarios considering the project description and SSRs, alternative project types, activities and technologies, data availability, reliability and limitations and any other relevant information concerning present or future conditions.

Project Activity	Baseline Candidates
Landfill gas capture, combustion and electricity generation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business as usual (no LFG capture and destruction) 2. Capture & flare 3. Capture & conversion to methanol (fuel) 4. Waste Incineration 5. Composting

Justification of Baseline Scenario

In order to arrive at a final baseline candidate, a barriers test was performed. The following barriers were utilized in assessing each baseline candidate:

- Financial
- Legal requirements

- Technology availability
- Resource & Data availability
- Infrastructure

The table below lists the barriers associated with each of the identified baseline candidates.

The procedure selected addresses the principals of transparency (clear process to list all potential baseline scenarios) , relevance (all relevant baseline scenario and additional information are considered), completeness (all potential baseline scenarios are considered), consistency (same barriers are applied to all potential baseline scenario in order to be as objective as possible) and conservativeness (the option that is the most likely, and that will not over-estimate the emission reduction is selected).

Based on the comparative assessment of barriers, the business as usual scenario in which there is no capture and flare system in place, was identified as the most appropriate baseline scenario.

Barrier	Project (capture, combust to generate electricity)	Current state (No capture and flare system in place)	Capture and flare	Capture and conversion to methanol	Waste Incineration	Composting
Financial	High costs associated with implementation of a new infrastructure	No barrier	Medium to High costs associated with implementation of a new infrastructure	Cost of infrastructure is prohibitive	Capital cost and cost of infrastructure is prohibitive	Capital cost and cost of infrastructure is prohibitive
Legal Requirements	Not required by law	Not required by law	Not required by law	Not required by law	Not required by law	Not required by law
Technology availability	No barrier	No barrier	Lack of proven technology to achieve these objectives	Lack of proven technology to achieve this activity	No barrier	No barrier
Infrastructure	No barrier	No barrier	No barrier	No barrier	No barrier	No barrier
Resource & Data availability	No barrier	No barrier	Lack of resources and data available for comparative purposes	Lack of resources and data available for comparative purposes	No barrier	No barrier

Additionality

There are three basic issues that need to be resolved to determine if the project is additional:

- Is the project a legal requirement

Since there is no federal, provincial or municipal legislation that requires that landfills in Nova Scotia install landfill gas collection and destruction systems.

Therefore, the project is additional. More background information on the legal/legislative aspects of Additionality are in Appendix 2.

- Is the project common practice

Approximately only 7% of landfills in Canada have landfill gas collection and destruction systems. There are none in Nova Scotia, Canada. Therefore, the project is additional.

- Is there a financial burden that selling of emission reductions can alleviate
- There are considerable financial burdens that were undertaken by the project proponent. These include the purchasing of materials, construction costs and negotiations with local electrical authorities. These costs are hoped to be offset by the selling of the emission reductions generated by the project. Currently this project is not financially viable without the sale of the emission reductions. Therefore, the project is additional.

Permanence

Based on computer modeling done during the initial feasibility stage, the landfill is expected to produce substantial amounts of methane for at least 20 years, starting in 1997 when it no longer accepted new waste. Hence, the landfill will continue to produce methane for a number of years, albeit at a decreasing output over time.

Barring any catastrophic failure or damage to the collection system, the emission reductions will continue until the landfill no longer produces methane from anaerobic decomposition of organic waste.

Identification of Risks

The following were identified as risks that could impact the future viability of the emission reductions:

The implementation of new regulations requiring LFG collection and destruction systems.	The probability of this occurring is deemed low as Nova Scotia has not enacted any regulations to date. In other jurisdictions, such projects are often 'grandfathered' and allowed to continue claiming the emission reductions.
Catastrophic failure of the LFG collection system	The probability of this occurring is deemed low as the system is regularly inspected and the engine undergoes routine maintenance. If the engine was to fail in some manner, the methane can always be destroyed using the flare

Identification of Baseline SSRs (Sources, Sinks and Reservoirs)

Based on industry related project documents, the baseline SSRs were organized in a Life Cycle Diagram in Figure 2. Descriptions of each of the SSRs and their classification as controlled, related or affected are provided in Table 2.

