

Annex F4

Investigation Reports of  
Environmental Quality  
Limit Exceedance

## Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedance

Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	6 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:39
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (Dissolved Oxygen (DO))
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: <5.80 mg/L Limit level: <5.42 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4T: 5.19 mg/L & 5.12 mg/L
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall event was recorded on 4 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 4 June 2019 before the sampling event on 6 June 2019. Site staff of the Contractor reported that during the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 6 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, after checking the site record of 6 June 2019 provided by the Contractor, the works in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T included erecting formwork, concreting works for Culvert X9 and rebar fixing at sediment trap, which are not potential sources of DO decrease.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream and no potential source leading to DO decrease from the Project-related activities, there is no adequate evidence showing that the DO exceedance at DP4T was deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	<p>Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall review (i) review the drainage system of the site and discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill</p>

	Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.
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## Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedance

Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	6 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:39 DP6: 15:19
Monitoring Location	DP4T and DP6
Parameter	Surface Water (Suspended Solids (SS))
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T and DP6: Action level: >11.7 mg/L Limit level: >12.7 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4T: 125 mg/L DP6: 473 mg/L
Possible reason	<p>DP4T:</p> <p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall event was recorded on 4 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 4 June 2019 before the sampling event on 6 June 2019. Site staff of the Contractor reported that during the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 6 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, after checking the site record of 6 June 2019 provided by the Contractor, the works in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T included erecting formwork, rebar fixing and concreting works for Culvert X9 at sediment trap, which are not potential sources of SS increase.</p> <p>During the weekly site inspection in the morning of the same day of sampling event, the concrete berm along the DP4T channel was observed to be damaged and exposed soil was accumulated along the berm of the DP4T channel, which might be a potential source of SS to the surface water at DP4T.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream, there is no adequate evidence showing that the SS exceedance at DP4T was only deemed to Project-related activities.</p>

	<p>DP6: During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall event was recorded on 4 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 4 June 2019 before the sampling event on 6 June 2019. Site staff of the Contractor reported that during the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream well passed DP6 along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 6 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP6 was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP6 on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and Clearwater Bay Country Park.</p> <p>Soil compaction work was observed next to the DP6 channel during the sampling event. In addition, after checking the site record of 6 June 2019 provided by the Contractor, the works in the vicinity of the channel leading to DP6 included filling up at Western Perimeter Bund at Cell 1X which is a potential source of SS increase; and lifting operation, erection of formwork and rebar fixing at leachate treatment plant areas, which are not potential sources of SS increase. The water discharged to the DP6 channel was treated by the Wetsep.</p> <p>However, environmental deficiencies were observed. During the sampling event, a stockpile of dusty materials was observed placing at the hill side of the channel leading to DP6 and exposed soil was observed next to the channel (not being covered by tarpaulin sheet or the muddy runoff in the area did pass through any silt trap). Besides, during the sampling event, it was observed that not all muddy water in the channel was treated by the Wetsep due to insufficient capacity of the Wetsep near DP6. The Contractor was reminded to remove/cover and minimize the stockpiles and exposed soil, and review the treatment capacity and the number of the Wetsep at DP6.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream, there is no adequate evidence showing that the SS exceedance at DP6 was only deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is

	<p>reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall (i) remove/cover and minimize the stockpiles and exposed soil, (ii) review the treatment capacity and the number of the Wetsep at DP6, and (iii) discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.</p>
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## Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedance

Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	14 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:26
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (Suspended Solids (SS))
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: >11.7 mg/L Limit level: >12.7 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4T: 62.2 mg/L
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall events were recorded on 10, 11 and 13 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 13 June 2019 before the sampling event on 14 June 2019. Site staff of the Contractor reported that during the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 14 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>However, environmental deficiencies were observed. During the sampling event, excavation work was observed next to the DP4T channel and exposed soil was observed next to the channel (not being covered by tarpaulin sheet or the muddy runoff in the area didn't pass through any silt trap), which are potential source of SS increases. During the weekly site inspection carried on 13 June 2019 morning before the sampling event, the concrete berm along the DP4T channel was observed to be damaged and exposed soil was accumulated along the berm of the DP4T channel which might be a potential source of SS to the surface water at DP4T.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream, there is no adequate evidence showing that the SS exceedance at DP4T was only deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation

	<p>measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall (i) remove/cover and minimize the stockpiles and exposed soil, and (ii) discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.</p>
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## Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedance

Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	20 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:15
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (pH)
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: <8.39 Limit level: <8.40
Measured Level	DP4T: 9.37 & 9.37
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall events were recorded on 10, 11 and 13 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 13 June 2019 before the sampling event on 20 June 2019. Site staff of the Contractor reported that during the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 14 June to 20 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T during the sampling event was due to the accumulated ponding water with the previous backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, after checking the site record of 20 June 2019 provided by the Contractor, the works in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T included erect formwork, rebar fixing and curing and CJ cleaning at sediment trap, which are not potential sources of pH increase.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream and no potential source leading to pH increase from the Project-related activities, there is no adequate evidence showing that the pH exceedance at DP4T was deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.

