LANAI SANITARY LANDFILL STATE LAND USE COMMISSION FY2015 ANNUAL REPORT FOR SP94-386

Part 1: Project Summary

On January 23, 2014 the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) requested of the Planning Department Director a time extension of ten years for this permit. In July and August 2014 DEM received agency comment letters and sent out response letters in September 2014. In June 2015 a capacity study, comparing topographies from FY2015 with FY2014 and final grades, estimated remaining landfill life to be fifteen years. A memo was subsequently sent to the County Planning Department which revised the extension period from ten years to fifteen years. A hearing before the Lanai Planning Commission was not yet scheduled in FY2015.

Erosion control was the priority in FY2015 with hydroseeding of the bottom slopes done on April 20, 2015 by RMG Landscaping. Landfill staff prepared the slopes and kept them watered after hydroseeding so that the rye and Bermuda grasses were established as a continuous vegetative cover on the previously bare soil slopes. Piping was added to the bottom slope at one location to drain the road above the slope. Piping was added to the top slopes to drain the active area and the road below it onto the side slope into the perimeter swale.

Part 2: Project Compliance

Condition No. 1

That the State Land Use Commission Special Use Permit shall be valid until September 13, 2014, subject to further extensions by the Lana'i Planning Commission and the LUC upon a timely request for extension filed at least ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

Response

On January 23, 2014 the Department of Environmental Management requested another ten year extension of the Planning Department. The reply was received on January 27, 2014. Agencies were notified in July 2014 and response letters were sent to those commenting on the extension. Due to Planning Department staffing, no hearing was scheduled in FY2015.

Condition No. 2

That full compliance with all applicable governmental requirements shall be rendered.

Response

The landfill follows the operating criteria of RCRA 40 CFR Part 258 Subpart C-operating criteria and Chapter 58.1 of Title 11, Hawaii Administrative Rules, 11-58.1.1-15--Municipal solid waste landfills--operating criteria. The landfill has the small community exemption with less than 20 tons per day and an annual rainfall less than 20 inches.

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Condition No. 3

Petitioner shall utilize non-drinking water, to the extent possible, for grading and dust control at the landfill.

Response

The landfill has their own water truck and currently uses an agricultural source of water provided by Pulama Lana'i for dust control and maintenance of the grassed slopes.

Condition No.4

Petitioner shall ensure that impacts from windblown debris into Kalamaiki Gulch is mitigated in a timely manner.

Response

A series of litter fences are placed next to and downwind of the working face to catch litter before it blows away. Netting has been anchored by poles at the downwind landfill perimeter as well as downwind of the working face; portable litter fences are located downwind and adjacent to the working face. Landfill personnel routinely collect litter from these fences. Additionally, a 6-foot fence functions as a litter barrier on three sides of the landfill. Wood panels have been placed along the bottom of the fence to prevent litter from blowing under it. A fence has been placed along a section of the swale on the gulch side to stop litter from blowing over the side of the landfill. Refuse disposal is confined to the working face and is compacted after receipt to stop litter at its source.

Condition No.5

Petitioner shall immediately stop work and contact the State Historical Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources should any previously unidentified archaeological resources such as artifacts, shell, bone, charcoal deposits, human burial, rock or coral alignments, pavings or wall be encountered during development of the Special Permit area.

Response

The landfill is expanding vertically over an existing footprint so that filling occurs over a previously established disposal area rather than over new ground.

Condition No. 6

Petitioner shall fully comply with requirements of the State Department of Health for sanitary landfill operation.

Response

The landfill has passed the annual inspections made by personnel from the State Department of Health.

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Condition No.7

Petitioner shall timely provide without any prior notice, annual reports to the Land Use Commission and the County of Maui Planning Department in connection with the status of the subject project and Petitioner's progress in complying with the conditions imposed herein. The annual report shall also include the capacity remaining in the landfill at the time of submission of the annual report. The annual report shall be submitted in a form prescribed by the Executive Officer of the Commission.

Response

This submission of this report to the State Land Use Commission complies with this condition. Remaining capacity, projected by A-Mehr Inc., in June 2015 is 15.6 years from May 27, 2015 based on an annual usage of 19,475 cubic yards (cy) with a remaining capacity of 308,420 cy excluding final cover volume requirements.

Condition No. 8

The conditions imposed herein may be fully or partially released upon timely motion to the Lana'i Planning Commission and Land Use Commission and upon the provision of adequate assurance of satisfaction of these conditions by the Petitioner.

Response

In the June 29, 2004 request to the Planning Department for a time extension, the Solid Waste Division also requested that the former Conditions No. 3 and No. 4 be deleted as they have been met and are no longer applicable. They were deleted.

Condition No. 9

Two years prior to the expiration of this Permit, the Applicant shall come before the Lana'i Planning Commission with a comprehensive plan describing how the County and/or State plan to manage the Island of Lanai's solid waste and recycling.

Response

The lease to the redemption site, operated by Maui Disposal with state bottle bill funds, was not renewed by owner Larry Ellison effective June 30, 2013. The County does fund scrap metal and electronics collection events which are managed by Pulama Lana'i; the state funds HI5 bottle redemption. The plan will be presented to the Lana'i Planning Commission when the time extension request is heard.

Condition No. 10

That the Applicant implement the attached Best Management Practices designed to minimize infiltration and runoff during the operation of the landfill.

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Response

- The landfill does not collect scrap in containers, nor batteries or unused paint.
- Containers for supplies are kept on a concrete slab near the trailer office.
- A 15 ft. wide concrete perimeter swale collects run-on into and run-off from the landfill and routes it into a collection basin via two riprap channels.
- The swale is routinely cleared of any debris and sediment.
- The basin is cleared of accumulated sediment prior to the rainy season.
- The landfill side slopes and cover minimize infiltration of storm water into the waste.
- Greenwaste berms, placed around the top of the slopes, prevent run-off down the slopes.
- Bottom slopes have been hydroseeded with rye and Bermuda grass.
- Piping has been installed to direct run-off from terrace roads to the swale.
- Soil is applied on rainy days instead of the tarp as alternative daily cover.

In March 2013, the County hired a vendor to plant 400 feet of Vetiver grass along the lower fence and around the bottom slope of the landfill to control stormwater run-off which flowed across the bottom portion of the landfill from a culvert under the highway in September 2012. The Vetiver hedges have become established and have prevented stormwater run-off from flowing onto the landfill. An additional Vetiver hedge was planted at the base of the landfill in April 2014 for a total of three hedges in three areas.