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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

CCR Coal Combustion Residuals
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CM Construction Manager

CQA Construction Quality Assurance
CQC Construction Quality Control

GA EPD Georgia Environmental Protection Division

GCL Geosynthetic Clay Liner GPC Georgia Power Company

GRI Geosynthetic Research Institute
HDPE High Density Polyethylene

LCRS Leachate Collection and Removal System

LGP Low Ground Pressure

LLDPE Linear-Low Density Polyethylene MQC Manufacturer Quality Control

QA Quality Assurance QC Quality Control

T&PS Technical and Project Solutions

#### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 OVERVIEW

Georgia Power Company's (GPC's) Plant Branch (Site) formerly operated as a coal-fired power plant that commenced power generation in 1965. The plant, located in Putnam County, Georgia, is currently in the process of being decommissioned. Over the course of power generation at the facility, five Coal Combustion Residuals (CCRs) ponds, identified as Ponds A, B, C, D, and E, were utilized. Pond A, the first pond constructed at the facility, was taken out of service in the late 1960's and is officially closed. Ponds B, C, D, and E are currently inactive and will be closed by removal of the CCRs and placement in an on-site CCR landfill (Landfill) that is the subject of this permit application package.

The following Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan describes the quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) activities that will be undertaken during construction, operations (i.e., CCR placement), and cover system installation of the Landfill at Plant Branch. The purpose of this document is to define the scope, procedures, and acceptance criteria necessary to perform QA tasks such that the construction and operations elements of Landfill (hereafter referred to as "the Project") comply with the design as shown or indicated in the Construction Drawings, Technical Specifications, approved design changes, and other relevant design documents (collectively referred to as "Construction Documents" in the remainder of this CQA Plan).

#### 1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project will include the general activities described below:

- vegetation removal and clearing;
- removal of the skills center buildings;
- mass excavation for the landfill cells, stormwater management facilities, and site access roads;
- construction of earthen berm around the perimeter of the Landfill;
- construction of a composite liner system, leachate collection and removal system (LCRS), underdrain system, and associated stormwater management system features;
- CCR placement and compaction;

- construction of the final cover system; and
- other general site work.

Note that many of the activities described above will be conducted in a phased and overlapping manner.

#### 1.3 SCOPE OF PLAN

The scope of this Plan covers CQA services required during the Project. GPC intends to retain a third-party landfill contractor (hereafter referred to as simply "the Contractor") to execute the phased construction and filling of the Landfill. Performing construction quality control (CQC) is the Contractor's responsibility, using a qualified CQC Consultant or its own personnel as described subsequently in this Plan.

CQA will be provided by a consulting engineering firm, reporting to GPC/Technical & Project Solutions (T&PS), specializing in the inspection and testing of soils, CCR, and geosynthetics.

The scope of the CQA Plan includes:

- defining the qualifications and responsibilities of the CQA Consultant;
- establishing CQA testing protocols for the evaluation of the landfill construction and operational components;
- establishing procedures for the documentation of the landfill construction and operational components; and
- establishing procedures for providing final documentation verifying that the project conforms to the Construction Documents.

#### 2. CQA PLAN DEFINITIONS

# 2.1 CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL

In the context of this document, construction quality assurance and construction quality control are defined as follows:

- Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) A planned and systematic pattern of actions taken by an organization that operates separately from the Contractor and the Owner (i.e., independent party) to verify that construction materials and/or services achieve compliance with technical, contractual, and regulatory requirements. This generally involves observation, review of submitted test results by others, and conducting independent tests to verify conformity of the various components of the Project with the requirements of the Construction Documents.
- Manufacturer Quality Control/Construction Quality Control (MQC/CQC) A planned system of actions taken by the Contractor, Manufacturers, or Installers to monitor, check, and control the quality of their own work (verify that they are supplying materials and providing the workmanship as required by the Construction Documents). Sometimes the CQC services may be performed "in-house", and other times CQC services are subcontracted to an outside consultant hired by the Contractor. MQC refers to QC functions performed by manufacturers, and CQC refers to QC functions performed by construction contractors and installers.

#### 2.2 CONFORMANCE TESTING AND PERFORMANCE TESTING

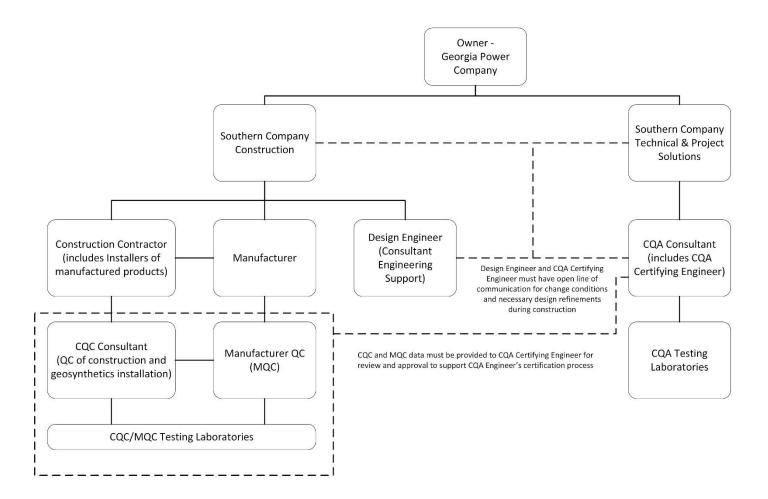
In the context of this document, conformance testing and performance testing are defined as follows:

- Conformance Testing Testing performed to evaluate whether a
  construction material (e.g., soil, aggregate, or geosynthetic) to be used on
  the Project possesses properties and characteristics that are in conformance
  with the specified parameters. By definition, conformance testing is
  conducted before a material is installed.
- Performance Testing Testing performed on a completed work product to evaluate whether the construction material (e.g., soil, aggregate, or geosynthetic) as-constructed/installed possesses properties and

characteristics that are in conformance with the specified performance parameters and work product acceptance criteria.

#### 2.3 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

An organization chart is presented on the following page, illustrating the relationships between the various project parties. Further details on personnel, their roles, and required qualifications are provided in Section 3.



#### 3. PERSONNEL

#### 3.1 CQA CONSULTANT

#### 3.1.1 Definition

The CQA Consultant is the party, retained by GPC/T&PS, but independent from GPC/T&PS and the Contractor, responsible for observing and documenting CQA activities related to the Project and reviewing CQC submittals prepared by the Contractor/Manufacturer related to the Project, as described in this CQA Plan. The qualifications and responsibilities of the CQA Consultant are described below. Resumes and qualifications including experience with projects of similar type, size and complexity will be provided to GPC/T&PS for their review and approval.

#### 3.1.2 Qualifications

The CQA Consultant will:

- have specialized experience in the design of geoenvironmental infrastructure involving earthwork, waste materials management, geosynthetics and piping installations, project-site water management, revegetation, containment systems, and final cover system design, and CQA of these components;
- possess the equipment, personnel, and licenses necessary to conduct the monitoring required by this CQA Plan and the Construction Documents;
- be experienced in the CQA of earthwork, geosynthetics, piping systems, and other activities required for the Project;
- be experienced in the review of Contractor CQC submittals for conformance with the Project requirements and in the resolution of non-conformances; and
- be experienced in the preparation and/or review of CQA documentation including CQA plans, field documentation, field testing procedures, laboratory testing procedures, technical specifications, technical drawings, and CQA certification reports.

The CQA Consultant organization will be led by the CQA Certifying Engineer, who will be a Professional Engineer registered to practice in the

state of Georgia. The CQA Site Manager will be the on-site representative of the CQA Consultant and will have experience in construction activities required for the Project.

#### 3.1.3 Responsibilities

The CQA Consultant will be responsible for:

- reviewing the Construction Documents prior to the start of the construction;
- monitoring the compliance of construction materials delivered to the site with the MQC/CQC submittals and conformance requirements and/or shop drawings previously reviewed and approved by the Design Engineer;
- monitoring and documenting the activities of the Contractor relative to the installation of the final cover system components as well as various general site work related to the Project;
- monitoring that the Contractor's construction methods and workmanship are performed in accordance with the Construction Documents;
- performing on-site field and/or laboratory QA verification testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer;
- maintain calibration certificates of CQC field-testing equipment (i.e., tensiometer, pressure gauges) required by the CQA plan in the CQA Consultant's on-site project file;
- reviewing field and laboratory CQC test results required by the CQA plan and ensuring they are posted to the project database within a time frame that does not impede or delay construction activities; and
- promptly notifying GPC/T&PS of any nonconformances of the Contractor's work with any CQA requirements of the Project, including those requirements related to the prompt delivery of CQC results required by the CQA Plan to the CQA consultant.

The specific duties of the individual CQA personnel are discussed in the following subsections.

#### 3.1.3.1 CQA Certifying Engineer

The CQA Certifying Engineer:

- reviews the Construction Documents;
- attends scheduled meetings related to Project construction quality activities;
- administers the CQA program (i.e., assigns and manages all onsite CQA personnel, reviews all field reports, provides engineering review of all CQA-related activities);
- provides quality control of CQA documentation;
- reviews and documents changes to the design during construction; and
- prepares and seals the CQA Certification Reports.

#### 3.1.3.2 CQA Site Manager

The CQA Site Manager:

- serves as the on-site representative of the CQA Consultant;
- familiarizes all CQA field technicians with the site, Construction Documents, and the CQA requirements;
- manages the daily activities of the CQA field technicians;
- attends regularly scheduled CQA-related meetings on-site;
- reviews the ongoing preparation of the construction record drawings;
- reviews test results, certifications, and documentation provided by the Contractor, Geosynthetics Manufacturer, and Installer and makes appropriate recommendations;
- reviews the CQA field technicians' daily notes and logs;

- prepares a daily report for the project;
- reviews the results of field and laboratory testing and makes appropriate recommendations;
- reports any unresolved deviations from the CQA Plan and Construction Documents to the Construction Manager and CQA Certifying Engineer;
- assists with the preparation of the CQA Certification Reports;
- reviews the Geosynthetics Manufacturer's quality control (MQC) documentation; and
- performs duties of CQA field technician, as needed.

#### 3.1.3.3 CQA Field Technicians

#### CQA field technicians:

- monitor material stockpiles for any deterioration of materials;
- monitor surface-water drainage in the areas of soil and geosynthetic material stockpiles;
- monitor foundation improvement and earthwork placement and compaction operations;
- monitor the unloading, storage, and on-site handling of the geosynthetics;
- monitor geosynthetic material deployment and installation operations;
- monitor geosynthetic repair operations;
- document any on-site activities that could result in damage to the soils or geosynthetic components of the construction and report them as soon as practical to the CQA Site Manager;
- prepare daily field reports; and

report problems to the CQA Site Manager.

#### 3.2 CQA EARTHWORK LABORATORY

#### 3.2.1 Definition

The CQA Earthwork Testing Laboratory (CQA Earthwork Laboratory) is a party of the CQA Consultant and will be responsible for conducting CQA geotechnical laboratory testing in accordance with standards referenced in the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing results generated by the CQA Earthwork Laboratory will be used by the CQA Consultant to verify compliance of the earthwork with the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan.

#### 3.2.2 Qualifications

The CQA Earthwork Laboratory will be experienced in testing of soils and CCR using methods in accordance with American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) and other applicable soil test standards and holding appropriate and current industry certification(s)/accreditation(s). The CQA Earthwork Laboratory will be capable of providing test results within a maximum of seven (7) working days of receipt of samples, except for those tests that require longer to perform, and will maintain that capability throughout the duration of the earthwork construction.

Prior to construction, the CQA Earthwork Laboratory will be required to submit their qualifications and QA/QC procedures to the CQA Consultant and the GPC/T&PS for review and comment.

#### 3.3 CQA GEOSYNTHETICS LABORATORY

#### 3.3.1 Definition

The CQA Geosynthetics Testing Laboratory is a party of the CQA Consultant and will be responsible for conducting tests on samples of geosynthetic materials used in the construction in accordance with standards referenced in the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing results generated by the CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory will be used by the CQA Consultant to verify compliance of the geosynthetic materials with the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan.

#### 3.3.2 Qualifications

The CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory will be currently accredited by the Geosynthetic Institute (GSI) under their Geosynthetic Accreditation Institute-Laboratory Accreditation Program (GAI-LAP), be approved by the Certifying CQA Engineer and the GPC/T&PS and have experience in testing geosynthetics to be used for the Project. The CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory will be familiar with ASTM and other applicable geosynthetic test standards. The CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory will be capable of providing destructive test results for geomembrane field seams within 24 hours of receipt of samples and will maintain that capability throughout the duration of geosynthetic material installation.

Prior to construction, the CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory will be required to submit their qualifications and QA/QC procedures to the CQA Consultant and the GPC/T&PS for review and comment

#### 3.4 CQC PERSONNEL

#### 3.4.1 Definition

The Contractor is responsible for supplying materials and providing the workmanship as required by the Construction Documents. The Construction Documents may include required CQC activities for certain components of the Project, and/or may give the Contractor the option to develop a CQC program for control of their own work. Under this approach, if the Contractor implements a CQC program, they may perform CQC activities "in-house", or may subcontract these activities to an outside party. Whether in-house or subcontracted, the individuals assigned to perform CQC on the Contractor's behalf are referred to herein as "CQC Personnel".

#### 3.4.2 Qualifications

CQC Personnel should be experienced in the CQC of earthwork, geosynthetics, piping systems, and other activities required for the Project. CQC Personnel should also possess the necessary equipment and materials to conduct CQC activities on behalf of the Contractor. CQC Personnel should be experienced in the preparation and/or review of CQC documentation including manufacturer and supplier documentation, field documentation, field testing procedures, and laboratory testing procedures and results.

#### 3.5 DESIGN ENGINEER

The Design Engineer is the engineer-of-record under whose direction the on-site CCR Landfill was prepared. The Design Engineer will be a Professional Engineer registered in the state of Georgia. The Design Engineer will be responsible for:

- approving all design and specification changes and making design clarifications that may be required during construction;
- assisting the Construction Manager in reviewing and approving the Contractor's shop drawings and submittals, as necessary;
- periodically visiting the site during construction and attending the project coordination meetings, as required, to verify conformance with the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan; and
- discussing and interpreting all elements of the design and having the authority to recommend changes or modifications to the Construction Documents for approval by GPC/T&PS and GA EPD, as required.

The CQA Consultant and Design Engineer may be from the same organization.

#### 3.6 SURVEYOR

The Surveyor is the party acceptable to GPC/T&PS and retained by the Contractor, who will be responsible for performing surveying activities and issuing survey products in accordance with the Construction Documents, and for signing and sealing the construction survey record drawings. The Surveyor will be a State of Georgia licensed Professional Land Surveyor, with personnel experienced in the provision of surveying services and their detailed documentation. GPC/T&PS may also retain a third-party surveyor, having similar qualifications, to perform verification surveys.

#### 3.7 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

The Construction Manager is an individual, appointed by GPC/T&PS, who will serve as the owner's representative and who will be responsible for overall management of the construction Project. The Construction Manager will give direction to the Contractor. The CQA Consultant will provide the Construction Manager with notifications, reports, and monitoring logs as requested and as described further throughout this CQA Plan.

#### 3.8 CONTRACTOR

The term "Contractor" refers to the General Contractor (i.e., the Prime Contractor) who is retained by the Owner to conduct the construction. In general, the Contractor will be responsible for furnishing and installing materials in accordance with the Construction Documents (unless certain items may be procured and/or installed under separate contracts with or on behalf of the Owner). In this role, the Contractor will be responsible for earthwork activities, installation of lined cells and their leachate management systems, installation of the final cover system, and constructing associated surface water management features and other related site work. The Contractor may subcontract with various parties to conduct certain portions of the Project (e.g., geosynthetic Installer(s)). The Owner will select a Contractor qualified for this Project through experience constructing projects involving similar work elements, and with personnel and equipment availability as needed to execute a project of this magnitude.