Figure 2 – Baseline Elements

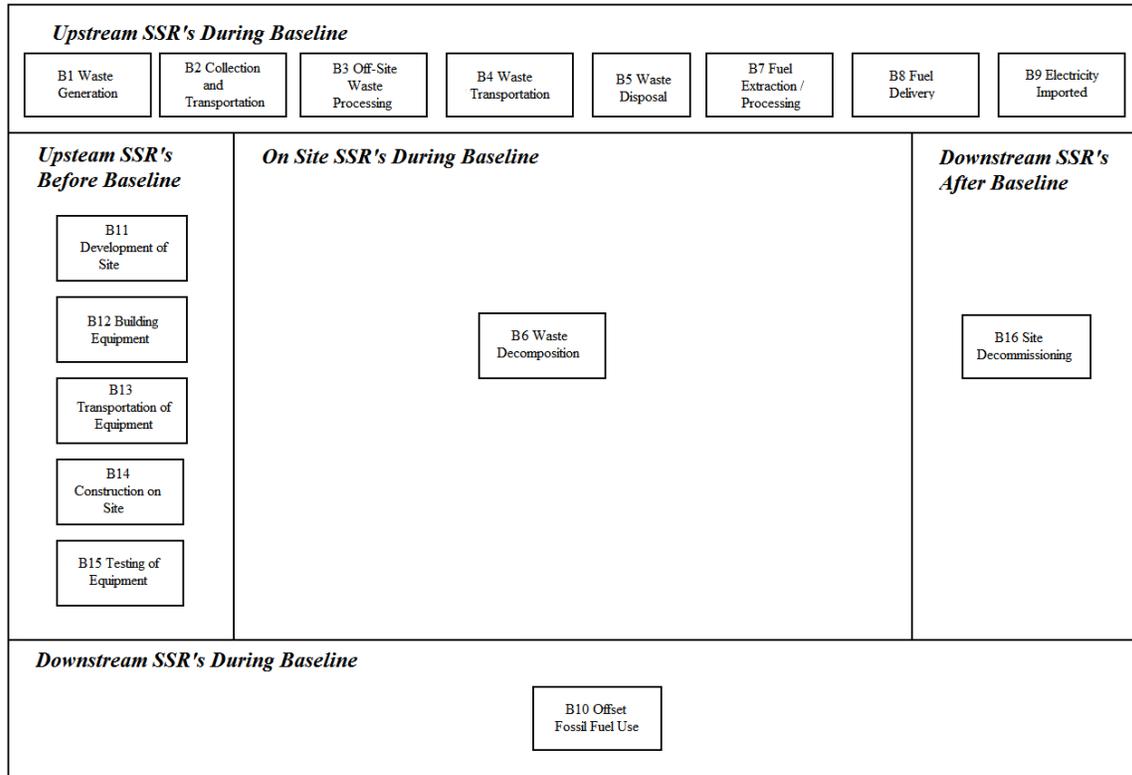


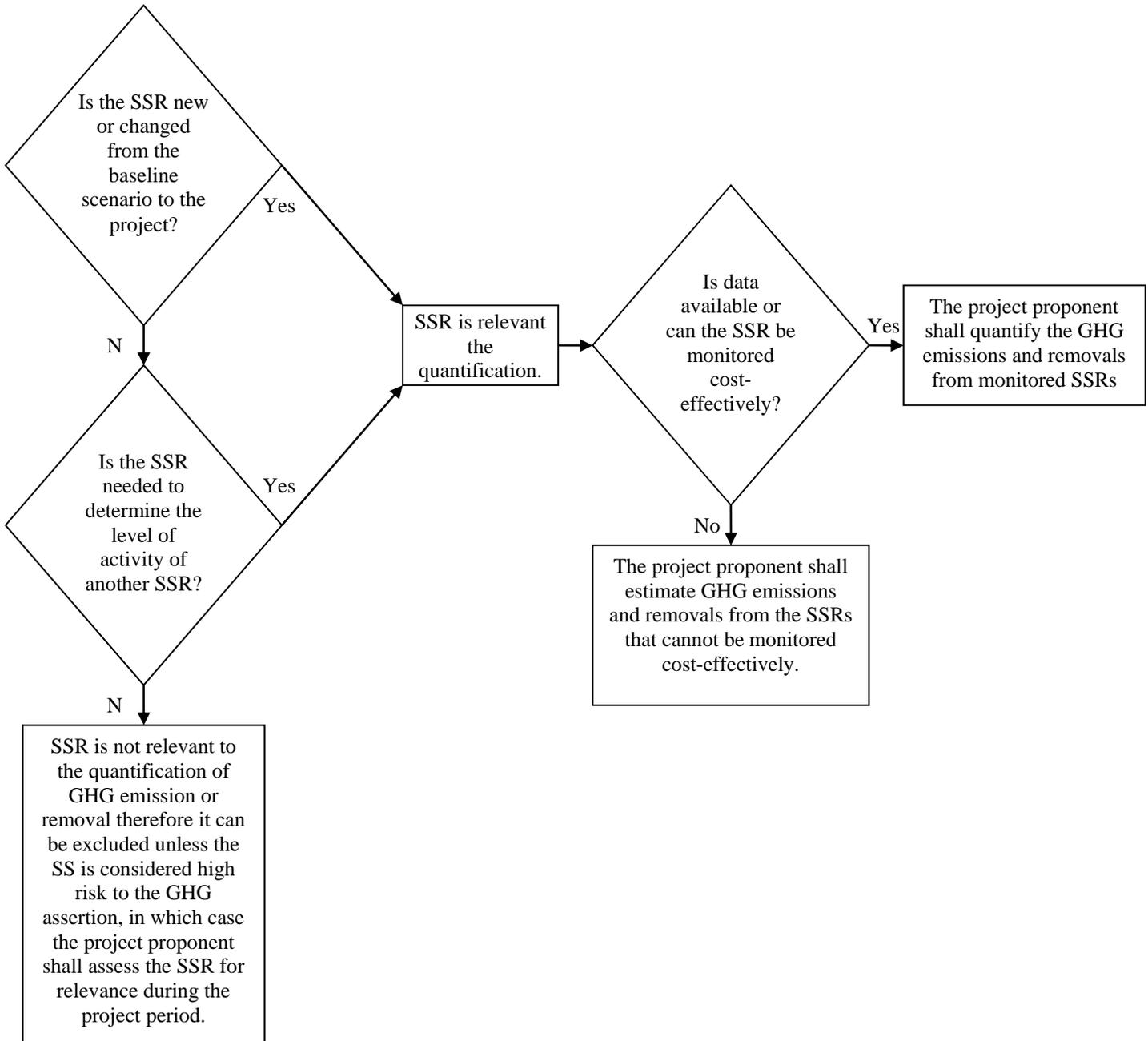
Table 2 – Baseline SSRs

1. SSR	2. Description	3. Controlled, Related or Affected
Upstream SSRs during Baseline Operation		
B1 Waste Generation	Streams of solid waste are produced in a number ways, depending on the source of these residues. Quantities for each of the energy inputs related to the generation of the waste streams would be contemplated to evaluate functional equivalence with the baseline condition.	Related
B2 Collection and Transportation	Solid waste may be transported to the project site by truck, barge and/or train. The related energy inputs for fuelling this equipment are captured under this SS, for the purposes of calculating the resulting greenhouse gas emissions. Type of equipment, number of loads and distance travelled would be used to evaluate functional equivalence with the baseline condition.	Related
B3 Off-Site Waste Processing	Solid waste may be processed using a series of mechanical processes, heavy equipment and conveyors. This equipment would be fuelled by diesel, gasoline, or natural gas resulting in GHG emissions, or electricity. Quantities and types for each of the energy inputs would be tracked.	Related
B4 Waste Transportation	Organic residues may be transported to the project site by truck, barge and/or train. The related energy inputs for fuelling this equipment are captured under this SSR, for the purposes of calculating the resulting greenhouse gas emissions. Type of equipment, number of loads and distance travelled would be used to evaluate functional equivalence with the baseline condition.	Related
B5 Waste Disposal	Waste may be handled at a disposal site by transferring the waste from the transportation container, spreading, burying, processing, otherwise dealing with the waste using a combination of loaders, conveyors and other mechanized devices. This equipment would be fuelled by diesel, gasoline or natural gas, resulting in GHG emissions. Other fuels may also be used in some rare cases. Quantities and types for each of the energy inputs may need to be tracked.	Controlled
B7 Fuel Extraction and Processing	Each of the fuels that may be offset by the consumption of the landfill gas used off-site would need to be sourced and processed. This will allow for the calculation of the greenhouse gas emissions from the various processes involved in the production, refinement and storage of the fuels. The total volumes of fuel for each of the on-site SS's are considered under this SSR. Volumes and types of fuels are the important characteristics to be tracked.	Related
B8 Fuel Delivery	Each of the fuels used throughout the on-site component of the project will need to be transported to the site. This may include shipments by tanker or by pipeline, resulting in the emissions of greenhouse gases. It is reasonable to exclude fuel sourced by taking equipment to an existing commercial fuelling station as the fuel used to take the equipment to the site is captured under other SSRs and there is no other delivery.	Related
B9 Electricity Imported	Electricity may be produced off-site to cover the electricity demand not being produced by the landfill gas recovery facility. This electricity will be produced at an emissions intensity as deemed appropriate. Measurement of the gross quantity of electricity produced by the facility will need to be tracked to quantify this SSR.	Related
Onsite SS's during Baseline Operation		