	In addition, the Contractor shall review the drainage system of the site and discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.
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Date	20 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:15
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (Suspended Solids (SS))
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: >11.7 mg/L Limit level: >12.7 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4T: 19.6 mg/L
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall events were recorded on 10, 11 and 13 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 13 June 2019 before the sampling event on 20 June 2019. Site staff of the Contractor reported that during the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 14 June to 20 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T during the sampling event was due to the accumulated ponding water with the previous backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, after checking the site record of 20 June 2019 provided by the Contractor, the works in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T included erect formwork, rebar fixing and curing and CJ cleaning at sediment trap, which are not potential sources of SS increase.</p> <p>During the weekly site inspection in the morning of the same day of sampling event, site water was observed at the sediment trap area which was pumped to a temporary holding area for retention at Cell 2 before further discharged to the DP4T channel.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream, there is no adequate evidence showing that the SS exceedance at DP4T was only deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is

	<p>reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.</p>
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## Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedance

Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	27 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:14
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (Dissolved Oxygen (DO))
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: <5.80 mg/L Limit level: <5.42 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4T: 5.28 mg/L & 5.45 mg/L
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall event was recorded on 25 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 25 June 2019 before the sampling event on 27 June 2019. During the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream might well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 27 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, no works which may lead to potential DO decrease was conducted in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T on and before the sampling day based on on-site observations and construction activities described by the Contractor. During the sampling event, no potential surface water discharge or overflow to the DP4T channel was observed.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream and no potential source leading to DO decrease from the Project-related activities, there is no adequate evidence showing that the DO exceedance at DP4T was deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	<p>Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall review the drainage system of the</p>

	site and discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.
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## Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedance

Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	27 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:14
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (pH)
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: >8.39 Limit level: >8.40
Measured Level	DP4T: 8.75 & 8.75
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall event was recorded on 25 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 25 June 2019 before the sampling event on 27 June 2019. During the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream might well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 27 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, no works which may lead to potential pH increase (e.g. concreting works) was conducted in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T on and before the sampling day based on on-site observations and construction activities described by the Contractor. During the sampling event, no potential surface water discharge or overflow to the DP4T channel was observed.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream and no potential source leading to pH increase from the Project-related activities, there is no adequate evidence showing that the pH exceedance at DP4T was deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	<p>Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall review the drainage system of the</p>

	site and discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.
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Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	27 June 2019
Time	DP4T: 15:14
Monitoring Location	DP4T
Parameter	Surface Water (Suspended Solids (SS))
Action / Limit Levels	DP4T: Action level: >11.7 mg/L Limit level: >12.7 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4T: 29.2 mg/L
Possible reason	<p>During the sampling event, the water level was observed to be above the weir plate for sampling. As there was flow of water from upstream to downstream, it was agreed on-site with IEC and GVL representatives that water monitoring and sampling should be carried out.</p> <p>From the on-site rainfall record of June 2019, heavy rainfall event was recorded on 25 June 2019. Amber rainstorm warning signal was also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 25 June 2019 before the sampling event on 27 June 2019. During the event, backflow of muddy water from downstream might well passed DP4T along the channel. The site rainfall record showed that there was little rainfall on 27 June 2019. It is therefore a high possibility that the high level of water observed at DP4T was due to backflow water from the TKO Fill Bank. The sample taken at DP4T on the day might not represent the surface water runoff from SENTX and further upstream.</p> <p>In addition, no works which may lead to potential SS increase was conducted in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4T on the sampling day based on on-site observations and construction activities described by the Contractor. During the sampling event, no potential surface water discharge or overflow to the DP4T channel was observed.</p> <p>Due to presence of the influencing factor from the downstream and no potential source leading to SS increase from the Project-related activities, there is no adequate evidence showing that the SS exceedance at DP4T was deemed to Project-related activities.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	<p>Examination of environmental performance of the Project will be continued during the weekly inspections. The Contractor is reminded to implement relevant and appropriate mitigation measures according to the updated EM&amp;A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Level.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall review the drainage system of the</p>

	site and discuss the drainage issues of the TKO Fill Bank with CEDD so that there will be no backflow of surface water runoff from TKO Fill Bank to the SENTX boundary.
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