As set forth in the Construction Documents, the Contractor will prepare various Work Plans for approval by the Owner. During construction, the Contractor will work with the Owner/Construction Manager to develop an approved schedule, execute the work according to that schedule, and communicate the timing of key milestones/activities with appropriate project parties (e.g., CQA Consultant). Note that the preceding description of the Contractor's roles and responsibilities is only a general summary and does not represent the comprehensive scope of work required by the Construction Documents. In the event of any discrepancies, the Construction Documents will govern.

#### 3.9 GEOSYNTHETICS MANUFACTURERS AND INSTALLERS

Geosynthetics are manufactured materials. The Manufacturers who will supply geosynthetic materials for this Project (either procured by the Contractor or procured by the GPC/T&PS, as established for the scope of work set forth in the Closure Construction Contract) are responsible for the manufacture/fabrication of such materials and for quality control during manufacture/fabrication. The minimum Manufacturer qualifications for the various geosynthetic materials of the Project are set forth in the Technical Specifications.

The geosynthetic Manufacturers must implement an MQC program. MQC refers to actions taken at their manufacturing facility (i.e., prior to shipment to the jobsite) to control the quality of their products and to monitor/verify that the materials and workmanship of the geosynthetics meet the Project requirements as set forth herein and in the Construction Documents. The MQC program will

be conducted by MQC personnel who are stationed at the manufacturing facility (i.e., employed or contracted by the Manufacturer), and overseen by an MQC manager. The MQC program will include QC sampling and testing by an MQC technician certified through the GCI-ICP Certification program.

Manufactured geosynthetics products are placed and installed in the field by an Installer, who will be subcontracted by the Contractor. The minimum geosynthetics Installer qualifications for the various geosynthetic materials of the Project are set forth in the Technical Specifications.

#### 3.10 PERMITTING AUTHORITY

GA EPD is the permitting authority who will be responsible for final approval of the CQA Certification Report(s).

#### 4. DOCUMENTATION

#### 4.1 **OVERVIEW**

The CQA Consultant will prepare and retain necessary documentation related to the CQA monitoring activities performed, including review and evaluation of CQC submittals required by the CQA Plan and provided by the CQC Consultant. The CQA Site Manager will provide these records to the Construction Manager as requested. The CQA Site Manager will also maintain a complete file of the Construction Documents, CQA Plan, Contractor's QC Plan(s), checklists, test procedures, daily field reports, QC data sheets and logs required by the CQA Plan, and other pertinent design, construction, and CQA documentation at the site.

#### 4.2 DAILY RECORD KEEPING

The CQA Consultant's daily reporting procedures will include: (i) daily field report; (ii) monitoring logs; (iii) photographs; (iv) testing data sheets; and (v) when appropriate, non-conformance and corrective measures reports.

#### 4.2.1 Daily Field Reports

The CQA Consultant's daily field reports will include the following information as applicable:

- date, project name, location, and other pertinent project identifiers;
- weather conditions including temperature, wind direction and speed, cloud cover, and any precipitation events;
- site equipment and personnel (including the CQA personnel);
- summary on meetings and/or communications held and their results;
- a list of off-site materials received;
- process description(s) and location(s) of construction activities underway during the time frame of the report;
- an accurate record of calibrations or standardizations performed on field-testing equipment, including actions taken because of recalibrations;

- descriptions and specific locations of areas, of work being tested and/or observed and documented;
- descriptions, maps, or sketches of locations where tests and samples were taken;
- a narrative summary of field test results;
- decisions made regarding acceptance of work, and/or corrective actions to be taken in instances of substandard testing results; and
- reference to data sheets and non-conformance reports used to substantiate the non-conformances described above.

#### 4.2.2 Monitoring Logs and Test Data Sheets

The CQA Consultant will record monitoring observations and test results on appropriate monitoring logs and test data sheets, respectively. The CQA Consultant will use the monitoring logs and test data sheets to track completeness of the required CQA activities.

The CQA Consultant's monitoring logs will include the following information as applicable:

- project specific information such as project name, location, and other pertinent project identifiers;
- the date the CQA activity was performed;
- a unique identifying sheet number for cross-referencing and document control;
- description or title of the CQA activity, along with the location and type of activity;
- recorded observation;
- results of the CQA activity and comparison with specification requirements (pass/fail); and
- the initials or signature of personnel involved in CQA inspection activity.

The CQA Consultant will maintain separate monitoring logs to track and catalog all QC information required by the CQA Plan and received from the CQC Consultant and to document conformance or nonconformance of the information with the requirements of the Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant may also maintain a log of periodic photographic documentation obtained as a pictorial record of construction.

#### 4.2.3 Non-conformance and Corrective Measures Reporting

A non-conformance is defined herein as material or workmanship that does not meet the specified requirement(s) contained in the Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant will prepare non-conformance and corrective measures reports as needed and will cross-reference the reports to specific daily field reports or monitoring logs where the non-conformance was identified. The reports will include the following information, as applicable:

- a unique identifying sheet number for cross-referencing and document control;
- detailed description of the problem;
- location of the problem;
- probable cause;
- how and when the problem was located;
- estimation of how long problem has existed;
- suggested corrective measures;
- documentation of corrections (referenced to test data sheets);
- suggested methods to prevent similar problems; and
- signature of the appropriate CQA field technicians and the CQA Site Manager.

The CQA Consultant will inform the Construction Manager in writing of any significant recurring non-conformance with the Construction Documents or CQA Plan. It will be the responsibility of the Construction Manager to direct the Contractor to make appropriate changes in

materials or procedures to correct the non-conformance. The CQA Consultant will document the corrective actions taken to mitigate non-conformances.

#### 4.3 CQA CERTIFICATION REPORTS

At the completion of construction phases or on a more frequent basis, the CQA Consultant will provide GPC/T&PS with CQA Certification Reports pertaining to each construction phase, for submittal to GA EPD. These reports will acknowledge that: (i) the work has been performed in compliance with the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan; (ii) physical sampling and testing has been conducted with appropriate standards and at pre-defined frequencies; (iii) the Contractor's and MQC and CQC documentation, if required by the CQA Plan, is in conformance with the submittal requirements and technical specifications; and (iv) the test results met the minimum requirements defined in the Construction Documents, the permit, and this CQA Plan.

At a minimum, the CQA Certification Reports will include:

- summary of CQA activities;
- daily field reports;
- monitoring logs;
- QC (if required by the CQA Plan) and QA test data sheets including sample locations (a site grid is to be used to locate soil density, moisture content, and hydraulic conductivity tests);
- QC (if required by the CQA Plan) and QA certifications and laboratory test results;
- non-conformance and corrective measures reports;
- written correspondence with GA EPD;
- documentation of design changes, deviations from the design or permit documents, modifications that were implemented during construction that were needed due to un-anticipated field conditions, clarifications, or revisions; and

 a summary statement indicating compliance with the Construction Documents and any approved changes, signed and sealed by the CQA Certifying Engineer.

The record drawings produced by the Surveyor will also be included as part of the CQA Certification Reports. Required record drawings and their contents are set forth in the Technical Specifications, along with related Surveyor qualification requirements. In general, the record drawings will include scaled drawings depicting the locations and details pertaining to the extent of construction (e.g., depths, plan dimensions, elevations, soil component thicknesses, etc.) and geomembrane panel layout drawings.

#### 5. CCR STACKING

#### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

CQA monitoring and testing will be performed during coal combustion residuals (CCR) stacking (i.e., placement) in the CCR landfill. CQC monitoring and testing may be performed during CCR stacking at the option of the Contractor. Minimum acceptance criteria to be used for evaluation of acceptability of CCR stacking are identified in **Appendix A** of this CQA Plan.

#### 5.2 CONFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS AND TESTING

#### **5.2.1** Conformance Observations

The CQA Consultant will observe the CCR material to verify it is uniform and conforms to the requirements of the Construction Documents.

#### **5.2.2** Conformance Test Methods and Frequencies

Conformance testing to characterize the general consistency and compaction characteristics of CCR materials during construction will be performed by the CQA Consultant in accordance with the specified methods and minimum frequencies presented in **Appendix A** of this CQA Plan. The CQA Consultant may also conduct additional verification QA testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 5.3 CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

The CQA Consultant will monitor CCR stacking for conformance with the Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant will also evaluate the procedures, methods, and equipment used by the Contractor to stack the CCR. This will include visual observation and documentation of the Contractor's CCR stacking activities for the following:

- changes in CCR consistency;
- lift thicknesses as loosely placed and compacted, and placement of CCR in relatively horizontal lifts;
- CCR conditioning prior to placement including general observations regarding moisture distribution, clod size, etc.;

- the action of compaction equipment and heavy hauling equipment on the CCR surface for evidence of it being relatively firm and unyielding after several passes of the compaction equipment;
- grading of the working surface in such a way to minimize the stormwater run-on;
- desiccation cracks or the presence of ponded water;
- sealing of the surface to the extent possible at the end of each day's activities;
- scarification of the sealed CCR surface prior to the placement of the next lift to promote lift bonding; and
- condition of final surfaces.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor any field pilot studies required by the Construction Documents or otherwise implemented at the Contractor's discretion during construction to evaluate appropriate CCR placement methods (i.e., lift thickness, optimum moisture window, type of compaction equipment, and number of passes). The CQA Consultant will review results of any QC testing performed by the Contractor related to the foregoing activities.

#### 5.4 PERFORMANCE TESTING

Performance tests to evaluate the suitability of in-place CCR material will be performed by the CQA Consultant in accordance with the current ASTM or other applicable test procedures. The specified methods and minimum frequencies are indicated in **Appendix A** of this CQA Plan. The CQA Consultant may also conduct additional verification QA testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 5.5 DEFICIENCIES

If a deficiency (i.e., non-conformance of the materials or workmanship with the requirements of the Construction Documents) is discovered in the CCR stacking, the CQA Consultant will assess the extent and nature of the deficiency by performing additional tests, observations, review of records, or other means that the CQA Consultant deems appropriate. If the defect is related to adverse site conditions, such as overly wet CCR or surface desiccation, the CQA Consultant will define the limits and nature of the defect.

If the deficiency cannot be resolved by the Contractor immediately or as soon as practical after identification, the CQA Site Manager will schedule appropriate retests for after the work deficiency is corrected.

The CQA Consultant will verify that:

- the Contractor has corrected all noted deficiencies before any additional work can be performed in the area of the deficiency; and
- if a specified criterion cannot be met because of site-specific reasons or unusual weather conditions hindering the work, the Contractor will submit suggested solutions or alternatives to the Design Engineer and Construction Manager for review.

#### 5.6 DOCUMENTATION

CQA monitoring and testing will be documented by the CQA Consultant on forms specifically designed for this purpose. Reports and forms will be submitted to the Construction Manager.

#### 6. EARTHWORK

#### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

CQA monitoring will be performed during earthwork construction. CQC monitoring and testing may be performed during earthwork construction at the option of the Contractor. The earthwork will include: (i) general earthwork for preparation of subgrade and placement of soil for dikes, channels, roads, ponds, ditches, underdrain system, etc.; (ii) placement of granular materials such as sand, gravel, base aggregate, and riprap; (iii) placement of soil components of the liner system for the waste cells and stormwater ponds; and (iv) placement of soil components of the final cover system. Minimum acceptance criteria to be used for evaluation of acceptability of the various earthwork components are identified in **Appendix B** of this CQA Plan.

#### 6.2 RECORD DRAWINGS AND AS-BUILT SURVEYS

During construction of the earthwork components, the CQA Consultant will routinely review record drawings submitted by the Contractor. Prior to the placement of successive soil or geosynthetic layers, the CQA Consultant will review as-built surveys that indicate compliance of the preceding layer thickness, limits, and grades.

#### 6.3 SUBGRADE

During construction, the CQA Consultant will monitor and document subgrade preparation to confirm that a firm and smooth surface free of vegetation and other deleterious materials is achieved. Material placed to achieve design grades will be monitored by the CQA Consultant to verify that the subgrade material and fill placement, grading, and compaction complies with the Construction Documents.

It will be the responsibility of the CQA Consultant to delineate any areas of nonconformance and observe their mitigation to verify that acceptable results are achieved.

#### 6.4 CONFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS AND TESTING

#### 6.4.1 Conformance Observations

The CQA Consultant will observe the earthwork components to verify they are uniform and conform to the requirements of the Construction Documents. For soil materials obtained from on-site sources, visual inspections will be performed by the CQA Consultant prior to the materials being used. If soil materials are obtained from off-site borrow sources, visual inspection may be performed by the CQA Consultant at the source location. Borrow area inspections may also be utilized by the CQA Consultant to verify that only suitable soil materials are transported to the site.

The CQA Consultant will confirm that granular materials (i.e., sand, gravel, base aggregate, and riprap) are certified by the Contractor's supplier to meet the requirements of the material type shown on the Construction Documents and are free of contamination. All materials failing to comply with conformance standards will be rejected for use at the site.

Initial on-site evaluation of various soil types by CQA personnel during construction will be largely by visual and manual methods; therefore, the CQA personnel will be experienced with visual and manual soil classification procedures.

#### 6.4.2 Conformance Test Methods and Frequencies

Conformance testing to evaluate the suitability of soil and granular materials during construction will be performed by the CQA Consultant in accordance with the current ASTM or other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies indicated in the tables for each material type, as presented in **Appendix B**. The CQA Consultant may also conduct additional verification QA testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 6.5 CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

During installation of the earthwork components, the CQA Consultant will observe and document the earthwork components to verify they are installed in accordance with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The CQA Consultant will also evaluate the procedures, methods, and equipment used by the Contractor to install the earthwork components. This will include visual observation and documentation of the Contractor's earthwork activities for the following:

- changes in soil consistency;
- thickness of lifts as loosely placed and compacted, where applicable;

- soil conditioning prior to placement including general observations regarding moisture distribution, clod size, etc.;
- condition of final surfaces;
- placement methods which may damage or cause displacement or wrinkling of geosynthetics;
- the action of the compaction and heavy hauling equipment on the construction surface (sheepsfoot penetration, pumping, cracking, rutting, etc.) for compacted soil layers;
- the number of passes used to compact each lift, where applicable; and
- desiccation cracks or the presence of ponded water for the clay liner.

#### 6.6 PERFORMANCE TESTING

Performance tests that are used to evaluate the suitability of in-place constructed soil and granular components will be performed by the CQA Consultant in accordance with the current ASTM or other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies indicated in the tables for each material type, as presented in **Appendix B**. The CQA Consultant may also conduct additional verification QA testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer. If testing indicates that the in-place material does not meet the required specifications, the material is required to be reworked and retested or removed, replaced, and retested.

#### 6.7 **DEFICIENCIES**

If a deficiency (i.e., non-conformance of the materials or workmanship with the requirements of the Construction Documents) is discovered in the earthwork construction, the CQA Consultant will assess the extent and nature of the deficiency by performing additional tests, observations, review of records, or other means that the CQA Consultant deems appropriate. If the defect is related to adverse site conditions, such as overly wet soils or surface desiccation, the CQA Consultant will define the limits and nature of the defect.

If the deficiency cannot be resolved by the Contractor immediately or as soon as practical after identification, the CQA Site Manager will schedule appropriate retests for after the work deficiency is corrected.

The CQA Consultant will verify that:

- the Contractor has corrected all noted deficiencies before any additional work can be performed in the area of the deficiency; and
- if a specified criterion cannot be met because of site-specific reasons or unusual weather conditions hindering the work, the Contractor will submit suggested solutions or alternatives to the Design Engineer and Construction Manager for review.