B6 Waste Decomposition	Waste may decompose in the disposal facility resulting in the production of methane. Disposal site characteristics and mass disposed of at each site may need to be tracked.	Controlled
Downstream SS's during Baseline Operation		
B10 Offset Fossil Fuel Use	Fossil fuel use may occur off-site to cover the energy that may be supplied by the landfill gas exported from the landfill gas recovery facility. Volumes and types of fuels are the important characteristics to be tracked.	Related
Other		
B11 Development of	The site of the material processing and disposal facilities may need to be developed. This could include civil infrastructure such as access to	Related

Site	electricity, gas and water supply, as well as sewer etc. This may also include clearing, grading, building access roads, etc. There will also need to be some building of structures for the facility such as storage areas, storm water drainage, offices, vent stacks, firefighting water storage lagoons, etc., as well as structures to enclose, support and house the equipment. Greenhouse gas emissions would be primarily attributed to the use of fossil fuels and electricity used to power equipment required to develop the site such as graders, backhoes, trenching machines, etc.	
B12 Building Equipment	Equipment may need to be built either on-site or off-site. This includes all of the components of the storage, handling, processing, combustion, air quality control, system control and safety systems. These may be sourced as pre-made standard equipment or custom built to specification. Greenhouse gas emissions would be primarily attributed to the use of fossil fuels and electricity used to power equipment for the extraction of the raw materials, processing, fabricating and assembly.	Related
B13 Transportation of Equipment	Equipment built off-site and the materials to build equipment on-site, will all need to be delivered to the site. Transportation may be completed by train, truck, by some combination, or even by courier. Greenhouse gas emissions would be primarily attributed to the use of fossil fuels to power the equipment delivering the equipment to the site.	Related
B14 Construction on Site	The process of construction at the site will require a variety of heavy equipment, smaller power tools, cranes and generators. The operation of this equipment will have associated greenhouse gas emission from the use of fossil fuels and electricity.	Related
B15 Testing of Equipment	Equipment may need to be tested to ensure that it is operational. This may result in running the equipment using test anaerobic digestion fuels or fossil fuels in order to ensure that the equipment runs properly. These activities will result in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the combustion of fossil fuels and the use of electricity.	Related
B16 Site Decommissioning	Once the facility is no longer operational, the site may need to be decommissioned. This may involve the disassembly of the equipment, demolition of on-site structures, disposal of some materials, environmental restoration, re-grading, planting or seeding, and transportation of materials off-site. Greenhouse gas emissions would be primarily attributed to the use of fossil fuels and electricity used to power equipment required to decommission the site.	Related

Selection of Relevant SSRs for the Project and the Baseline

Each of the SSRs from the project and baseline condition were compared and evaluated as to their relevancy using the decision tree located below.



The justification for the exclusion or conditions upon which SS's may be excluded is provided in Table 3 below. All other SSRs listed previously are included.

