

Annex F9

Investigation Reports of
Environmental Quality
Limit Exceedance

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Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	2 August 2023
Time	16:03
Monitoring Location	MWX-6
Parameter	Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
Limit Level	>46 mg /L
Measured Level	49 mg /L
Possible reason	<p>Groundwater contaminated with leachate is commonly characterized by high COD and ammoniacal-nitrogen levels as a result of degradation of organic matters in the waste. The ammoniacal-nitrogen monitoring result at groundwater monitoring wells MWX-6 (4.32 mg/L) and the COD monitoring results of the groundwater monitoring wells adjacent to MWX-6 (MWX-5: 24 mg/L and MWX-7: 28 mg/L) are well within the respective limit levels. Hence, there is a low possibility of the elevation of COD level at MWX-6 is due to leachate contamination from SENTX operation or at least it is not conclusive to base on these results to demonstrate exceedance was due to leachate contamination.</p> <p>In accordance with Table 4.5b of the updated EM&A Manual, repeat measurement was conducted on 22 September 2023 to confirm findings. COD concentration of 36 mg/L (below the Limit Level) was measured at MWX-6 during the sampling event, which demonstrate no consecutive groundwater quality impact at the monitoring location.</p> <p>According to the findings of the desktop review commissioned by GVL and EPD (the Employer) in May 2021 to investigate the potential sources of the elevated methane levels at the perimeter landfill gas monitoring wells at SENTX, pockets of organic matters are identified in the fill materials of the SENTX site upon review of the historical site investigation borehole logs at the Project Site area. It is possible that the elevated COD concentration measured at MWX-6 on 2 August 2023 could be due to localised organic matters within or around the monitoring well and background fluctuation.</p> <p>Due to the presence of influencing factor from non-project source and the subsequent month monitoring results at MWX-6 did not show any exceedance, there is no adequate evidence showing that the COD level exceedance measured at MWX-6 on 2 August 2023 was deemed to Project-related activities.</p> <p>It should also be noted that although the COD level exceeded the limit level of the EM&A programme, it is still well within the</p>

	<p>WPCO effluent discharge limit of COD (80 mg/L) and the standard for effluents discharged into the inshore waters of the Junk Bay Water Control Zone as stipulated under Technical Memorandum Standards for Effluents Discharged into Drainage and Sewerage Systems, Inland and Coastal Waters (80 mg/L). The slight exceedance of COD at MWX-6 on 2 August 2023 will not cause adverse water quality impact to the Junk Bay Water Control Zone.</p>
<p>Action Taken / Action to be Taken</p>	<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&A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Levels.</p> <p>ET will continue to closely monitor the groundwater quality monitoring results and collect additional data for investigation and further review, if necessary.</p>
<p>Remarks</p>	<p>-</p>

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Project	South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension
Date	4 August 2023
Time	14:17 and 14:25 (Duplicate)
Monitoring Location	DP4
Parameter	Surface Water (Suspended Solids (SS))
Limit Level	>20 mg/L
Measured Level	DP4: 57.4 mg /L DP4 (Duplicate): 46.3 mg /L
Possible reason	<p>From the on-site rainfall record of July and August 2023, heavy rainfall events were recorded on 28 to 31 July and 4 August 2023 before the sampling event. Red and amber rainstorm warning signal were also issued by the Hong Kong Observatory on 29 and 31 August 2023, respectively.</p> <p>No works which may lead to potential SS increase (e.g. active stockpiling and excavation works) was conducted in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4 on the sampling day based on on-site observations and construction activities described by the Contractor.</p> <p>During the sampling event, no raining was recorded and no other sources (e.g. other project sites) was identified in the vicinity of surface water channel leading to DP4 which might cause the SS exceedance at DP4. Site surface runoff at DP4 channel was treated by the Wetsep prior to discharge. The contaminated runoff from the unpaved areas during the previous rainfall events could also be the potential source of SS contributing to the exceedance. The SS exceedance at DP4 was therefore deemed to Project-related activities.</p> <p>In accordance with Table 4.5b of the updated EM&A Manual, repeat measurement was conducted on 15 August 2023 to confirm findings. Surface water samples with SS concentration of 12.2 mg/L and 12.6 mg/L (below the Limit Level) were sampled at DP4, which demonstrate no consecutive surface water quality impact at the monitoring location.</p>
Action Taken / Action to be Taken	<p>In accordance with Table 4.5b of the updated EM&A Manual, the monitoring frequency shall be increased to weekly until no exceedance of Limit Level. It should be noted that the turnaround time for the laboratory analysis of the surface water sample is 5 working days and the preliminary results for the monitoring event conducted on 4 August 2023 were available on 14 August 2023. Repeat measurement was conducted on 15 August 2023, and the SS results at DP4 are well below the Limit Level. Hence, the weekly</p>

	<p>surface water monitoring at DP4 shall not be triggered.</p> <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&A Manual to avoid any exceedance of the Action and Limit Levels.</p> <p>In addition, the Contractor shall review the efficiency of the Wetsep near sediment trap and monitor the Wetsep operation regularly to ensure it is functioning properly at all times.</p>
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