#### 6.8 DOCUMENTATION

CQA monitoring observations will be documented by the CQA Consultant on forms specifically designed for this purpose. Reports and forms will be submitted to the Construction Manager.

#### 7. GEOMEMBRANE AND CLOSURETURF®

#### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will perform conformance and destructive seam testing, review the MQC documentation and test results, and monitor the installation of geomembranes to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met. These procedures will also be followed by the CQA Consultant during installation of the geomembrane component of the ClosureTurf® system that may be used as an alternative final cover system.

#### 7.2 MANUFACTURING PLANT VISIT

At the request of GPC/T&PS, the CQA Consultant or the Owner's Representative will visit the plant of the geomembrane Manufacturer to verify that manufacturing quality control procedures are in conformance with the Construction Documents. If possible, such a visit will be performed prior to or during the manufacturing of the geomembrane rolls for the Project.

During the project-specific manufacturing plant visit, the CQA Consultant or the Owner's Representative will:

- verify that the measurements of properties by the Manufacturer are properly documented, and test methods used are acceptable;
- spot-inspect the rolls and verify that they are free of holes, blisters, or any sign of contamination by foreign matter;
- review packaging and transportation procedures to verify that these procedures are not damaging the geomembrane;
- verify that all rolls are properly labeled; and
- verify that extrusion rods and/or beads manufactured for the field seaming
  of the geomembrane are derived from the same base resin type as the
  geomembrane.

Upon completion of the manufacturing plant visit, a report describing the findings and observations will be completed by the CQA Consultant or the Owner's Representative and be included as an attachment to the CQA Certification Reports.

## 7.3 TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The CQA Consultant will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the geomembrane on the Project site. Upon delivery at the site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected in the rolled material. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Construction Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, that will be rejected and removed from the site because they have severe or non-repairable flaws that may compromise geomembrane quality; and
- rolls that include minor and repairable flaws that do not compromise geomembrane quality.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor that equipment used to handle the geomembrane on-site is adequate and does not pose any risk of damage to the geomembrane during handling.

## 7.4 MANUFACTURER QC (MQC) TESTING AND CONFORMANCE (CQA) TESTING

# 7.4.1 Geomembrane Material MQC Testing Requirements

The geomembrane Manufacturer will perform QC testing on the geomembrane materials and panels that will be used on this Project in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures, and at the minimum MQC frequencies presented in the **Appendix C** tables corresponding to each geomembrane material type that will be used.

The CQA Consultant will review the MQC certifications and test results to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

# 7.4.2 Geomembrane Conformance CQA Testing Requirements

The CQA Consultant will coordinate, and a qualified laboratory will perform, geomembrane CQA testing to evaluate the conformance of the geomembrane with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at

the minimum frequencies indicated in the **Appendix C** tables corresponding to each geomembrane material type that will be used.

The CQA Consultant may conduct additional conformance testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer.

# 7.4.3 Interface Shear Strength Testing Requirements

The CQA Consultant will coordinate, and the Geosynthetics Laboratory will perform, interface shear strength tests for the liner system and final cover system interface configurations. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies presented below for liner system and final cover system interfaces. Testing will be conducted as set forth in the Construction Documents. In particular, the Technical Specification for interface shear strength conformance testing specifies the testing laboratory qualification requirements, submittal requirements, testing parameters requirements, interfaces to test, and acceptance criteria.

# 7.4.3.1 Liner System

Liner system interface shear strength tests will be conducted in accordance with ASTM D5321 and under testing conditions prescribed in the Construction Documents. The tests will be conducted at a minimum frequency of one per lined cell or change in product or material type. Both peak and large displacement strengths will be evaluated in the tests. Liner system liner interface shear strength tests will include the following interfaces:

- Geomembrane with fine-screened compacted clay liner (if the liner system incorporates fine-screened compacted clay liner material at an interface);
- Geomembrane with GCL (if the liner system alternative using a GCL is selected);
- GCL with compacted clay liner (if the liner system alternative using a GCL is selected);
- Geomembrane with geocomposite drainage layer or nonwoven geotextile cushion layer; and

 Geocomposite drainage layer or non-woven geotextile cushion layer with sand or gravel layer.

Peak and Large Displacement Internal/Interface Shear Strength
Values for Liner System

Peak		Large Displacement	
Normal Stress (psi)	Shear Strength (psi)	Normal Stress (psi)	Shear Strength (psi)
2	0.89	2	0.28
10	2.31	10	1.41
50	11.54	50	7.03
110	25.40	110	15.46

The peak interface shear strength shall equal or exceed an effective friction angle of 13° assuming no adhesion or another combination of friction angle and adhesion approved by the Design Engineer.

The large displacement (or residual) interface shear strength shall equal or exceed an effective friction angle of 8° assuming no adhesion or another combination of friction angle and adhesion approved by the Design Engineer.

The interface shear strength for the liner system shall satisfy the minimum peak and residual interface shear parameters and/or the shear strength values listed in the table above.

# 7.4.3.2 Final Cover System

Final cover system interface shear strength tests will be conducted in accordance with ASTM D5321 and under testing conditions prescribed in the Construction Documents. Tests on the soil-geosynthetic final cover system (if used) interfaces will be conducted at a minimum frequency of one per 25 acres of final cover installation or change in product or material type. Testing on the ClosureTurf® option interface will be as prescribed in the Construction Documents. Both peak and large displacement strengths will be evaluated in the tests. Cover system interface shear strength tests will include the following interfaces:

Geomembrane with CCR;

- Geomembrane with geocomposite (not applicable for ClosureTurf® option); and
- Geocomposite with protective soil layer (not applicable for ClosureTurf® option).

# Peak and Large Displacement Internal/Interface Shear Strength Values for Final Cover System

Peak		Large Displacement	
Normal Stress	Shear	Normal	Shear Strength
(psi)	Strength (psi)	Stress (psi)	(psi)
1.5	0.69	1.5	0.53
2.5	1.14	2.5	0.89
3.5	1.60	3.5	1.25

The peak interface shear strength shall equal or exceed an effective friction angle of 24.6° assuming no adhesion or another combination of friction angle and adhesion approved by the Design Engineer.

The large displacement (or residual) interface shear strength shall equal or exceed an effective friction angle of 19.6° assuming no adhesion or another combination of friction angle and adhesion approved by the Design Engineer.

## 7.4.4 Test Results

All CQA test results will be reviewed, accepted, and reported by the CQA Consultant before deployment of the geomembrane. Any non-conformance of the material properties with the requirements of the Construction Documents will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager.

#### 7.4.5 Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be retested. If the retest fails or if the option to retest is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples will be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples will be taken from rolls, which have been determined by correlation with the Manufacturer's roll number, to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing

should continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls that fall numerically between the passing roll numbers will be rejected.

The CQA Consultant will verify that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant will document all actions taken in conjunction with geomembrane conformance failures.

#### 7.5 ANCHOR TRENCH

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that the anchor trench has been constructed as shown in the Construction Documents and meets the minimum requirements of this CQA Plan as described below. To confirm conformance with the Construction Documents, the CQA Consultant will:

- monitor that the anchor trench is constructed with a slightly rounded corner where the geosynthetics enter the trench and is backfilled as soon as possible after all geosynthetics are installed;
- perform in-place moisture/density testing of the compacted anchor trench backfill as required by the Construction Documents;
- observe that geosynthetic materials in the anchor trench are temporarily anchored with sand bags or other suitable methods if the trench will remain open after the installation of geosynthetics;
- monitor that no loose soils are left to underlie the geosynthetics in the anchor trench and all temporary ballast (i.e., sandbags) and deleterious materials are removed from the anchor trench prior to backfilling; and
- monitor that backfilling of the anchor trench is performed using extreme care when the geomembrane is in its most contracted state to minimize wrinkling and stress concentrations.

#### 7.6 GEOMEMBRANE PLACEMENT

## 7.6.1 CQA Consultant Responsibility During Placement

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geomembrane placement is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described in the subsections below.

#### 7.6.2 Field Panel Identification

A field panel is a piece of geomembrane larger than approximately 10 square feet (ft²) that is to be seamed in the field, i.e., a field panel is a roll or a portion of roll to be seamed in the field. The CQA Consultant will verify that each field panel is given an "identification code" (number or letter-number) that will:

- be selected as simple and logical as possible;
- be substantially consistent with the as-built layout plan; and
- allow tracing of the Manufacturer's roll numbers to the field panel identification code.

The CQA Consultant will document the correspondence between roll numbers, factory panels, and field panel identification codes. The field panel identification code will be used for all CQA records.

# 7.6.3 Field Panel Placement

The CQA Consultant will monitor that field panels are installed substantially at the location indicated in the Installer's layout plan, as approved or modified. The CQA Consultant will record the field panel identification code, Manufacturer's roll number, location, date of installation, time of installation, and dimensions of each field panel.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that geomembrane placement does not proceed:

- at an ambient temperature below 40°F or above 104°F unless authorized by the Design Engineer; or
- during any precipitation, in the presence of excessive moisture (e.g., fog, dew), in an area of ponded water, or in the presence of excessive winds.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the above conditions are fulfilled and that the supporting soil has not been damaged by adverse weather conditions. The CQA Consultant will monitor geomembrane deployment for conformance with the Construction Documents, including that:

- the geomembrane is deployed under acceptable temperature and weather conditions;
- any equipment used does not damage the geomembrane by handling, trafficking, excessive heat, leakage of hydrocarbons, or other means;
- the prepared surface underlying the geomembrane has not deteriorated since previous acceptance and is still acceptable immediately prior to geomembrane placement;
- any geosynthetic elements immediately underlying the geomembrane are clean and free of foreign objects or debris;
- all personnel working on the geomembrane do not smoke, wear damaging shoes, or engage in other activities that could damage the geomembrane;
- the method used to unroll the panels does not cause scratches or crimps in the geomembrane and does not damage the supporting subbase;
- the method used to place the panels minimizes wrinkles (especially differential wrinkles between adjacent panels);
- adequate temporary loading and/or anchoring (e.g., sand bags, tires), not likely to damage the geomembrane, has been placed to prevent uplift by wind; and
- direct contact with the geomembrane is minimized; i.e., the geomembrane is protected by geotextiles, extra geomembrane, or other suitable materials, in areas where excessive traffic may be expected.

The CQA Consultant will observe the geomembrane panels, after placement and prior to seaming, for damage. The CQA Consultant will advise the Construction Manager of any panels, or portions of panels, that should be rejected, repaired, or accepted. Damaged panels or portions of damaged panels that have been rejected will be marked and their removal from the work area recorded by the CQA Consultant. CQA for geomembrane repairs will be in accordance with Section 7.8.

# 7.7 FIELD PANEL SEAMING

## 7.7.1 CQA Consultant Responsibility During Seaming

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geomembrane panel layout and field panel seaming is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described in the subsections below.

# 7.7.2 Panel Layout

The CQA Consultant will review the panel layout drawing previously submitted to the Construction Manager by the Installer and verify that:

- seams are generally oriented parallel to the line of maximum slope, i.e., oriented along, not across, the slope;
- the number of seams is minimized in concentrated flow areas, corners, and odd-shaped geometric locations;
- a seam numbering system is used that is compatible with the field panel identification numbering system and is agreed upon by the CQA Consultant and the Installer prior to any seaming; and
- the panel layout is consistent with accepted state of practice.

# 7.7.3 Seaming Equipment and Products

The CQA Consultant will verify that only extrusion welding and fusion welding are used for field seaming. The CQA Consultant will document that any alternate process proposed by the Installer is reviewed and approved by the Design Engineer and Construction Manager.

The CQA Consultant will verify that no geomembrane seaming is performed unless the CQA Consultant is on-site. The CQA Consultant will monitor the general seaming procedure used as follows:

 the Installer uses of seaming equipment specifically recommended by the Geosynthetics Manufacturer by make and model, and marked with an identification number;

- the Installer uses of a firm substrate such as a flat board, a conveyor belt, or similar hard surface directly under the seam overlap, if required, to achieve proper support;
- the Installer cuts fishmouths or wrinkles at the seam overlaps along the ridge of the wrinkle in order to achieve a flat overlap;
- the Installer cuts fishmouths or wrinkles, and patches any portion, where the overlap is inadequate, with an oval or round patch of the same geomembrane extending a minimum of 6 inches beyond the cut in all directions;
- the Installer/Contractor provides adequate illumination if seaming operations are carried out at night, and
- the Installer extends seaming to the outside edge of panels to be placed in the anchor trench.

#### 7.7.3.1 Fusion Process

The CQA Consultant will monitor ambient temperatures, geomembrane surface temperatures, apparatus speed, and apparatus temperatures at appropriate intervals. The CQA Consultant will also monitor that:

- the fusion-welding apparatus is an automated, self-propelled device;
- the fusion-welding apparatus is equipped with gauges giving the applicable temperatures and welding speed;
- the number of spare operable seaming apparatus agreed by the Construction Manager are maintained on-site;
- equipment used for seaming will not damage the geomembrane;
- the seaming zone is dry and clean;
- there is sufficient overlap between panels;

- the electric generator is placed on a smooth base such that no damage occurs to the geomembrane;
- for cross seams, the edge of the cross seam is cut or ground to a smooth incline (top and bottom) prior to welding;
- an insulating material is placed beneath the hot welding apparatus after usage; and
- a movable protective layer is used, as necessary, directly below each overlap of geomembrane that is to be seamed to prevent build-up of moisture between the sheets.

## 7.7.3.2 Extrusion Process

The CQA Consultant will verify that the extrudate is comprised of the same resin as the geomembrane sheeting. The CQA Consultant will monitor extrudate temperatures, ambient temperatures, and geomembrane surface temperatures at appropriate intervals to document that they conform to the Construction Documents.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor that:

- the extrusion-welding apparatus is equipped with gauges giving the temperature in the apparatus and at the nozzle;
- the number of spare operable seaming apparatus agreed by the Construction Manager are maintained on-site;
- equipment used for seaming is not likely to damage the geomembrane;
- the seaming zone is dry and clean;
- the extruder is purged prior to beginning a seam until all heatdegraded extrudate has been removed from the barrel;
- the electric generator is placed on a smooth base such that no damage occurs to the geomembrane; and

 an insulating material is placed beneath the hot welding apparatus after usage.

## 7.7.4 Seam Preparation

To confirm conformance with the Construction Documents, the CQA Consultant will monitor that:

- prior to seaming, the seam area is clean and free of moisture, dust, dirt, debris of any kind, and foreign material;
- seams are overlapped in accordance with the requirements of the Construction Documents;
- if seam overlap grinding is required, the process is completed according to the Geosynthetics Manufacturer's instructions or the Construction Documents, whichever is the more stringent, prior to the seaming operation, and in a way that does not damage the geomembrane;
- the grind depth is constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Construction Documents;
- grinding marks do not appear beyond the extrudate after it is placed;
- seams are aligned with the fewest possible number of wrinkles and fishmouths.

## 7.7.5 Weather Conditions for Seaming

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the weather conditions for seaming are within the acceptable range, as follows:

- the ambient temperature is not below 40°F or above 104°F, unless authorized by the Design Engineer;
- geomembrane is preheated by either sun or hot air device between ambient temperatures of 40°F and 50°F prior to performing seaming; and
- geomembrane seam areas are dry and protected from rain and wind.

The CQA Consultant will verify and document that methods used by the Installer for seaming at ambient temperatures below 40°F or above 104°F will produce seams that are entirely equivalent to seams produced at ambient temperatures between 40°F and 104°F and will protect the overall quality of the geomembrane. The CQA Consultant will monitor that seaming conducted during abnormal weather conditions is performed in accordance with the methods approved by the Design Engineer.