Table 3 – Relevant SSRs

1. Identified SSR	2. Baseline (C, R, A)	3. Project (C, R, A)	4. Include or Exclude from Quantification	5. Justification for Exclusion
Upstream SSRs				
P1 Waste Generation	N/A	Related	Exclude	Excluded as the generation of solid waste are not impacted by the implementation of the project and as such the baseline and project conditions will be functionally equivalent.
B1 Waste Generation	Related	N/A	Exclude	
P2 Collection and Transportation	N/A	Related	Exclude	Excluded as the emissions from transportation are negligible and likely functionally equivalent to the baseline scenario.
B2 Collection and Transportation	Related	N/A	Exclude	
P3 Off-Site Waste Processing	N/A	Related	Exclude	Excluded as the off-site processing of solid waste is not impacted by the implementation of the project and as such the baseline and project conditions will be functionally equivalent.
B3 Off-Site Waste Processing	Related	N/A	Exclude	
P4 Waste Transportation	N/A	Related	Exclude	Excluded as the emissions from transportation are negligible and likely functionally equivalent to the baseline scenario.
B4 Waste Transportation	Related	N/A	Exclude	
P5 Waste Disposal	N/A	Controlled	Exclude	Excluded as the disposal of waste at the site is not impacted by the implementation of the project and as such the baseline and project conditions will be functionally equivalent.
B5 Waste Disposal	Controlled	N/A	Exclude	
P12 Fuel Extraction and Processing	N/A	Related	Exclude	No additional fuel is required for the project operation
B7 Fuel Extraction and Processing	Related	N/A	Exclude	Excluded based on conservative principle as well as any additional fuel used during the baseline would be negligible.
P13 Fuel Delivery	N/A	Related	Exclude	Excluded as the emissions from transportation are negligible and likely greater under the baseline condition.
B8 Fuel Delivery	Related	N/A	Exclude	
P14 Net Electricity Production/ Usage	N/A	Related	Include	N/A
B9 Electricity Imported	Related	N/A	Exclude	Excluded based on conservative principle as well as any additional fuel used during the baseline would be negligible.
Onsite SSRs				
P6 Landfill Gas Recovery System Operation	N/A	Controlled	Include	N/A
P7 Processing of Landfill Gas	N/A	Controlled	Include	N/A
P9 On Site	N/A	Controlled	Include	N/A

Co-Generation Systems				
P11 Flaring	N/A	Controlled	Include	N/A. Pilot fuel for flare stack is excluded as this has been shown to be immaterial.
B6 Waste Decomposition	Controlled	N/A	Include	N/A
Downstream SSRs				
B10 Offset Fossil Fuel Use	Related	N/A	Exclude	No additional off site Fossil Fuel Use is present in Baseline.
Other				
P15 Development of Site	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from site development are not material given the long project life, and the minimal site development typically required.
B11 Development of Site	Related	N/A	Exclude	Emissions from site development are not material for the baseline condition given the minimal site development typically required.
P16 Building Equipment	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from building equipment are not material given the long project life, and the minimal building equipment typically required.
B12 Building Equipment	Related	N/A	Exclude	Emissions from building equipment are not material for the baseline condition given the minimal building equipment typically required.
P17 Transportation of Equipment	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from transportation of equipment are not material given the long project life, and the minimal transportation of equipment typically required.
B13 Transportation of Equipment	Related	N/A	Exclude	Emissions from transportation of equipment are not material for the baseline condition given the minimal transportation of equipment typically required.
P18 Construction on Site	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from construction on site are not material given the long project life, and the minimal construction on site typically required. See Appendix 2 for calculations.
B14 Construction on Site	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from construction on site are not material for the baseline condition given the minimal construction on site typically required.
P19 Testing of Equipment	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from testing of equipment are not material given the long project life, and the minimal testing of equipment typically required.
B15 Testing of Equipment	Related	N/A	Exclude	Emissions from testing of equipment are not material for the baseline condition given the minimal testing of equipment typically required.
P20 Site Decommissioning	N/A	Related	Exclude	Emissions from decommissioning are not material given the long project life, and the minimal decommissioning typically required.
B16 Site Decommissioning	Related	N/A	Exclude	Emissions from decommissioning are not material for the baseline condition given the minimal decommissioning typically required.

Figure 3 and Figure 4 show the SSRs for monitoring in the Project and Baseline, respectively

Figure 3 Project SSRs for monitoring (grey background)