# 7.7.6 Overlapping and Temporary Bonding

The CQA Consultant will monitor that:

- the panels of geomembrane have a finished overlap of a minimum of 4 inches for both extrusion and fusion welding, but in any event sufficient overlap is provided to allow peel tests to be performed on the seam;
- no solvent or adhesive is used; and
- the procedure used to temporarily bond adjacent panels together does not damage the geomembrane and specifically that the temperature of hot air at the nozzle of any spot-welding apparatus is controlled such that the geomembrane is not damaged.

## 7.7.7 Trial Seams

The CQA Consultant will verify that the Installer performs trial seam tests in accordance with the Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant will observe and document the Installer's trial seam testing procedures. The trial seam samples will be assigned an identification number and marked accordingly by the CQA Consultant. Each sample will be marked with the date, time, machine temperature(s) and setting(s), number of seaming unit, and name of seaming technician. Trial seam samples will be maintained until destructive seam testing of the applicable seams are tested and pass.

# 7.7.8 Nondestructive Seam Continuity Testing

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer nondestructively tests all field seams over their full length using a vacuum test unit or air pressure test (for double fusion seams only) in accordance with the Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant will monitor that the

Installer performs spark testing if the seam cannot be tested using the vacuum or air pressure test methods. The purpose of nondestructive tests is to check the continuity of seams. The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer performs continuity testing as the seaming work progresses, not at the completion of all field seaming. The CQA Consultant will:

- monitor nondestructive testing;
- document the results of the nondestructive testing; and
- inform the Contractor and Construction Manager of any non-conformance.
- The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer performs any required seam repairs in accordance with the Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant will:
- observe the repair procedures;
- observe the re-testing procedures; and
- document the results.

The CQA Consultant will record the seam number, date of observation, dimensions and/or descriptive location of the seam length tested, name of person performing the test, and outcome of the test.

## 7.7.9 Destructive Testing

The CQA Consultant will monitor the Installer performing destructive seam field testing during the geomembrane installation. The purpose of this testing is to evaluate seam strength. The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer performs destructive seam testing as the seaming work progresses, not at the completion of all field seaming.

The CQA Consultant will also conduct laboratory destructive seam testing as required by this CQA Plan. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies presented in the **Appendix C** tables corresponding to each geomembrane material type that will be used.

The CQA Consultant will review the destructive seam test results to verify that the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met. The CQA Consultant may conduct additional destructive seam testing if deemed necessary by the Owner and/or CQA Certifying Engineer.

# 7.7.9.1 Location and Frequency

The CQA Consultant will select all destructive seam test sample locations. Sample locations will be established as follows.

- Destructive testing will be performed at a minimum frequency of one test location per 500 feet of seam length. This minimum frequency is to be determined as an average taken throughout the entire installation. This minimum frequency will be increased for seams made outside the normal ambient temperature range of 40°F to 104°F.
- Test locations will be determined during seaming at the CQA Consultant's discretion. Selection of such locations may be prompted by suspicion of excess crystallinity, contamination, offset welds, or any other potential cause of imperfect welding.

The Installer will not be informed in advance of the locations where the seam samples will be taken.

## 7.7.9.2 Sampling Procedures

Destructive seam testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics Laboratory as seaming progresses in order to obtain test results prior to the geomembrane being covered by overlying materials. The CQA Consultant will:

- observe sample cutting;
- assign a number to each sample, and mark it accordingly; and
- record sample location on geomembrane panel layout drawing.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer performs repairs to all holes in the geomembrane resulting from destructive seam test

sampling in accordance with repair procedures described in the Construction Documents. In addition, the CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer performs non-destructive testing as described in this Section to ensure the continuity of the new seams.

# 7.7.9.3 Size of Samples

The CQA Consultant will monitor that at a given sampling location, two types of samples (field test samples and laboratory test samples) are taken:

- First, a minimum of two field samples or test strips are taken for field testing. Each of these test strips are approximately 1 inch wide by 12 inches long, with the seam centered parallel to the width. The distance between these two specimens is approximately 48 inches. If both specimens pass the field test described in this Section, a second full laboratory destructive sample is taken for testing by the Geosynthetics Laboratory.
- The full destructive sample is located between the two field test strips. The sample is approximately 12 inches wide by 48 inches long with the seam centered lengthwise. The sample is cut into three parts and distributed as follows:
  - one approximately 12 inches by 18 inches portion to the Installer;
  - one approximately 12 inches by 12 inches portion to the Construction Manager for archive storage; and
  - one approximately 12 inches by 18 inches portion for Geosynthetics Laboratory testing.

# 7.7.9.4 Field Testing

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the test strips are tested in the field, for peel adhesion, using a gauged tensiometer by the Installer. In addition to meeting the strength requirements outlined in **Appendix C**, the CQA Consultant will monitor that all specimens exhibit a film tear bond and do not fail in the weld. If any field test

sample fails to meet these requirements, the destructive sample has failed.

The CQA Consultant will witness all field tests and mark all samples and portions with their number. The CQA Consultant will also log the date, number of seaming unit, seaming technician identification, destructive sampling, and pass or fail description.

## 7.7.9.5 Geosynthetics Laboratory Testing

Destructive test samples will be tested by the Geosynthetics Laboratory. Testing will include "Bonded Seam Strength" and "Peel Adhesion". The minimum acceptable values to be obtained in these tests are presented in **Appendix C**. At least five specimens will be tested for each test method (i.e., five for peel and five for shear). Specimens will be selected alternately by test from the samples (i.e., peel, shear, peel, shear, etc.). Both the inside and outside tracks of the double track fusion seams will be tested for peel adhesion. A passing test will meet the minimum required values in **Appendix C**.

The Geosynthetics Laboratory will provide test results no more than 24 hours after they receive the samples. The CQA Consultant will review laboratory test results as soon as they become available and report the results to the Construction Manager.

#### 7.7.9.6 Procedures for Destructive Test Failure

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the following procedures apply whenever a sample fails a destructive test, whether that test was conducted in the field or by the Geosynthetics Laboratory. The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Installer follows one of the two options below:

- The Installer can reconstruct the seam (e.g., remove the old seam and re-seam) between any two passed destructive test locations or between points judged by the CQA Consultant to represent conditions of the failed seam (e.g., a tie-in seam or a seam made by the apparatus and/or operator used in the failing seam); or
- The Installer can trace the welding path to an intermediate location a minimum of 10 feet from the point of the failed test

in each direction and take a small sample for additional field testing in accordance with the destructive test procedure at each location. If these additional isolation samples pass the field test, then full laboratory samples are taken at both locations. If these laboratory samples meet the specified strength criteria, then the seam is reconstructed between these locations. If either sample fails, then the process is repeated to establish the zone in which the seam should be reconstructed or repaired.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that all failed seams are bound by two locations from which samples passing laboratory destructive tests have been taken or the entire seam is reconstructed and retested. In cases exceeding 150 feet of reconstructed seam, a sample will be taken from the reconstructed portion of the seam and must pass destructive testing. The CQA Consultant will observe that any repairs are made in accordance with Section 7.8. The CQA Consultant will document all actions taken in conjunction with destructive test failures.

# 7.8 DEFECTS AND REPAIRS

# 7.8.1 CQA Consultant Responsibility for Monitoring Defects and Repairs

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geomembrane defects are addressed, and repairs are made in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described in the subsections below.

# 7.8.2 Identification

All seams and non-seam areas of the geomembrane will be examined by the CQA Consultant for identification of defects, holes, blisters, undispersed raw materials, and any sign of contamination by foreign matter. Because light reflected by the geomembrane helps to detect defects, the surface of the geomembrane will be clean at the time of examination. The CQA Consultant will request that the Contractor broom or wash the geomembrane surface if the amount of dust or mud inhibits examination.

# 7.8.3 Repair Procedures

The CQA Consultant will monitor that any portion of the geomembrane exhibiting a flaw, or failing a destructive or nondestructive test, is repaired by the Installer in accordance with the Construction Documents. Several procedures exist for the repair of these areas. The final decision as to the appropriate repair procedure, materials, and equipment will be agreed upon between the Installer and CQA Consultant.

In addition, the following conditions will be monitored by the CQA Consultant:

- surfaces of the geomembrane which are to be repaired are abraded no more than one hour prior to the repair;
- all surfaces are clean and dry at the time of the repair;
- patches or caps extend at least 6 inches beyond the edge of the defect, and all corners of patches are rounded with a radius of at least 3 inches; and
- the geomembranes below large caps are appropriately cut to avoid water or gas collection between the two sheets.

## 7.8.4 Verification of Repairs

Each repair will be numbered and logged by the CQA Consultant. The CQA Consultant will monitor that each repair is non-destructively tested by the Installer using approved methods. Repairs which pass the non-destructive test will be taken as an indication of an adequate repair. Large caps may be of sufficient extent to require destructive test sampling, at the discretion of the CQA Consultant. The CQA Consultant will observe all non-destructive testing of repairs and will record the number of each repair, date, and test outcome.

## 7.9 LINER AND CAP SYSTEM ACCEPTANCE

In accordance with the Construction Documents, the Contractor retains all responsibility for the geosynthetics until acceptance by the Construction Manager. The terms and conditions for liner and cover system acceptance are described in the Construction Documents.

#### 7.10 MATERIALS IN CONTACT WITH THE GEOMEMBRANE

The procedures outlined in this section are intended to allow the CQA Consultant to verify that the installation of materials in contact with the geomembrane do not cause damage to it.

#### 7.10.1 Soils

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Contractor conforms with the requirements of the Construction Documents and takes all necessary precautions to verify that the geomembrane is not damaged during its installation, during the installation of other components of the liner and the final cover systems, or by other construction activities. The CQA Consultant will monitor the following:

- placement of soil materials above the geomembrane and that soils are not placed at an ambient temperature below 40°F or above 104°F unless otherwise approved by the Design Engineer and Construction Manager;
- soil and riprap placement operations above the geomembrane are performed by the Contractor to minimize wrinkles in the geomembrane;
- equipment used for placing soil and riprap are not driven directly on the geomembrane or other geosynthetic layers;
- a minimum soil or riprap thickness of 6 inches is maintained between a low ground pressure (LGP - having a maximum ground pressure of 5 pounds per square inch [psi]) track-mounted dozer and the geomembrane;
- a minimum soil and riprap thickness of 3 feet is maintained between rubber-tired or non-low ground pressure tracked vehicles and the geomembrane during construction activities; and
- soil thickness is greater than 3 feet in heavily trafficked areas such as access ramps.

#### 7.10.2 Appurtenances

The CQA Consultant will monitor that:

- installation of the geomembrane in appurtenant areas and connection
  of geomembrane to appurtenances (e.g., concrete pads or concrete
  embedment strips at geomembrane termination) are made in
  accordance with the Construction Documents;
- extreme care is given by the Installer when seaming around appurtenances since neither non-destructive nor destructive testing may be feasible in these areas; and
- the geomembrane is not visibly damaged when making connections to appurtenances.

#### 8. GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER

#### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will perform conformance testing, review the MQC documentation, and monitor the installation of the GCL to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

# 8.2 TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The CQA Consultant will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the GCL on the Project site. Handling of the rolls will be performed in a competent manner such that damage does not occur to the GCL or its protective wrapping. Any protective wrapping that is damaged or stripped off the rolls will be repaired immediately to the satisfaction of the CQA Consultant. During transportation, handling, and storage, the GCL rolls will be protected from ultraviolet light exposure, precipitation or other inundation, mud, dirt, dust, puncture, cutting, or any other damaging or deleterious conditions.

Upon delivery of the GCL at the site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Construction Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, which should be rejected and removed from the site because they have severe flaws; and
- rolls which include minor repairable flaws.
- The CQA Consultant will also monitor that equipment used to handle the GCL on-site is adequate and does not pose any risk of damage to the GCL when used properly.

## 8.3 MANUFACTURER QC (MQC) TESTING AND CONFORMANCE (CQA) TESTING

# 8.3.1 GCL Material MQC Testing Requirements

The GCL Manufacturer will perform QC testing on the GCL materials and rolls that will be used on this Project in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures, and at the minimum MQC frequencies as presented in **Appendix D**.

The CQA Consultant will review the MQC certifications and test results to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

## 8.3.2 GCL Conformance CQA Testing Requirements

The CQA Consultant will coordinate, and a qualified laboratory will perform, GCL conformance testing to evaluate the conformance of the GCL with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies indicated in **Appendix D**.

The CQA Consultant may conduct additional conformance testing if deemed necessary by the CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 8.3.3 Test Results

All CQA test results will be reviewed, accepted, and reported by the CQA Consultant before deployment of the GCL. Any non-conformance of the material properties with the requirements of the Construction Documents will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager.

# 8.3.4 Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be retested. If the retest fails or if the option to retest is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples will be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples will be taken from rolls, which have been determined by correlation with the manufacturer's roll number, to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing should continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls that fall numerically between the passing roll numbers will be rejected.

The CQA Consultant will verify that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant will document all actions taken in conjunction with GCL conformance failures.

#### 8.4 SURFACE PREPARATION

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that GCL surface preparation is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The GCL will not be placed on surfaces which are softened due to high water content or cracked due to desiccation. The CQA Consultant and the Installer will jointly verify that the surface on which the GCL will be installed is acceptable. The Contractor will comply with the surface preparation and acceptance requirements identified in Construction Documents. Additionally, the surface will contain no loose stones larger than that specified in the Construction Documents for prepared subgrades and no ruts greater than 1-inch depth. The CQA Consultant will notify the Contractor of any observed change in the supporting soil condition that may require repair work and verify that compacted soil repair work is completed in accordance with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan.

## 8.5 PLACEMENT

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that GCL placement is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will verify that the Installer has taken all necessary precautions to protect the underlying subgrade during GCL deployment operations. The CQA Consultant will verify that all GCL is handled in such a manner as to ensure they are not damaged in any way, and the following conditions are met:

- only panels expected to be covered by a geomembrane on the same day are deployed;
- GCL panel deployment does not take place during any precipitation, in the presence of excessive moisture (fog, dew), in an area of ponded water, or in the presence of high winds;
- all personnel working on the GCL do not smoke, wear damaging shoes, or engage in other activities that could damage the GCL;
- in the presence of wind, all GCL are weighted with sandbags or the equivalent;

- GCL is kept continually under tension to minimize the presence of wrinkles;
- GCL is cut using a utility blade in a manner recommended by the Manufacturer;
- during placement, care is taken not to entrap fugitive stones or other debris under the GCL;
- the exposed GCL is protected from damage in heavily trafficked areas;
- a visual examination of the GCL is carried out over the entire surface, after installation, to assure that damaged areas, if any, are identified and repaired; and
- if a white colored GCL is used, precautions are taken against "snow blindness" of personnel.

## 8.6 OVERLAPS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that GCL overlaps are made in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor and verify the GCL overlapping procedures conform to the requirements of Construction Documents. GCL panels will be overlapped at a minimum of 6 inches along panel sides and a minimum of 12 inches along panel ends. If recommended by the Manufacturer, dry bentonite powder will be applied, at a minimum rate of one pound per linear foot, around pipe penetrations or other perforations of GCL which may be required.

#### 8.7 REPAIR

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that GCL repairs are conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor the repair of any holes or tears in the GCL or the geotextile backing. Repairs will be made by placing a patch made from the same type GCL over the damaged area. On slopes greater than 5 percent, the patch will overlap the edges of the hole or tear by a minimum of 2 ft in all directions. On slopes, 5 percent or flatter, the patch will overlap the edges of the hole or tear by a minimum of 1 ft in all directions. The patch will be secured to

the satisfaction of the CQA Consultant to avoid shifting during soil placement or covering with another geosynthetic layer.

#### 9. GEOTEXTILES

## 9.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will perform conformance testing, review the MQC documentation, and monitor the installation of the geotextile layers to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

# 9.2 TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The CQA Consultant will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the geotextile on the Project site. The CQA Consultant will verify that the geotextile is protected from ultraviolet light exposure, precipitation or other inundation, mud, dirt, dust, puncture, cutting or any other damaging or deleterious conditions.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that transportation, handling, and storage of geotextile conforms with the Construction Documents, including:

- handling of the geotextile rolls is performed in a competent manner such that damage does not occur to the geotextile or to its protective wrapping;
- geotextile rolls are not stacked upon one another to the extent that deformation of the core occurs or to the point where accessibility can cause damage in handling;
- geotextile rolls are stacked in such a way that access for conformance sampling is possible;
- protective wrappings are removed less than one hour prior to unrolling the geotextile;
- after unrolling, a geotextile is not exposed to ultraviolet light for more than 30 calendar days;
- outdoor storage of geotextile rolls does not exceed the Manufacturer's recommendations or longer than six months, whichever is less;
- for storage periods longer than six months, a temporary enclosure is placed over the rolls, or they are moved to an enclosed facility; and

 the location of temporary field storage is not in areas where water can accumulate, and the rolls are elevated off the ground to prevent contact with ponded water.

Upon delivery at the site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Construction Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, that will be rejected and removed from the site because they have severe flaws; and
- rolls that include minor repairable flaws that do not compromise geotextile functionality.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor that equipment used to handle the geotextiles on-site is adequate and does not pose any risk of damage to the geotextiles during handling.

# 9.3 MANUFACTURER QC (MQC) TESTING AND CONFORMANCE (CQA) TESTING

# 9.3.1 Geotextile Material MQC Testing Requirements

The geotextile Manufacturer will perform QC testing on the geotextile rolls that will be used on this Project in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures, and at the minimum MQC frequencies as presented in **Appendix E.** 

The CQA Consultant will review the MQC certifications and test results to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

# 9.3.2 Geotextile Conformance CQA Testing Requirements

The CQA Consultant will coordinate, and the CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory will perform, geotextile conformance testing to evaluate the conformance of the geotextile with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies as presented in **Appendix E.** 

The CQA Consultant may conduct independent conformance testing if deemed necessary by the Owner and/or the CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 9.3.3 Test Results

All CQA test results will be reviewed, accepted, and reported by the CQA Consultant before deployment of geotextiles. Any non-conformance of the material properties with the requirements of the Construction Documents will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager.

## 9.3.4 Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be re-tested. If the re-test fails or if the option to re-test is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples will be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples will be taken from rolls that have been determined by correlation with the Manufacturer's roll number to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing will continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls that fall numerically between the passing roll numbers will be rejected.

The CQA Consultant will verify that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant will document all actions taken in conjunction with geotextile conformance failures.

# 9.4 PLACEMENT

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geotextile placement is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor the placement of all geotextiles to verify that they are not damaged in any way, and the following requirements of the Construction Documents are met:

- on slopes, the geotextiles are securely anchored in the anchor trench and then deployed down the slope in such a manner as to continually keep the geotextile in tension;
- in the presence of wind, all geotextiles are weighted with sandbags or equivalent; such sandbags are installed during placement and will remain until replaced with earth cover material;

- trimming of the geotextiles are performed using only an upward cutting hook blade and special care is given to protect other materials from damage which could be caused by the cutting of the geotextiles;
- the Installer is taking necessary precautions to prevent damage to underlying layers during placement of the geotextile;
- during placement of geotextiles, care is given not to entrap stones, excessive dust, or moisture that could generate clogging of drains or filters; and
- a visual examination of the geotextile is carried out over the entire surface, after installation, to verify that no potentially harmful foreign objects, (e.g., stones, sharp objects, small tools, sandbags, etc.) are present.

#### 9.5 SEAMS AND OVERLAPS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geotextile seams and overlaps are in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the following requirements of the Construction Documents are met:

- all geotextiles are continuously sewn (i.e., no spot sewing);
- geotextiles are overlapped 6 inches prior to seaming;
- no horizontal seams are constructed on side slopes that are steeper than 10 horizontal to 1 vertical (i.e., seams to be aligned along, not across the slope), except as part of a patch;
- sewing uses polymeric thread with chemical and ultraviolet resistance properties equal to or exceeding those of the geotextile; and
- seams are sewn using a single row Stich Type 401 two-thread chain stitch.

# 9.6 REPAIRS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geotextile repairs are made in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that any holes or tears in the geotextile are repaired as follows:

- For slopes steeper than 10 horizontal:1 vertical, a patch made from the same geotextile is double seamed into place (with each seam 1/4 inches to 3/4 inches apart and no closer than 1 inch from any edge) with a minimum 12-inch overlap. Should any tear exceed 50 percent of the width of the roll, that roll is removed from the slope and replaced.
- For slopes milder than 10 horizontal:1 vertical, a patch made from the same geotextile is sewn in place with a minimum of 12-inch overlap in all directions away from the repair area.

The CQA Consultant will observe that care is given to remove any soil or other material which may have penetrated the torn geotextile, and all repairs and verify that any non-conformance with the above requirements is corrected.

## 9.7 PLACEMENT OF SOILS OR GRANULAR MATERIALS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that placement of soils or granular materials on top of geotextiles is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Contractor's placement of soil or granular materials on top of the geotextile is in conformance with the Construction Documents, including:

- that no damage occurs to the geotextile;
- that no shifting of the geotextile from its intended position occurs and underlying materials are not exposed or damaged;
- that excess tensile stress does not occur in the geotextile;
- that equipment does not drive directly on the geotextile; and
- the Contractor uses only LGP equipment on layers less than 3-feet thick above the geomembrane and geotextile separator or cushion layer.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that covering of the geotextile with overlying layers is completed within 30 days of installation to prevent UV degradation and

on side slopes, soil and granular layers are placed over the geotextile from the bottom of the slope upward.

#### 10. GEOCOMPOSITE DRAINAGE LAYERS

#### **10.1 INTRODUCTION**

The CQA Consultant will perform conformance testing, review the MQC documentation, and monitor the installation of the geocomposite drainage layer to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

# 10.2 TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The CQA Consultant will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the geocomposite on the Project site. The CQA Consultant will verify that during transportation, handling, and storage, the geocomposite is protected from ultraviolet light exposure, precipitation or other inundation, mud, dirt, dust, puncture, cutting, or any other damaging or deleterious conditions.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that transportation, handling, and storage of geocomposite conforms with the Construction Documents, including:

- geocomposite rolls are handled in a competent manner such that damage does not occur to the geocomposite or to its protective wrapping;
- geocomposite rolls are not to be stacked upon one another to the extent that deformation of the roll occurs or to the point where accessibility can cause damage in handling;
- geocomposite rolls are stacked in such a way that access for conformance sampling is possible;
- protective wrappings are removed less than one hour prior to unrolling the geocomposite; and
- after unrolling, a geocomposite is not exposed to ultraviolet light for more than 30 calendar days.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that outdoor storage of geocomposite rolls does not exceed the Manufacturer's recommendations or longer than six months whichever is less. For storage periods longer than six months, the CQA Consultant will monitor:

 a temporary enclosure is placed over the rolls, or they are moved to an enclosed facility;

- the location of temporary field storage is not in areas where water can accumulate; and
- rolls are elevated off the ground to prevent contact with ponded water.

Upon delivery at the site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Construction Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, that will be rejected and removed from the site because they have severe flaws; and
- rolls that include minor repairable flaws, that do not compromise geocomposite functionality.

The CQA Consultant will also monitor that equipment used to handle the geocomposite on-site is adequate and does not pose any risk of damage to the geocomposite when used properly.

## 10.3 MANUFACTURER QC (MQC) TESTING AND CONFORMANCE (CQA) TESTING

## 10.3.1 Geocomposite Material MQC Testing Requirements

The geocomposite Manufacturer will perform QC testing on the geocomposite materials and rolls that will be used on this Project in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures, and at the minimum MQC frequencies as presented in **Appendix F.** 

The CQA Consultant will review the MQC certifications and test results to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

## 10.3.2 Geocomposite Conformance CQA Testing Requirements

The CQA Consultant will coordinate, and a qualified laboratory (i.e., the CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory) will perform, geocomposite CQA testing to evaluate the conformance of the geocomposite with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies indicated in **Appendix F.** 

The CQA Consultant may conduct additional conformance testing if deemed necessary by the Owner and/or the CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 10.3.3 Test Results

All CQA test results will be reviewed, accepted, and reported by the CQA Consultant before deployment of geocomposites. Any non-conformance of the material properties with the requirements of the Construction Documents will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager.

## 10.3.4 Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be re-tested. If the re-test fails or if the option to re-test is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples will be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples will be taken from rolls that have been determined by correlation with the Manufacturer's roll number to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing will continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls that fall numerically between the passing roll numbers will be rejected. The CQA Consultant will verify that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant will document all actions taken in conjunction with geocomposite conformance failures.

## **10.4 PLACEMENT**

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that placement of geocomposites is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor the placement of all geocomposites to verify that they are not damaged in any way, and the following conditions are met:

- on slopes, the geocomposites are securely anchored in the anchor trench and then deployed down the slope in such a manner as to continually keep the geocomposites in tension;
- in the presence of wind, all geocomposites are weighted with sandbags or equivalent. Such sandbags are installed during placement and will remain until replaced with the cover material;

- trimming of the geocomposites is performed using only an upward cutting hook blade. Special care must be given to protect other materials from damage which could be caused by the cutting of the geocomposites;
- the Installer is taking necessary precautions to prevent damage to underlying layers during placement of the geocomposite;
- during placement of geocomposites, care is given not to entrap stones, soil, excessive dust, or moisture that could damage the geomembrane, generate clogging of drains or filters, or hamper subsequent drainage function; and
- a visual examination of the geocomposite is carried out over the entire surface, after installation, to verify that no potentially harmful foreign objects, (e.g., stones, sharp objects, small tools, sandbags, etc.) are present.

## 10.5 JOINING, SEAMS, AND OVERLAPS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geocomposite joining, seaming, and/or overlaps are made in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the geocomposites are joined, seamed, and/or overlapped in conformance with the Construction Documents, including:

- the components of the geocomposite (e.g., geotextile and geonet) are seamed, joined, and overlapped to like components in adjacent geocomposites;
- lower geotextile components of the geocomposites are overlapped such that
  the overlap is a minimum of 4 inches. Adjacent edges of geonet component
  along the length of the geocomposite are overlapped a minimum 2 to 3
  inches and joined by tying the geonet together with plastic fasteners or
  polymeric thread at a spacing recommended by the Manufacturer. Geonet
  for adjoining geocomposite panels (end to end) along the roll width are
  shingled down in direction of slope and overlapped a minimum of 12 inches;
- upper geotextile components of the geocomposites are continuously sewn (i.e., spot sewing is not allowed). Geotextiles are overlapped a minimum of 4 inches prior to sewing;
- no horizontal seams are constructed on side slopes that are steeper than 10
  horizontal to 1 vertical (i.e., seams to be aligned along, not across the slope),
  except as part of a patch;

- sewing of geotextiles uses polymeric thread with chemical and ultraviolet resistance properties equal to or exceeding those of the geotextile; and
- seams are sewn using a single row type "401" two-thread chain stitch.

The CQA Consultant will monitor the geotextile seaming and geonet tying procedures to verify that joining, seams, and overlaps are performed in accordance with the Construction Documents.

#### 10.6 REPAIRS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that geocomposite repairs are made in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that any holes or tears in the geocomposite are repaired in accordance with the Construction Documents, including:

- a patch made from the same geocomposite is secured into place by tying fasteners through the bottom geotextile and the geonet of the patch, and through the top geotextile and geonet of the geocomposite needing repair;
- the patch extends 2 feet beyond the edges of the hole or tear;
- the patch is secured every 6 inches and heat-sealed to the top geotextile of the geocomposite needing repair; and
- if the hole or tear is more than 50 percent of the width of the roll, the damaged area will be cut out and the two portions of the geocomposite will be joined.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that care is given to remove any soil or other material which may have penetrated the torn geocomposite component. The CQA Consultant will observe any repair and verify that any non-conformance with the above requirements is corrected.

#### 10.7 PLACEMENT OF SOILS OR GRANULAR MATERIALS

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that placement of soils or granular materials on top of geocomposites is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the Contractor's placement of soil or granular materials on top of the geocomposite is in conformance with the Construction Documents, including:

- no damage occurs to the geocomposite;
- no shifting of the geocomposite from its intended position occurs and underlying materials are not exposed or damaged;
- excess tensile stress does not occur in the geocomposite; and
- equipment does not drive directly on the geocomposite and the Contractor only uses LGP equipment on layers less than 3-feet thick above the geocomposite layer.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that covering of the geocomposite with overlying layers is completed within 30 days, and on side slopes, soil layers are placed over the geocomposite from the bottom of the slope upward.

#### 11. ENGINEERED TURF

#### 11.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will perform conformance testing, review the MQC documentation and testing results, and monitor the installation of engineered turf to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met. The installation of the engineered turf will also include the installation of overlaying ballast material (i.e., sand infill and/or cementitious binder).

#### 11.2 MANUFACTURING PLANT VISIT

At the request of the Owner, the CQA Consultant or the Owner's Representative will visit the plant of the engineered turf Manufacturer to verify that manufacturing quality control procedures are in conformance with the Construction Documents. If possible, such a visit will be performed prior to or during the manufacturing of the engineered turf rolls for the Project.

During the project-specific manufacturing plant visit, the CQA Consultant will:

- verify that the measurements of properties by the Manufacturer are properly documented and test methods used are acceptable;
- spot-inspect the rolls and verify that they are free of holes, blisters, or any sign of contamination by foreign matter;
- review packaging and transportation procedures to verify that these procedures are not damaging the engineered turf; and
- verify that all rolls are properly labeled.

Upon completion of the manufacturing plant visit, a report describing the findings and observations will be completed by the CQA Consultant or Owner's Representative and be included as an attachment to the CQA Certification Reports.

#### 11.3 TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The CQA Consultant will monitor the transportation, handling, and storage of the engineered turf on the Project site. The CQA Consultant will verify that the engineered turf is protected from precipitation or other inundation, mud, dirt, dust, puncture, cutting, or any other damaging or deleterious conditions.

The CQA Consultant will monitor that transportation, handling, and storage of engineered turf conforms with the Construction Documents, including:

- handling of the engineered turf rolls is performed in a competent manner such that damage does not occur to the engineered turf or to its protective wrapping;
- engineered turf rolls are not stacked upon one another to the extent that deformation of the core occurs or to the point where accessibility can cause damage in handling; and
- engineered turf rolls are stacked in such a way that access for conformance sampling is possible.

Upon delivery at the site, the Contractor, Installer, and CQA Consultant will conduct an inspection of the rolls for defects and damage. This inspection will be conducted without unrolling the materials unless defects or damages are found or suspected in the rolled material. The CQA Consultant will indicate to the Construction Manager:

- rolls, or portions thereof, that will be rejected and removed from the site because they have severe or non-repairable flaws that may compromise engineered turf quality; and
- rolls that include minor and repairable flaws that do not compromise engineered turf quality.

#### 11.4 MANUFACTURER QC (MQC) TESTING AND CONFORMANCE (CQA) TESTING

#### 11.4.1 Engineered turf MQC Testing Requirements

The engineered turf Manufacturer will perform QC testing on the engineered turf materials and rolls that will be used on this Project in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures, and at the minimum MQC frequencies as presented in **Appendix G.** 

The CQA Consultant will review the MQC certifications and test results to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

#### 11.4.2 Engineered turf Conformance CQA Testing Requirements

The CQA Consultant will coordinate, and a qualified laboratory (i.e., the CQA Geosynthetics Laboratory) will perform, engineered turf CQA testing to evaluate the conformance of the engineered turf with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The testing will be performed in accordance with the current versions of the ASTM and other applicable test procedures and at the minimum frequencies indicated in **Appendix G**.