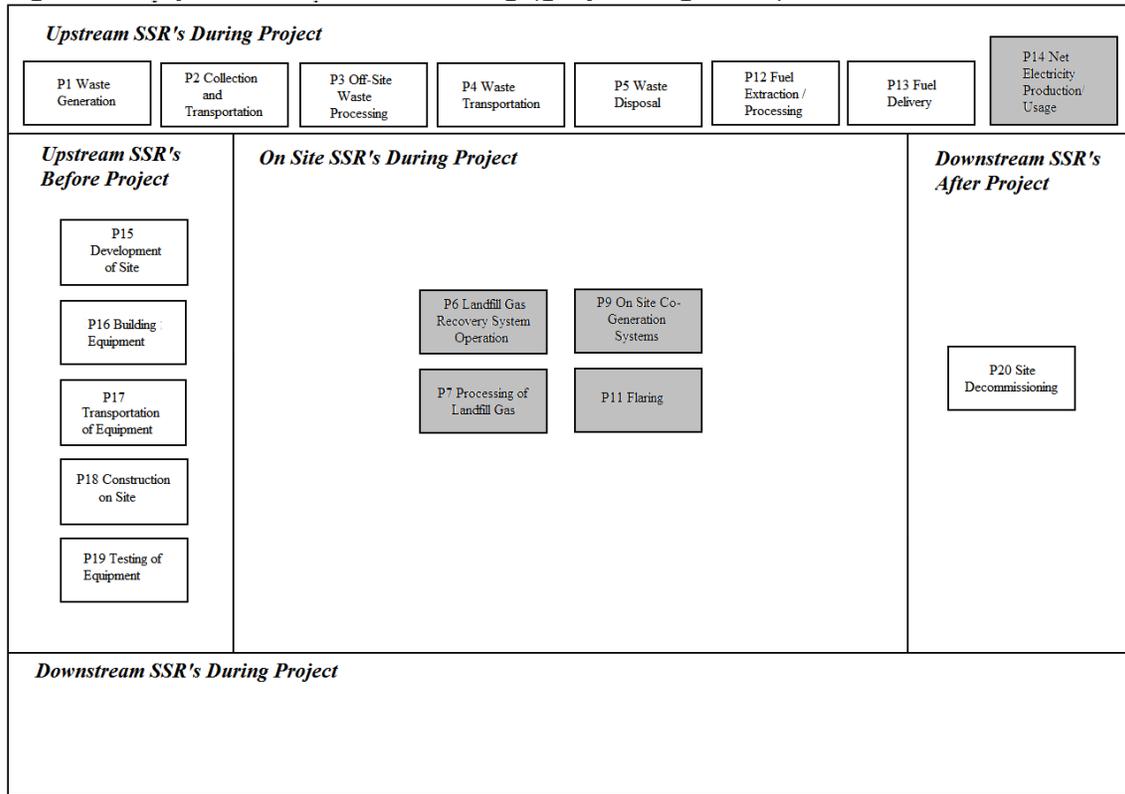
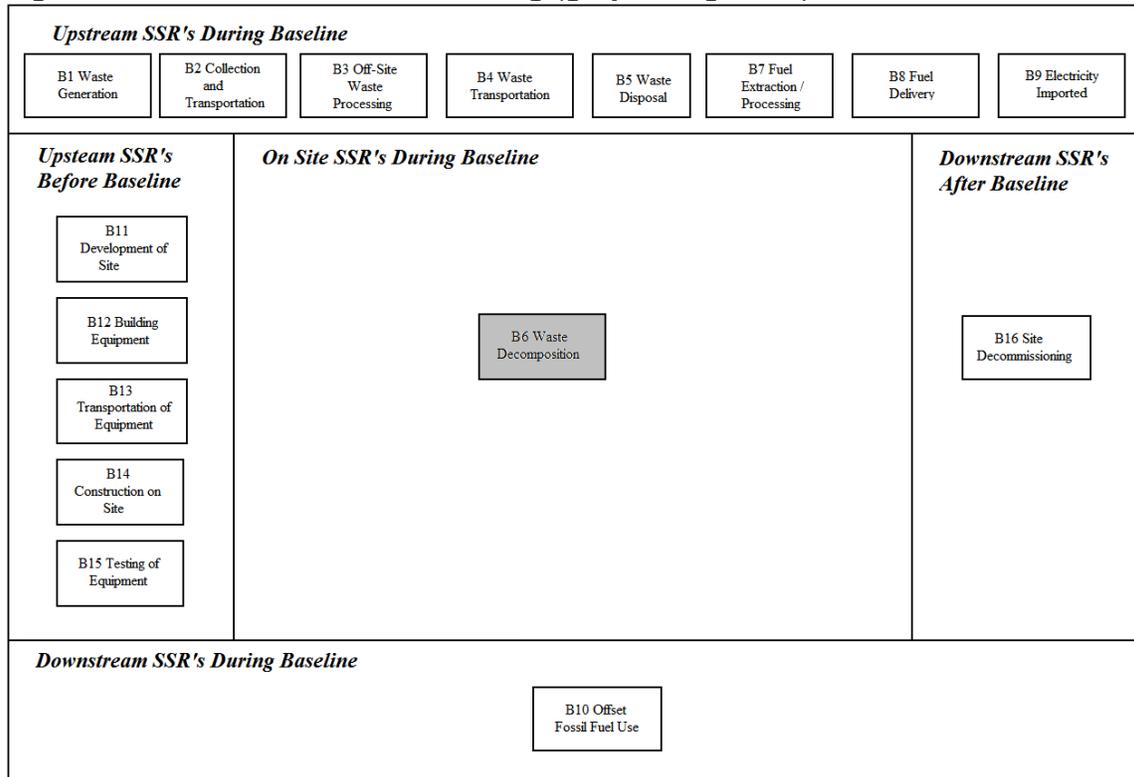


Figure 4 Baseline SSRs for monitoring (grey background)



GHG Emission Reduction Calculations

Quantification of the reductions will be completed using the methodologies outlined below. This calculation methodology is specified in the Benefits Supply Agreement. In general, emission reductions are calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Emission Reduction} = \text{Emissions}_{\text{Baseline}} - \text{Emissions}_{\text{Project}}$$

As specified in the Benefits Supply Agreement:

$$\text{Emissions}_{\text{Project}} = 0$$

$$\text{Emissions}_{\text{Baseline}} = \text{Tonnes}_{\text{CH}_4} = (PV / RT \times MWt_{\text{CH}_4}) / 1,000,000 \times GWP_{\text{CH}_4} \times DE$$

The amount of emission reductions is based on the Ideal Gas Law.

Where

$\text{Tonnes}_{\text{CH}_4}$ - Tonnes of methane destroyed, in tonnes CO₂e

P - Pressure, in atmospheres, at the measurement point.

V - Volume of methane, in cubic meters

R - Gas constant, .08205 m³.atm / mole.°K

T - Absolute temperature, in °K, at the measurement point

MWt_{CH_4} - Molecular weight of methane, 16.04 g/mole

GWP_{CH_4} - Global Warming Potential of methane, 21

DE - Destruction Efficiency, 0.992

The monitoring system became fully operational on April 5, 2008.

Data Monitoring and Control

The selected methodology stipulates that volume of methane will be measured over the time period of the emission calculations. To enable this measurement, a methane measurement and data logging system was installed in early 2008.

This system measures the flow rate and concentration of methane as it flows from the landfill site into the engines. The data logger has an instantaneous readout, which can be seen at the site. This data logging system became fully operational in April 2008.

Each year the methane measurement system is calibrated by an independent testing laboratory to determine its accuracy. These reports will be made available to the verifier.

The volume of landfill gas is measured at 15 minute intervals by the data logger and the methane concentration of measured once per day, around midnight. At that time the total daily landfill gas and the methane concentration is stored to the memory of the data logger. The data logger information can only be downloaded to a spreadsheet format by operating the system directly, there is no remote access to the computer via modem or internet connection.