The CQA Consultant may conduct additional conformance testing if deemed necessary by the Owner and/or CQA Certifying Engineer.

#### 11.4.3 Test Results

All CQA test results will be reviewed, accepted, and reported by the CQA Consultant before deployment of the engineered turf. Any non-conformance of the material properties with the requirements of the Construction Documents will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager.

#### 11.4.4 Test Failure

In the case of failing test results, the Contractor may request that another sample from the failing roll be retested. If the retest fails or if the option to retest is not exercised, then two isolation conformance samples will be obtained by the CQA Consultant. These isolation samples will be taken from rolls, which have been determined by correlation with the manufacturer's roll number, to have been manufactured prior to and after the failing roll. This method for choosing isolation rolls for testing should continue until passing tests are achieved. All rolls that fall numerically between the passing roll numbers will be rejected.

The CQA Consultant will verify that the Contractor has replaced all rejected rolls. The CQA Consultant will document all actions taken in conjunction with engineered turf conformance failures.

#### 11.5 PLACEMENT

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that engineered turf placement is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and that CQA activities are performed as described below.

The CQA Consultant will monitor the placement of all engineered turf to verify that they are not damaged in any way and the following requirements of the Construction Documents are met:

- on slopes, the engineered turf is securely anchored in the anchor trench and then deployed down the slope in such a manner as to continually keep the engineered turf in tension;
- the engineered turf is laid substantially smooth;
- all panels are deployed from the top of the slope in a way that the engineered turf filaments are pointing upslope after deployment is complete;
- in the presence of wind, the engineered turf is weighted with sandbags or equivalent and that sandbags will remain until replaced with ballast material;
- trimming of the engineered turf is performed using only an upward cutting hook blade and special care is given to protect other materials from damage which could be caused by the cutting of the engineered turf;
- the Installer is taking necessary precautions with the use of equipment to prevent damage to underlying layers during placement of the engineered turf;
- during placement of engineered turf, care is given not to entrap stones, or excessive dust; and
- a visual examination of the engineered turf is carried out over the entire surface, after installation, to verify that no potentially harmful foreign objects, (e.g., stones, sharp objects, small tools, sandbags, etc.) are present.

#### 11.6 FIELD SEAMING

#### 11.6.1 CQA Consultant Responsibility During Seaming (Fusion)

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that fusion field seaming is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and the following requirements are met:

- the fusion seaming device is a DemTech VM20/4/A fusion
- welder or a Manufacturer-approved equivalent only;

- there is a minimum of 5 inches of overlap between seams;
- frayed or loose geotextile strands are cut off or removed;
- prior to starting the production fusion seaming, trial seams are performed in accordance to Section 10.6.2
- mechanical or hot knife trimming and cutting devices are utilized for salvage trimming; and
- defects are repaired in accordance to Section 10.7.

#### 11.6.2 Trial Seams (Fusion)

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that fusion trial seams are conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and the following requirements are met:

- fusion trial seams are conducted at daily start-up, immediately after any break, anytime the welding machine is turned off for more than 30 minutes, and no less than after five hours of seaming;
- fusion trial weld samples must be a minimum of 3 feet long and 12 inches wide, with the seam centered lengthwise; and
- fusion trial weld samples must comply with "VISUAL PASSING CRITERIA", which is when a manual peel/pull test is performed and approximately 75% of the top turf panel tufts transfer to the bottom turf panel.

#### 11.6.3 CQA Consultant Responsibility During Seaming (Sewn Seam)

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that field seaming is conducted in accordance with the Construction Documents and the following requirements are met:

- a single stitch prayer type seam is constructed using an American Newlong sewing machine or equivalent;
- the thread is Polyester or equivalent; and
- sewing occurs between the 1st and 2nd row of tufts from the edge.

#### 11.7 DEFECTS AND REPAIRS

#### 11.7.1 CQA Consultant Responsibility for Monitoring Defects and Repairs

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that engineered turf defects are addressed and repairs are made in accordance with the Construction Documents and the following requirements are met:

- repairs are completed by using a heat-bonded seam;
- all tie-in seams along flatter slopes (i.e. 15% or less) with lengths greater than 25 feet use an approved heat bonded seam so a consistent pressure is achieved throughout the seam; and
- a hand-held heat gun with a pressure wheel is used in smaller/concentrated areas.

The Installer may also demonstrate techniques and practices for the Manufacturer's approval. A field demonstration and approval by the Owner is required before incorporating any alternative technique.

#### 11.8 EQUIPMENT ON THE ENGINEERED TURF

The procedures outlined in this section are intended to allow the CQA Consultant to verify that the installation of materials in contact with the engineered turf do not cause damage to it. The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that the following requirements are met:

- no equipment is allowed until the sand infill is in place on slopes exceeding 15%;
- ATV-type vehicles are allowed prior to sand infill placement if the tire/track pressure is less than 5 psi on slopes less than 15%; and
- once the full specified sand infill thickness is in place, drivability tire/track pressure are limited to less than 35 psi.

#### 11.9 SAND INFILL PLACEMENT

#### 11.9.1 CQA Consultant Responsibility for Sand Infill Placement

The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that the sand infill placement is made in accordance with the Construction Documents and the following requirements are met:

- sand infill is placed between a ½-inch minimum thickness and a maximum ¾-inch thickness;
- sand infill consists wholly of material that meets the Manufacturer's recommendations for fine aggregates;
- installation of sand infill is only performed by a Manufacturer's licensed and approved installer;
- sand infill is worked into the engineered turf between the synthetic yarn blades;
- conveyor systems, spreaders that meet the requirements outlined in Section 7.10, and/or blowers are used to spread and place sand infill;
- previously installed engineered turf is not displaced or damaged as a result of the sand infill component installation;
- sand infill placement does not occur with snow or ice on the engineered turf component;
- the method for measuring the sand infill thickness is performed utilizing a digital caliper, or an Owner-approved alternate measuring device; and
- final thickness checks of sand infill are made at a frequency of 20 tests per acre.

#### 11.10 ALTERNATE INFILL - CEMENTITIOUS BINDER (HYDROBINDER®)

The cementitious binder infill layer may be placed using any appropriate equipment capable of completing the work. Manual hand spreading is acceptable when equipment isn't practical. The CQA Consultant will monitor, verify, and document that the cementitious binder infill layer is made in

accordance with the Construction Documents and the following requirements are met:

- installation of cementitious binder infill layer is only performed by a Manufacturer's licensed and approved installer;
- the cementitious binder is installed into the engineered turf while it is in a dry state;
- the cementitious binder is worked into the tufts so the tufts are in an upright position;
- the cementitious binder infill layer is placed between a ¾-inch minimum thickness and a maximum 1-inch thickness;
- the cementitious binder thickness is checked using a digital caliper, or an Owner-approved alternate measuring device;
- final thickness checks of the dry cementitious binder are made at a frequency of 20 tests per acre;
- the desired cementitious binder thickness is achieved prior to the hydration process;
- engineered turf tufts are free and upright before the hydration process begins;
- the hydration process must occur the same day as the cementitious binder infill layer placement; and
- checks are made to assure cementitious binder is hydrated thoroughly through the full thickness, without causing excessive runoff using the following methods:
- hydration checks are made with a probe at a frequency of 1 test per 100 square feet;
- checks are made for full hydration by tapping on hydrated surface forcing water to be visually seen pooling at the surface; and
- after 24 hours, checks are made on the completed cementitious binder to ensure the hardening process is taking place.

#### 12. CONCRETE

#### 12.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will monitor Contractor's construction and testing of all concrete materials and finished products to verify compliance with the Construction Documents.

#### 12.2 INSPECTIONS

The CQA Consultant will monitor concrete workmanship to verify that the Contractor does not place concrete until foundations, forms, reinforcing steel, pipes, conduits, sleeves, anchors, hangers, inserts, and other work required to be built into concrete has been inspected and approved by the CQA Consultant and Construction Manager.

#### 12.3 TESTING

Testing of concrete will be performed by the CQA Consultant in accordance with the test methods and frequencies set forth in the Construction Documents.

The CQA Consultant will review test results related to the foregoing activities. Any nonconformances will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager.

#### 13. HDPE PIPES AND FITTINGS

#### 13.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will review the MQC documentation and will monitor the installation of HDPE pipes and fittings to verify that the Manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan are met.

#### 13.2 BUTT-FUSION WELDING PROCESS

The CQA Consultant will monitor the assembling of lengths of HDPE pipe into suitable installation lengths by the butt-fusion welding process. Butt-fusion welding is the butt-joining of the pipe by softening the aligned faces of the pipe ends in a suitable apparatus and pressing them together under controlled pressure. The CQA Consultant will monitor that butt-fusion welding of the HDPE pipes and fittings is performed by the Contractor in accordance with the Construction Documents and Pipe Manufacturer's recommendations as to equipment and technique.

#### 13.3 TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The CQA Consultant will monitor:

- the off-loading of the pipes to verify that handling is done in a competent manner and that the pipes are not placed in areas where water can accumulate;
- the pipes are not stacked more than three layers high or in such a manner that could cause damage to the pipe; and
- for outdoor storage periods longer than 12 months, a temporary covering is placed over the pipes, or they are moved to within an enclosed facility.

#### 13.4 INSTALLATION

The CQA Consultant will monitor that pipes are installed in accordance with the Construction Documents, including:

 care is given during installation of the pipes such that they are not be cut, kinked, or otherwise damaged;

- ropes, fabric, or rubber-protected slings and straps are used by the Contractor when installing pipes; chains, cables, or hooks inserted into the pipe are not used for this purpose;
- the Contractor installs the pipes and fittings in such a manner that the materials are not damaged;
- slings for handling the pipe are not positioned at butt-fused joints of HDPE pipes;
- sections of the pipes with deep cuts and/or gouges are removed and the ends of the pipeline re-joined; and
- care is exercised when lowering pipe into the trench to prevent damage or twisting of the pipe.

#### 13.5 TESTING

The CQA Consultant will monitor the testing of all pipes as required by the Construction Documents and as necessary to verify that workmanship conforms to the state-of-practice.

#### 14. ROAD CONSTRUCTION

#### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will review the supplier documentation and will monitor construction of the roads to verify that the materials used in the construction of roads and the completed roadways are in conformance with the requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan.

#### 14.2 SUBGRADE PREPARATION

The CQA Consultant will monitor that road subgrade is prepared in accordance with requirements in the Construction Documents. For road subgrade, nuclear moisture/density tests are not required. The CQA Consultant will monitor the preparation of the subgrade in accordance with the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan.

#### 14.3 GEOTEXTILE SEPARATOR

The CQA Consultant will monitor that the geotextile separator is installed in accordance with requirements of the Construction Documents and this CQA Plan. The CQA Consultant will monitor the installation of the geotextile separator.

#### 14.4 BASE AGGREGATE LAYER

The CQA Consultant will monitor the base aggregate to verify it is constructed to the thickness, grades, and limits shown on Construction Documents. The CQA Consultant will confirm that base aggregate material is certified by the supplier to meet the requirements of the material type shown on Construction Documents.

#### 14.5 REPAIRS

If a defective area of road is discovered during construction, the CQA Consultant will evaluate the extent and nature of the defect. After this evaluation, the CQA Consultant will observe that the Contractor corrects the deficiency to the satisfaction of the Construction Manager and does not perform additional work in the area until the Construction Manager approves the correction of the defect. In the event of damage, the CQA Consultant will observe the repairs and replacements made by the Contractor, as necessary, to the satisfaction of the Construction Manager.

#### 15. GENERAL SITE WORK

#### 15.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQA Consultant will monitor the activities that are to be performed for various general site work items including, but not limited to installation of riprap, erosion and sediment control measures, culverts, risers, HDPE manholes, pipes, vegetative cover, topsoil, and vegetation for compliance with the Construction Documents.

In addition, the CQA Consultant will verify that materials are in accordance with the Construction Documents and are installed in accordance with Manufacturer's recommendations.

#### 15.2 CONFORMANCE

Conformance of materials and construction techniques to verify compliance with the Construction Documents will be performed by the CQA Consultant. If non-conformances or other deficiencies are found by the CQA Consultant in the materials or completed work, they will be reported to the Contractor and Construction Manager. The CQA Consultant will observe the repairs or replacements of any non-conforming items.

# **APPENDIX A**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for CCR Stacking

TABLE A.1
CQC/CQA ACTIVITIES/TESTS FOR CCR STACKING

SYSTEM COMPONENT	REQUIRED ACTIVITY/TEST	MINIMUM CQC FREQUENCY	MINIMUM CQA FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
CCR Conformance	Visual Observation	Note 3	Continuous	Substantially free of debris, large rocks, plant materials, or other deleterious material
Testing <sup>1</sup>	Standard Proctor ASTM D698	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 100,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Determine compaction conditions.
	Visual Observation	Note 3	Continuous	Final surface firm, smooth, and uniform
	Lift Depth Check	Note 3	Continuous	6 to 8 in. compacted lift (8 to 10 in. loose lifts)
CCR Performance	Nuclear Densometer In-place Density and Moisture Content ASTM D6938	Note 3	1 per 40,000 sf per lift	≥ 95% Standard Proctor maximum dry density and within specified moisture range
Testing <sup>2</sup>	Moisture Content ASTM D2216	Note 3	1 per 10 nuclear densometer tests	Check nuclear densometer measurements to verify moisture correction.
	Sand Cone Density or Drive Tube Sample ASTM D1556 or ASTM D2937	Note 3	1 per 25 nuclear densometer tests	Check nuclear densometer measurements to verify moisture correction and density.

#### Notes:

- 1) Conformance testing is performed on sources prior to placement of material to verify the minimum required values are met and the material remains consistent.
- 2) Performance testing is performed on materials after placement is complete to verify that the lift or layer meets design requirements.
- 3) CQC Personnel may conduct conformance and performance tests to ensure Technical Specifications are met. The CQA test results will pass or fail the final product.

# **APPENDIX B**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for Earthwork

TABLE B.1

MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

FOR SOIL MATERIALS USED AS FILL

SYSTEM COMPONENT	REQUIRED TEST	MINIMUM CQC FREQUENCY	MINIMUM CQA TEST FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
	Visual Observation	Note 3	As required (continuous during placement)	Substantially free of debris, large rocks, plant materials, or other deleterious material.
	Particle Size Analysis ASTM D422	Note 3	Visual change in soil texture or 1 per source & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Max. 3 in. particle size
	Atterberg Limits ASTM D4318	Note 3	1 per source & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Required for soil classification
Fill Conformance Testing <sup>1</sup>	Soil Classification ASTM D2487	Note 3	1 per source & 1 per 5,000 yd³	SM, SC, CL, CH, MH, ML, or other Engineer approved classifications
	Moisture Content ASTM D2216	Note 3	1 per source & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Determine if adequate moisture is present prior to compaction
	Standard Proctor ASTM D698	Note 3	Visual change in soil texture or 1 per source & 1 per 20,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Determine compaction conditions
	Triaxial Testing (Remolded) ASTM D4767	Note 3	1 per source	Confirm the shear strength requirements of the detailed design are met
	Visual Observation	Note 3	Continuous	Final surface firm, smooth, and uniform.
	Lift Depth Check	Note 3	As required	6 to 8 in. compacted lift (8 to 10 in. loose lifts)
Fill	Nuclear Densometer In-place Density and Moisture Content ASTM D6938	Note 3	1 per 10,000 sf per 6-inch lift or 1 test per 200 lf per lift for linear features	≥ 95% Standard Proctor maximum dry density and within specified moisture range
Performance Testing <sup>2</sup>	Moisture Content ASTM D2216	Note 3	1 per 10 nuclear densometer tests	Check nuclear densometer measurements to verify moisture correction.
	Sand Cone Density or Drive Tube Sample ASTM D1556 or ASTM D2937	Note 3	1 per 25 nuclear densometer tests	Check nuclear densometer measurements to verify moisture correction and density.

#### Notes:

in – inch; lb – pound; lf – linear feet; psf – pounds per square feet; sf – square feet; yd³ – cubic yards

- 1) Conformance testing is performed on borrow sources prior to placement of material to verify the minimum required values are met and the material remains consistent.
- 2) Performance testing is performed on materials after placement is complete to verify that the lift or layer meets design requirements.
- 3) CQC Personnel may conduct conformance and performance tests to ensure Technical Specifications are met. The CQA test results will pass or fail the final product.
- 4) One-Point Proctor Density Tests (ASTM D698) may be performed if there is doubt that the material being tested is accurately being represented by the Proctor curve selected.

TABLE B.2

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR SOIL MATERIALS USED AS COMPACTED CLAY LINER

SYSTEM COMPONENT	REQUIRED TEST	MINIMUM CQC FREQUENCY	MINIMUM CQA TEST FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
	Visual Observation	Note 3	As required (continuous during placement)	Substantially free of debris, large rocks, plant materials, or other deleterious material.
	Particle Size Analysis ASTM D422	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Determine if maximum particle size and grain size distribution meets specified requirements
	Atterberg Limits ASTM D4318	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Required for soil classification
Compacted Clay Liner	Soil Classification ASTM D2487	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	SC, CL, CH, MH, ML, or other Engineer approved classifications
Conformance Testing <sup>1</sup>	Moisture Content ASTM D2216	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Determine if adequate moisture is present prior to compaction
	Standard Proctor ASTM D698	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Determine compaction conditions
	Remolded Permeability ASTM D5084	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Fine Screened and Coarse Screened  Compacted Clay Liner Option (L1) k ≤ 1x10 <sup>-7</sup> cm/sec  Coarse Screened Compacted Clay Liner  with GCL Liner Option (L2) k ≤ 1x10 <sup>-5</sup> cm/sec
	Visual Observation	Note 3	Continuous	Final surface firm, smooth, and uniform. No protrusions greater than 0.5-in at final surfaces that will receive geomembrane.
	Lift Depth Check	Note 3	As required	6 to 8 in. compacted lift (8 to 10 in. loose lifts)
Compacted Clay Liner	Nuclear Densometer In-place Density and Moisture Content ASTM D6938	Note 3	1 per 10,000 sf per 6-inch lift or 1 test per 200 lf per lift for linear features	≥ 95% Standard Proctor maximum dry density and within specified moisture range (acceptable permeability zone)
Performance Testing <sup>2</sup>	Moisture Content ASTM D2216	Note 3	1 per 40,000 sf per lift or 1 test per 800 lf per lift for linear features	Check nuclear densometer measurements to verify moisture correction.
	Drive Tube Sample ASTM D2937	Note 3	1 per 40,000 sf per lift or 1 test per 800 lf per lift for linear features	Check nuclear densometer measurements to verify moisture correction and density.
	Undisturbed Permeability ASTM D5084	Note 3	1 per 40,000 sf per lift or 1 test per 800 lf per lift for linear features	Fine Screened and Coarse Screened  Compacted Clay Liner Option k ≤ 1x10 <sup>-7</sup> cm/sec  Coarse Screened Compacted Clay Liner
				with GCL Liner Option k ≤ 1x10 <sup>-5</sup> cm/sec

#### Notes:

cm/sec – centimeters per second, in – inch, sf - square feet, psf - pounds per square feet, lb - pound, lf - linear feet, yd³ – cubic yards

- 1) Conformance testing is performed on borrow sources prior to placement of material to verify the minimum required values are met and the material remains consistent.
- 2) Performance testing is performed on materials after placement is complete to verify that the lift or layer meets design requirements.
- 3) CQC Personnel may conduct conformance and performance tests to ensure Technical Specifications are met. The CQA test results will pass or fail the final product.
- 4) One-Point Proctor Density tests (ASTM D698) may be performed if there is doubt that the material being tested is accurately being represented by the Proctor curve selected.

### TABLE B.3

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR SOIL COMPONENTS OF THE FINAL COVER SYSTEM

SYSTEM COMPONENT	REQUIRED TEST	MINIMUM CQC FREQUENCY	MINIMUM CQA TEST FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
	Visual Observation	Note 3	As required (continuous during placement)	Substantially free of debris, large rocks, plant materials, or other deleterious material
Protective Soil Layer (Final Cover System)	Sieve Analysis ASTM D422	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	2 in. max. particle size
Conformance Testing <sup>1</sup>	Atterberg Limits ASTM D4318	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Required for soil classification
	Soil Classification ASTM D2487	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	SM, SC, CL, CH, ML, MH, or other Design Engineer approved classifications
Protective Soil Layer (Final Cover System) Performance Testing <sup>2</sup>	Visual Observation	Note 3	Continuous	Material compacted by tracking in with dozer; final surface firm, smooth, and uniform.
	Lift Depth Check	Note 3	As required	First lift 12 in. compacted lift; then, 6 to 8 in. compacted lift (8 to 10 in. loose lift)
	Visual Observation	Note 3	As required	Substantially free of debris, large rocks, plant materials, or other deleterious material.
Vegetative Cover Layer (Final Cover System)	Sieve Analysis ASTM D422	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	100% passing 1 in. sieve
Conformance Testing <sup>1</sup>	Atterberg Limits ASTM D4318	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	Required for soil classification
	Soil Classification ASTM D2487	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	ML, SM, or SC, or other Design Engineer approved classification
Vegetative Cover Layer (Final Cover System) Performance Testing <sup>2</sup>	Visual Observation	Note 3	As required	Substantially free of debris, large rocks, plant materials, or other deleterious material. Must not pump or rut excessively.
	Lift Depth Check	Note 3	As required	6 in. (min) lift

### Notes:

in – inch  $yd^3$  – cubic yards

lb – pound

- 1) Conformance testing is performed on borrow sources prior to placement of material to verify the minimum required values are met and the material remains consistent.
- 2) Performance testing is performed on materials after placement is complete to verify that the lift or layer meets design requirements.
- 3) CQC Personnel may conduct conformance and performance tests to ensure Technical Specifications are met. The CQA test results will pass or fail the final product.

**TABLE B.4** 

## MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR SOIL MATERIALS USED AS LINER AND UNDERDRAIN SYSTEMS GRANULAR SOIL COMPONENTS

SYSTEM COMPONENT	REQUIRED TEST	MINIMUM FREQUENCY	MINIMUM CQA TEST FREQUENCY	ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
	Visual Observation	Note 3	As required (continuous during placement)	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel
Liner and Underdrain	Particle Size Analysis ASTM C136 or ASTM D422	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 5,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel
Liner and Underdrain System Granular Soils Conformance Testing <sup>1</sup>	Granular Soils/Aggregate 1	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel	
	Calcium Carbonate Content ASTM D3042	Note 3	1 per source or visual change in material type & 1 per 10,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel
	Visual Observation	Note 3	Continuous	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel
Liner and Underdrain	Particle Size Analysis ASTM C136 or ASTM D422	Note 3	1 per 1,500 yd³	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel
System Granular Soils Performance Testing <sup>2</sup>		1 per 3,000 yd³	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel	
	Lift Depth/Layer Thickness Check	Note 3	As required	As specified in the Project Documents for fine sand, fine, medium, and coarse gravel

#### Notes:

in - inch

sf - square feet

psf - pounds per square feet

lb - pound

If - linear feet

yd<sup>3</sup> – cubic yards

N/A – Not Applicable

- 1) Conformance testing of granular soils is performed on proposed sources of material from samples obtained at the supplier and/or from onsite stockpiles of delivered materials to verify the minimum required values are met and the material remains consistent.
- 2) Performance testing is performed on materials after placement is complete to verify that the lift or layer meets design requirements.
- 3) CQC Personnel may conduct conformance and performance tests to ensure Technical Specifications are met. The CQA test results will pass or fail the final product.

# **APPENDIX C**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for Geomembranes and Seams

# TABLE C.1 MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA TEXTURED 60-MIL HDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR BOTTOM LINER)

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			JI DOTTOW LINEN,				
<u>Properties</u>	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units<sup>(1)</sup></u>	Specified Values	<u>Test Method</u>			
<u>Physical Properties</u>	Physical Properties							
Thickness	Every Roll	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mils	57 (min. avg.) 54 (lowest individual reading for 8 out of 10) 51 (lowest individual reading for any of 10)	ASTM D5994			
Asperity Height	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mils	16 (min. average) (top and bottom)	ASTM D7466			
Sheet Density and Resin Specific Gravity	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/cm³	0.940 (minimum for sheet density) 0.932 (minimum for resin density)	ASTM D1505 / ASTM D792			
Carbon Black Content	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	2.0-3.0 (range)	ASTM D1603 / ASTM D4218			
Carbon Black Dispersion	one per 45,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	None	9 of 10 views in Category 1 or 2 <sup>(2)</sup>	ASTM D5596			
Resin - Melt Flow Index	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/10 min.	≤1.0	ASTM D1238			
Tensile Properties (each direction	<u>1)</u>							
1. Tensile Strength at Yield	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	126 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV			
2. Tensile Strength at Break	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	90 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV			
3. Elongation at Yield	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	12 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV			
4. Elongation at Break	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	100 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV			
Tear Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	42 (min. average)	ASTM D1004 Die C Puncture			
Puncture Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	90 (min. average)	ASTM D4833			
Oxidative Induction Time (OIT) Standard OIT or High Pressure OIT	one per 200,000 lb		Minutes	100 (min. average) 400 (min. average)	ASTM D3895 or ASTM D5885			
Notched Constant Tensile Load Stress Cracking (NCTLSC) (3)	one per 200,000 lb		hours	≥300	ASTM D5397			
Oven Aging at 85°C <sup>(3)</sup> Std. OIT - retained after 90 days High Pressure OIT - retained after 90 days	Per Formulation		% %	55 80	ASTM D5721 ASTM D3895 ASTM D5885			
UV Resistance <sup>(3)</sup> High Pressure OIT	Per Formulation		%	50	GRI GM11 ASTM D5885			

## Notes:

In addition to MQC and CQA tests listed above, interface shear strength testing will be conducted as part of the CQA testing program at a frequency of 1 set of tests per the closure project and when a change in geosynthetic products occur. For interface shear testing requirements, see Section 7.4.3 of the project CQA Plan.

- 2. Carbon dispersion for 10 different views. One view allowed in Category 3.
- 3. For NCTLSC, oven aging, and UV resistance, Manufacturer's certification may be accepted in lieu of actual test results.
- 4. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354

# SEAM PROPERTY AND INSTALLATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA TEXTURED 60-MIL HDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR BOTTOM LINER)

Material Property	Minimum CQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Test Method</u>
Shear Strength Fusion and Extrusion (1)	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	120 (min)	lb/in	ASTM D6392 Strain rate: 2 in./min. 1 in. strips.
Peel Adhesion Fusion <sup>(1)</sup> Extrusion <sup>(1)</sup>	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	91 (min) 78 (min)	lb/in. lb/in.	ASTM D6392 Strain Rate: 2 in./min 1 in. strips.
Vacuum Testing Welded Seams	100% of extrusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of extrusion welds	-	-	-
Air Pressure Testing Welded Seams	100% of fusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of fusion welds	-	-	-

#### Notes:

in - inch

lb - pound

min. - minute

- 1. For shear and peel testing of both fusion and extrusion welds, the strength of 5 out of 5 specimens must meet or exceed the given value. If one of the specimens fails, an additional specimen is required to be tested in the mode by which the specimen failed. If the retested specimen passes, then the seam is acceptable. If the retest specimen fails then the seam is unacceptable. Failure of any specimen must not occur within the seam in order to be considered acceptable. Specimens that have incursions at or within the weld shall not be accepted as a passing weld.
- 2. For double fusion welded seams, both tracks will be tested for compliance with the specified minimum seam peel strengths.
- 3. Required laboratory seam testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics Laboratory at a frequency of one test per 500 linear feet of constructed seam for both extrusion and fusion welding equipment.
- 4. CQC testing will be performed by the Installer.

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA TEXTURED 40-MIL HDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM)

<u>Properties</u>	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units<sup>(1)</sup></u>	Specified Values	<u>Test Method</u>
Physical Properties	1		1		I
Thickness	Every Roll	one per 50,000 ft²	mils	38 (min. avg.) 36 (lowest individual reading for 8 out of 10) 34 (lowest individual reading for any of 10)	ASTM D5994
Asperity Height	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll	one per 50,000 ft²	mils	16 (min. average) (top and bottom)	ASTM D7466
Sheet Density and Resin Specific Gravity	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/cm³	0.940 (minimum for sheet density) 0.932 (minimum for resin density)	ASTM D1505 / ASTM D792
Carbon Black Content	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	2.0-3.0 (range)	ASTM D1603 / ASTM D4218
Carbon Black Dispersion	one per 45,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	None	9 of 10 views in Category 1 or 2 <sup>(2)</sup>	ASTM D5596
Resin - Melt Flow Index	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/10 min.	≤1.0	ASTM D1238
Tensile Properties (each direction)					
1. Tensile Strength at Yield	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	84 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
2. Tensile Strength at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	lb/in	60 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
3. Elongation at Yield	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	%	12 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
4. Elongation at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	%	100 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
Tear Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	28 (min. average)	ASTM D1004 Die C Puncture
Puncture Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	60 (min. average)	ASTM D4833
Oxidative Induction Time (OIT) Standard OIT or High Pressure OIT	one per 200,000 lb		Minutes	100 (min. average) 400 (min. average)	ASTM D3895 or ASTM D5885
Notched Constant Tensile Load Stress Cracking (NCTLSC) (3)	one per 200,000 lb		hours	≥300	ASTM D5397
Oven Aging at 85°C <sup>(3)</sup> Std. OIT - retained after 90 days High Pressure OIT - retained after 90 days	Per Formulation		% %	55 80	ASTM D5721 ASTM D3895 ASTM D5885
UV Resistance <sup>(3)</sup> High Pressure OIT	Per Formulation		%	50	GRI GM11 ASTM D5885

## Notes:

In addition to MQC and CQA tests listed above, interface shear strength testing will be conducted as part of the CQA testing program at a frequency of 1 set of tests per the closure project and when a change in geosynthetic products occur. For interface shear testing requirements, see Section 7.4.3 of the project CQA Plan.

- 2. Carbon dispersion for 10 different views. One view allowed in Category 3.
- 3. For NCTLSC, oven aging, and UV resistance, Manufacturer's certification may be accepted in lieu of actual test results.
- 4. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

# SEAM PROPERTY AND INSTALLATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA TEXTURED 40-MIL HDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM)

Material Property  Material Property  CQC Test Frequency		Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Test Method</u>
Shear Strength Fusion and Extrusion (1)	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	80 (min)	lb/in	ASTM D6392 Strain rate: 2 in./min. 1 in. strips.
Peel Adhesion Fusion <sup>(1)</sup> Extrusion <sup>(1)</sup>	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	60 (min) 52 (min)	lb/in. lb/in.	ASTM D6392 Strain Rate: 2 in./min 1 in. strips.
Vacuum Testing Welded Seams	100% of extrusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of extrusion welds	-	-	-
Air Pressure Testing Welded Seams	100% of fusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of fusion welds	-	-	-

#### Notes:

in - inch

lb - pound

min. - minute

- 1. For shear and peel testing of both fusion and extrusion welds, the strength of 5 out of 5 specimens must meet or exceed the given value. If one of the specimens fails, an additional specimen is required to be tested in the mode by which the specimen failed. If the retested specimen passes, then the seam is acceptable. If the retest specimen fails then the seam is unacceptable. Failure of any specimen must not occur within the seam in order to be considered acceptable. Specimens that have incursions at or within the weld shall not be accepted as a passing weld.
- 2. For double fusion welded seams, both tracks will be tested for compliance with the specified minimum seam peel strengths.
- 3. Required laboratory seam testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics Laboratory at a frequency of one test per 500 linear feet of constructed seam for both extrusion and fusion welding equipment.
- 4. CQC testing will be performed by the Installer.