Reporting and Verification Details

The project plan and report is prepared in accordance with ISO 14064-2 standard and the GHG CleanProjects™ Registry program requirements. The selected methodology and the data collection system allow for a reasonably low level of uncertainty. The project proponent is confident that the emission reductions are not overestimated and that the emission reductions are real and reflect the actual impacts of the project.

This GHG report is prepared in accordance with ISO 14064-2 and GHG CleanProjects™ Registry requirements. On an annual basis, the emission reductions will be verified by an independent third party to a reasonable level of assurance and in conformance with ISO 14064-3.

Relevant Good Practice Guidance Used in the Project

Relevant good practice guidance procedures and criteria used to quantify the emission reductions from this project include:

- Alberta Specified Gas Emitters Regulation – Quantification Protocol for Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion, September 2007, version 1, ISBN 978-0-7785-7235-0 (online)
- WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol for Projects, December 2005
- CAN/CSA-ISO 14064-2-06 - Greenhouse Gases - Part 2: Specification with Guidance at the Project Level for Quantification, Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions or Removal Enhancements)

Appendix 1 – Calculations of construction emissions

Construction of a Landfill gas collection system at the Hy.101 landfill in Sackville, Nova Scotia for the purpose of collecting the LFG and utilizing it as a fuel to generate renewable energy and to reduce emissions of a greenhouse gas(methane).

Details on the "carbon footprint" of the construction of the collection system.

In November 2005, Highland Energy Corporation commenced construction of the LFG collection system. The system consisted of 74 drilled wells and HDPE electrofused piping to connect the wells to a gas processing facility where the LFG was used as fuel to generate renewable energy.

The total time of construction was 5 months (Nov 2005 to Mar 2006). The wells were drilled in 10 weeks and the piping was installed in 16 weeks.

During the construction phase a drilling rig using a Caterpillar diesel engine as a power source for the drill was used as well as a Caterpillar backhoe (4200) for backup support trenching, and to install the piping.

The drilling rig was utilized for 400 hours. The fuel consumption for the machine was 20 litres per hour. Therefore the diesel fuel consumption for this machine at the construction site was 8000 litres of diesel fuel.

The backhoe was utilized for 1000 hours and consumed 10 litres per hour. Therefore the diesel fuel consumption for the backhoe at the construction site was 10,000 litres.

Total diesel fuel consumption for both vehicles during construction was 18,000 litres.

Using an emission factor of 2.3 kg CO₂e /litre diesel, gives about 41 tonnes CO₂e emitted during the construction of the collection system. This amount is negligible compared to the expected emission reductions of approximately 40,000 to 50,000 tCO₂e per year.

See calculations:

Reference: Government of Canada GHG Inventory as submitted to the UNFCCC Page 620 (table 11-12) Emission factors for energy mobile combustion sources

Diesel Vehicles:

Emit 2.3 kilograms of CO₂e per litre of fuel consumed

Appendix 2 – Demonstration of Legal Additionality Requirements

Highway 101 Landfill, Sackville, Nova Scotia

Investigation into the legislative/legal requirements of the landfill as relating to the capture and destruction of landfill gas.

2001/2003

Highland Energy Inc. first investigated the regulatory requirements regarding the Highway 101 Landfill while it was conducting its "due diligence" when negotiating the gas rights agreement with Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). In our process of inquiry, and in discussions with HRM and the Nova Scotia Dept. of Environment, it was confirmed to Highland Energy that there was no regulatory requirement to capture and combust the landfill gas being generated at the site. Based on this information, Highland executed an agreement with HRM to obtain ownership of the landfill gas in exchange for sharing in the revenue derived from Highland's efforts to achieve commercial benefits from the collection and utilization of the landfill gas. Emission reductions are specifically cited in the gas rights agreement negotiated with HRM.

2005

Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation (HREC), who owns all the environmental benefits associated with the landfill gas project, retained Highland Energy to undertake construction of the project. HREC entered into an agreement to sell all of the emission reductions created between 2008 and 2012 to a third party. Both parties conducted their "due diligence" with regards to the additionality of the emission reductions and both parties concluded that there was no regulatory obligation to capture and combust the landfill gas. Therefore, both agreed that the project was "additional". This mutual conclusion regarding additionality was written into the contract.

2006

After completion of the construction of the LFG capture system and electricity generator and commissioning of the equipment, Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation become the sole owner of the emission reductions and retained Highland Energy for maintenance of the equipment.

2008

HREC applied to the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) to offer the emission reductions created in 2007 for sale on the CCX. A validation/verification report was prepared including the question of additionality. Again it was determined, after contacting the Nova Scotia Dept. of Environment, that there was no regulatory requirement to capture and combust the landfill gas thus making the project additional to any regulatory requirement to do so.

2009

Further investigation, relating to a verification report for the third party purchaser of the emission reductions, with the Nova Scotia Dept. of Environment reveals that, in the standard application form to be filed with the department for approval of the construction of a "Municipal Solid Waste Landfill", there is no requirement to control, collect or combust the landfill gas created at the proposed site.

In subsequent conversations with personnel from the Nova Scotia Dept. of Environment the individuals spoken to affirmed that:

- Older closed landfills, such as Highway 101 Landfill in Sackville, Nova Scotia, were never subject to any regulation with regards to control and disbursement of landfill gas and would not be subject to regulation in the future.
- There are no regulations requiring new landfills to control and disburse landfill gas.

Given this information it is possible to conclude that the Highway 101 Landfill in Sackville, Nova Scotia:

- Was never, in the past, subject to regulation requiring the capture and combustion of the landfill gas
- Is not, at this time, subject to regulation requiring the capture and combustion of the landfill gas
- Will not be, in the future, subject to regulation requiring the capture and combustion of the landfill gas.

Therefore the Highway 101 Landfill at Sackville, Nova Scotia meets all legal and legislative requirements regarding additionality.

Attached is a letter from Nova Scotia Department of Environment outlining the regulatory requirements for landfills.

January 28, 2010

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Dear Mr. McLennan:

Re: Landfill Gas Collection

In December 2009, you had made an inquiry with our Department regarding Landfill Gas Collection and Nova Scotia provincial regulations.

From our *Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations*, Section 33,

"In addition to the information required under Section 32, a person who wishes to obtain an approval to operate a landfill for municipal solid waste shall supply the Minister with the following information:

(d) a description of gas collection and treatment systems".

This is regarding an approval to operate a new landfill and does not apply to older first generation landfills.

From our *Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Guidelines (October 1997)*, Section 6. Landfill Gas Management,

"Landfill gas production must be managed to control the discharge of potentially dangerous gases into the atmosphere. Venting and/or gas collection systems must be installed to control and monitor the gas production in the landfill. All new landfills must be assessed for the viability of energy recovery from the gas production. Landfill gas management systems will be evaluated on a case by case basis."

As stated above, these guidelines are in reference to new landfills and do not necessarily apply to older first generation landfills. Also keep in mind that this is a guideline and not a regulation, although the Department does follow the guideline with respect to new landfills. There are no regulatory requirement for an older landfill to have a gas management system in place. However, that is not to say that an older landfill could be required to put such a gas management system in place if the Department had received complaints about the site, such as odour.

I hope this response sufficiently addresses your concerns. Should you have any further questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Gregory Decker
Regional Engineer

Greenhouse Gas Quantification Report 2012

Highway 101 Landfill Gas Capture Project

**Prepared April 15, 2013 by
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Introduction

This report describes the GHG reductions from the capture and combustion of landfill gas and generation of electricity in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

This report focuses on the quantification of GHG reductions for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

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GHG Programs

According to the Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation and the Regional Municipality of Halifax, the landfill is not subject to Canadian regulations requiring it to collect its landfill gas. The site is owned by the Regional Municipality of Halifax, which has entered into a 20-year gas rights agreement with the Halifax Renewable Energy Corp.

Intended User(s) of this Report

The intended users of this report are the Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation and the purchaser of the emission reductions. This report will form the basis of the quantification of the GHG emission reductions which are required under the contract the two organizations have entered into. This report will be verified by an independent third party following the methodology of the ISO 14064-3:2006 standard. The subsequent

verification statement will be submitted to both parties. The report will be posted on the CSA CleanProjects™ Registry and will abide by all requirements of that registry.

ISO 14064

The project documents have been prepared in conformance with the ISO Standard “CAN/CSA-ISO 14064-2-06 - Greenhouse Gases - Part 2: Specification with Guidance at the Project Level for Quantification, Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions or Removal Enhancements”.

GHG Assertions

The project has adhered to the previously established measurement plan and has achieved **44,599** tonnes of CO₂ equivalent reductions for the period from Jan 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Project Description

The approximately 84-acre landfill opened in 1976 and accepted waste until 1997. Approximately 4 million tons of material was deposited at the site. Gas is extracted from seventy-five vertical collection wells installed in the landfill. A network of pipes is used to transport the collected gas from the wells to the power plant located at the eastern edge of the landfill. High pressure, centrifugal blowers and compressors located at the power plant apply vacuum to the collection piping to extract LFG (landfill gas) from the wells.

Electrical power is generated via combustion in two (2) GE/Jenbacher reciprocating engines that are specifically designed to operate on LFG. The in-service date of both engines was October 12, 2006 and the Effective Date was November 1, 2006. Each of the two engine sets is rated to produce roughly 1,063 kilowatts of electricity. According to manufacturer specifications, the GE/Jenbacher engines input energy at full load is 9,995 MBTU/hr. The heat rate is therefore 9402.6 BTU/kW-hr based on the lower heating value.

A LFG flare, which was in use prior to start-up of the power plant, remains available as a back-up to the generating station, although the power plant accepts all of the LFG that is recovered.

The LFG is first treated to remove moisture and particulates. The treated LFG is then pressurized, cooled and injected into engines that are coupled to generators. Combustion of the gas in the engines powers the generators to produce electricity that is then delivered to the electrical grid.

A DI.ANE XT control system is used to record information about each engine's performance including engine operating hours, engine pressure and temperature, and exported electricity. The DI.ANE's electronic logging system records data from the engines and stores it in an on-site database where the last three months are held before being overwritten. None of this data is used in the calculation of GHG emissions. On-site system operators also complete performance logs for each engine on a daily basis.

In addition to the above mentioned engine data logging system, a measurement and data logging system was installed in early 2008. This system measures the flow rate and concentration of methane as it flows from the landfill site into the engines. The system totalizes methane gas flow on a second by second basis and at midnight each day, the following is stored:

- Date/Time for this record
- Total methane gas volume flow for the previous 24 hours
- Percentage of methane (at midnight)
- Percentage of O₂ (at midnight)

The systems does not log or store any other data. This daily data can be exported out to an Excel compatible spreadsheet file. The data logging system became fully operational in April 2008.

GHG Emissions Reductions from the Project

On January 25, 2012 the data logger was reconfigured and the methane measurements that were recorded were about 30% less than before the reconfiguration. No cause of this change in measurement was found and the emission reductions for 2012 were, therefore, calculated using the following methodology.

Methane Calculations – Jan 1, 2012 to Dec 31, 2012

Due to the malfunction of the data logging system, the following methodology was used for calendar year 2012:

- From the 2011 data, the monthly ratio LFG gas volume to generated electricity was calculated.
- From the 2011 data, the monthly ratio methane gas volume to generated electricity was calculated.
- These two ratios were applied against the monthly electricity generation in 2012 to generate the estimated monthly volumes for 2012
- These estimates were then used in the same calculation as previous years to calculate the mass of methane destroyed for 2012.

Relevant Good Practice Guidance Used in the Project

Relevant good practice guidance procedures and criteria used to quantify the emission reductions from this project include:

- Emission Reduction Benefits Supply Agreement between Halifax Renewable Energy Corporation and purchaser of emission reductions
- Alberta Specified Gas Emitters Regulation – Quantification Protocol for Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion, September 2007, version 1, ISBN 978-0-7785-7235-0 (online) WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol for Projects, December 2005
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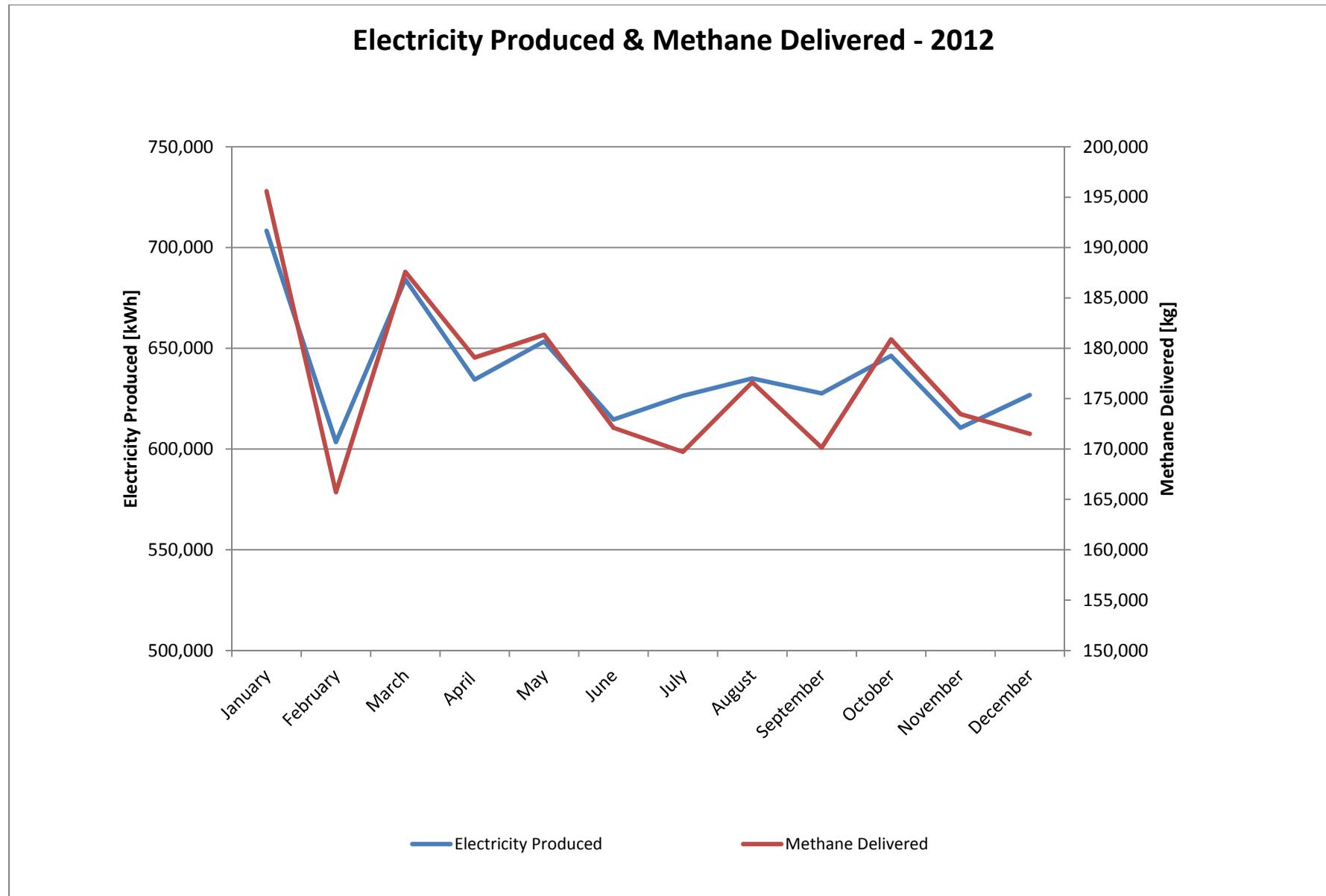
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This report covers the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Appendix A – Table 1 – Monthly Summary of Landfill Gas Emission Reductions, Jan 1, 2012 to Dec 31, 2012

Calculation of methane destroyed - 2012					
	Volume of Landfill Gas Delivered at 1 atmospheric pressure	Electrical Generation	Average % Methane Content	Quantity of Methane Delivered	Quantity of CO₂e Emission Reductions from Combustion
	[m³]	[kWh]	%	[kg]	[t CO₂e]
January	577,994.46	708,332.00	51.3%	195,594.46	4,107.48
February	542,209.68	603,422.00	46.4%	165,712.22	3,479.96
March	590,989.58	684,143.00	48.2%	187,588.91	3,939.37
April	545,539.23	634,436.00	49.8%	179,083.46	3,760.75
May	548,419.13	653,350.00	50.2%	181,348.66	3,808.32
June	524,013.16	614,628.00	49.8%	172,106.12	3,614.23
July	513,103.24	626,385.00	50.2%	169,713.44	3,563.98
August	515,965.75	635,048.33	51.9%	176,635.13	3,709.34
September	545,499.59	627,616.00	47.3%	170,139.28	3,572.92
October	534,353.53	646,297.00	51.4%	180,884.97	3,798.58
November	532,465.50	610,555.00	49.4%	173,458.91	3,642.64
December	544,384.27	626,800.00	47.8%	171,513.00	3,601.77
Total	6,514,937.12	7,671,012.33		2,123,778.55	44,599.35

Graph 1 – Electricity Produced and Methane Delivered – 2012



Graph 2 – Methane Destroyed – by Year