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA TEXTURED 40-MIL LLDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM)

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<u>Properties</u>	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units<sup>(1)</sup></u>	Specified Values	Test Method
Physical Properties		<del></del>			
Thickness	Every Roll	one per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mils	38 (min. avg.) 36 (lowest individual reading for 8 out of 10) 34 (lowest individual reading for any of 10)	ASTM D5994
Asperity Height	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll	one per 50,000 ft²	mils	16 (min. average) (top and bottom)	ASTM D7466
Sheet Density and Resin Specific Gravity	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/cm³	0.939 (max.)	ASTM D1505/ ASTM D792
Carbon Black Content	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	2.0-3.0 (range)	ASTM D4218/ ASTM D1603
Carbon Black Dispersion	one per 45,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	None	9 out of 10 in Category 1 or 2 <sup>(2)</sup>	ASTM D5596
Resin - Melt Flow Index	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/10 min.	≤1.0	ASTM D1238
Tensile Properties (each direction	on)				
1. Tensile Strength at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	lb/in	60 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 – Type IV
2. Elongation at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	%	250 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 – Type IV
Tear Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	22 (min. average)	ASTM D1004
Puncture Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	44 (min. average)	ASTM D4833
Oxidative Induction Time (OIT) Standard OIT or High Pressure OIT	one per 200,000 lb		Minutes	100 (min. average) 400 (min. average)	ASTM D3895 or ASTM D5885
2% Modulus	Per Formulation		lb/in	2400 (max.)	ASTM D5323
Axi-symmetric Break Resistance Strain <sup>(3)</sup>	Per Formulation		%	30 (min.)	ASTM D5617
Oven Aging at 85°C (3) Std. OIT - retained after 90 days  High Pressure OIT - retained after 90 days	Per Formulation		%	35 (min. average) 60 (min. average)	ASTM D5721 ASTM D3895 ASTM D5885
UV Resistance (3)(4) High Pressure OIT	Per Formulation		%	35 (min. average)	ASTM D7238 ASTM D5885

## Notes:

In addition to MQC and CQA tests listed above, interface shear strength testing will be conducted as part of the CQA testing program at a frequency of 1 set of tests per the closure project and when a change in geosynthetic products occur. For interface shear testing requirements, see Section 7.4.3 of the project CQA Plan.

- 2. Carbon dispersion for 10 different views. One view allowed in Category 3.
- 3. For 2% modulus, axi-symmetric break resistance, oven aging, and UV resistance, Manufacturer's certification may be accepted in lieu of actual test results.
- 4. The condition of the test will be 20-hour UV cycle at 75°C followed by 4-hour condensation at 60°C.
- 5. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

# SEAM PROPERTY AND INSTALLATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA TEXTURED 40-MIL LLDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM)

Material Property	Minimum CQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>	Test Method
Shear Strength Fusion and Extrusion (1)	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	60 (min)	lb/in.	ASTM D6392 Strain rate: 12 in./min. 1 in. strips.
Peel Adhesion Fusion (1) Extrusion (1)	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	50 (min) 44 (min)	lb/in. lb/in.	ASTM D6392 Strain Rate: 12 in./min 1 in. strips.
Vacuum Testing Welded Seams	100% of extrusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of extrusion welds	-	-	-
Air Pressure Testing Welded Seams	100% of fusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of fusion welds	-	-	-

#### Notes:

in - inch

lb - pound

min. - minute

- 1. For shear and peel testing of both fusion and extrusion welds, the strength of 5 out of 5 specimens must meet or exceed the given value. If one of the specimens fails, an additional specimen is required to be tested in the mode by which the specimen failed. If the retested specimen passes, then the seam is acceptable. If the retest specimen fails then the seam is unacceptable. Failure of any specimen must not occur within the seam in order to be considered acceptable. Specimens that have incursions at or within the weld shall not be accepted as a passing weld.
- For double fusion welded seams, both tracks will be tested for compliance with the specified minimum seam peel strengths.
- 3. Required laboratory seam testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics Laboratory at a frequency of one test per 500 linear feet of constructed seam for both extrusion and fusion welding equipment.
- LLDPE field samples will be allowed to cool to a minimum of 75 degrees Fahrenheit prior to testing.
  Testing will be performed in a climate-controlled environment at the site such as an office or
  trailer.
- 5. CQC testing will be performed by the Installer.

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA SUPER GRIPNET® OR MICRO SPIKE® 50-MIL HDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM - CLOSURETURF® ALTERNATIVE)

<u>Properties</u>	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units<sup>(1)</sup></u>	Specified Values	<u>Test Method</u>
Physical Properties	<u> </u>		T		
Thickness	Every Roll	one per 50,000 ft²	mils	48 (min. avg.) 45 (lowest individual reading for 8 out of 10) 43 (lowest individual reading for any of 10)	ASTM D5994
Drainage Stud Height	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll	one per	mils	130 (min. average)	ASTM D7466
Friction Spike Height	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll	50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mils	175 (min. average)	ASTM D7466
Sheet Density and Resin Specific Gravity	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/cm³	0.940 (minimum for sheet density) 0.932 (minimum for resin density)	ASTM D1505 / ASTM D792
Carbon Black Content	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft²	%	2.0-3.0 (range)	ASTM D4218/ ASTM D1603
Carbon Black Dispersion	one per 45,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	None	9 out of 10 in Category 1 or 2 (2)	ASTM D5596
Resin - Melt Flow Index	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/10 min.	≤1.0	ASTM D1238
Tensile Properties (each direction)					
1. Tensile Strength at Yield	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	105 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
2. Tensile Strength at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	lb/in	75 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
3. Elongation at Yield	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	%	12 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
4. Elongation at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft²	%	100 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 - Type IV
Tear Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	35 (min. average)	ASTM D1004 Die C Puncture
Puncture Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	75 (min. average)	ASTM D4833
Oxidative Induction Time (OIT) Standard OIT or High Pressure OIT	one per 200,000 lb		minutes	100 (min. average) 400 (min. average)	ASTM D3895 or ASTM D5885
Notched Constant Tensile Load Stress Cracking (NCTLSC) (3)	one per 200,000 lb		hours	≥300	ASTM D5397
Oven Aging at 85°C (3) Std. OIT - retained after 90 days High Pressure OIT - retained	Per Formulation		%	55	ASTM D5721 ASTM D3895
after 90 days			%	80	ASTM D5885
UV Resistance <sup>(3)</sup> High Pressure OIT	Per Formulation		%	50	ASTM D7238 ASTM D5885

## Notes:

In addition to MQC and CQA tests listed above, interface shear strength testing will be conducted as part of the CQA testing program at a frequency of 1 set of tests per the closure project and when a change in geosynthetic products occur. For interface shear testing requirements, see Section 7.4.3 of the project CQA Plan.

- 2. Carbon dispersion for 10 different views. One view allowed in Category 3.
- 3. For NCTLSC, oven aging, and UV resistance, Manufacturer's certification may be accepted in lieu of actual test results.
- 4. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

# SEAM PROPERTY AND INSTALLATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA SUPER GRIPNET® OR MICRO SPIKE® 50-MIL HDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM - CLOSURETURF® ALTERNATIVE)

Material Property	Minimum CQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Test</u> <u>Method</u>
Shear Strength Fusion and Extrusion <sup>(1)</sup>			100 (min) lb/in		ASTM D6392 Strain rate: 2 in./min. 1 in. strips.
Peel Adhesion Fusion <sup>(1)</sup> Extrusion <sup>(1)</sup>	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	76 (min) 65 (min)	lb/in. lb/in.	ASTM D6392 Strain Rate: 2 in./min 1 in. strips.
Vacuum Testing Welded Seams	100% of extrusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of extrusion welds	-	-	-
Air Pressure Testing Welded Seams	100% of fusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of fusion welds	-	-	-

#### Notes:

in - inch

lb - pound

min. - minute

- 1. For shear and peel testing of both fusion and extrusion welds, the strength of 5 out of 5 specimens must meet or exceed the given value. If one of the specimens fails, an additional specimen is required to be tested in the mode by which the specimen failed. If the retested specimen passes, then the seam is acceptable. If the retest specimen fails then the seam is unacceptable. Failure of any specimen must not occur within the seam in order to be considered acceptable. Specimens that have incursions at or within the weld shall not be accepted as a passing weld.
- 2. For double fusion welded seams, both tracks will be tested for compliance with the specified minimum seam peel strengths.
- 3. Required laboratory seam testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics Laboratory at a frequency of one test per 500 linear feet of constructed seam for both extrusion and fusion welding equipment.
- 4. CQC testing will be performed by the Installer.

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA SUPER GRIPNET® OR MICRO SPIKE® 50-MIL LLDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM - CLOSURETURF® ALTERNATIVE)

<u>Properties</u>	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units<sup>(1)</sup></u>	Specified Values	<u>Test Method</u>
Physical Properties					
Thickness	Every Roll	one per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mils	48 (min. avg.) 45 (lowest individual reading for 8 out of 10) 43 (lowest individual reading for any of 10)	ASTM D5994
Drainage Stud Height Friction Spike Height	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll	one per 50,000 ft²	mils	130 (min. average) 175 (min. average)	ASTM D7466
Sheet Density and Resin Specific Gravity	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/cm³	0.939 (max.)	ASTM D1505/ ASTM D792
Carbon Black Content	one per 20,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	2.0-3.0 (range)	ASTM D4218/ ASTM D1603
Carbon Black Dispersion	one per 45,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	None	9 in Category 1 or 2 <sup>(2)</sup>	ASTM D5596
Resin - Melt Flow Index	one per 200,000 lb	1 Test per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/10 min.	≤1.0	ASTM D1238
Tensile Properties (each direction	<u>on)</u>				
1. Tensile Strength at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	75 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 – Type IV
2. Elongation at Break	one per 20,000 lb	one per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	250 (min. average)	ASTM D6693 – Type IV
Tear Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	27 (min. average)	ASTM D1004
Puncture Resistance	one per 45,000 lb		lb	55 (min. average)	ASTM D4833
Oxidative Induction Time (OIT) Standard OIT or High Pressure OIT	one per 200,000 lb		Minutes	100 (min. average) 400 (min. average)	ASTM D3895 or ASTM D5885
2% Modulus	Per Formulation		lb/in	3000 (max.)	ASTM D5323
Axi-symmetric Break Resistance Strain <sup>(3)</sup>	Per Formulation		%	30 (min.)	ASTM D5617
Oven Aging at 85°C <sup>(3)</sup> Std. OIT - retained after 90 days High Pressure OIT - retained	Per Formulation		%	35 60	ASTM D5721 ASTM D3895 ASTM D5885
after 90 days  UV Resistance (3), (4)  High Pressure OIT	Per Formulation		%	35 (min. average)	ASTM D7238 ASTM D5885

## Notes:

In addition to MQC and CQA tests listed above, interface shear strength testing will be conducted as part of the CQA testing program at a frequency of 1 set of tests per the closure project and when a change in geosynthetic products occur. For interface shear testing requirements, see Section 7.4.3 of the project CQA Plan.

1. % = percent | lb = pound | g = grams | lb/in = pounds per inch | g/cm<sup>3</sup> = grams per cubic centimeter | mils = milli-inches

- 2. Carbon dispersion for 10 different views. One view allowed in Category 3.
- 3. For 2% modulus, axi-symmetric break resistance, oven aging, and UV resistance, Manufacturer's certification may be accepted in lieu of actual test results.
- 4. The condition of the test will be 20-hour UV cycle at 75°C followed by 4-hour condensation at 60°C.
- 5. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

# SEAM PROPERTY AND INSTALLATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA SUPER GRIPNET® OR MICRO SPIKE® 50-MIL LLDPE GEOMEMBRANE (FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEM - CLOSURETURF® ALTERNATIVE)

Material Property	Minimum CQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>	Test Method
Shear Strength Fusion and Extrusion (1)	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	75 (min)	lb/in	ASTM D6392 Strain rate: 12 in./min. 1 in. strips.
Peel Adhesion Fusion (1) Extrusion (1)	one per 500 ft	one per 500 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	63 (min) 57 (min)	lb/in. lb/in.	ASTM D6392 Strain Rate: 12 in./min 1 in. strips.
Vacuum Testing Welded Seams	100% of extrusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of extrusion welds	-	-	-
Air Pressure Testing Welded Seams	100% of fusion welds	Observation/documentation of 100% of fusion welds	-	-	-

#### Notes:

in - inch

lb - pound

min. - minute

- 1. For shear and peel testing of both fusion and extrusion welds, the strength of 5 out of 5 specimens must meet or exceed the given value. If one of the specimens fails, an additional specimen is required to be tested in the mode by which the specimen failed. If the retested specimen passes, then the seam is acceptable. If the retest specimen fails then the seam is unacceptable. Failure of any specimen must not occur within the seam in order to be considered acceptable. Specimens that have incursions at or within the weld shall not be accepted as a passing weld.
- 2. For double fusion welded seams, both tracks will be tested for compliance with the specified minimum seam peel strengths.
- 3. Required laboratory seam testing will be performed by the Geosynthetics Laboratory at a frequency of one test per 500 linear feet of constructed seam for both extrusion and fusion welding equipment.
- 4. LLDPE field samples will be allowed to cool to a minimum of 75 degrees Fahrenheit prior to testing. Testing will be performed in a climate-controlled environment at the site such as an office or trailer.
- 5. CQC testing will be performed by the Installer.

# **APPENDIX D**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for Geosynthetic Clay Liners

### **TABLE D.1**

### **MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA**

## **GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER (GCL)**

## (IF USED AS PART OF LINER SYSTEM)

Properties	Units	Specified Values <sup>(1)</sup>	Test Method	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency
GCL (as manufactured) Prope	erties				
Bentonite Content (2)	lb/ft2	0.75 (min)	ASTM D5993	5,000 yd²	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>
Bentonite Moisture Content	%	35 (max)	ASTM D5993	5,000 yd²	
Hydraulic Conductivity	cm/s	5 × 10 <sup>-9</sup> (max)	ASTM D5887	30,000 yd²	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>
Hydraulic Flux	cm³/s- cm²	1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> (max)	ASTM D5887	30,000 yd²	
Tensile / Grab Strength	ppi	23 (min)	ASTM D6768	25,000 yd²	
Peel Strength	ppi	2.1 (min)	ASTM D6496	5,000 yd²	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>
Internal Shear Strength		Note (3)	ASTM D6243		1 set of tests per lined cell and change in product or material type
Interface Shear Strength		Note (3)	ASTM D5321		1 set of tests per lined cell and change in product or material type
GCL Compatibility including permeability, swell index and fluid loss testing		Note (4)	ASTMs D6766 D5890 (M) D5891 (M)		1 set tests for the closure project and change in GCL product
Bentonite Free Swell	ml/2g	24 (min)	ASTM D5890	50 tonnes	
Fluid Loss	ml	18 (max)	ASTM D5891	50 tonnes	
Polymer Composition	%	95 (min) polyester or polypropylene	Certification	N/A	

## Notes:

- 1. All values represent average roll values.
- Measured on an oven dried sample.
- 3. For internal/interface shear testing requirements, see Section 7.4.3 of the project CQA Plan.
- 4. Compatibility testing shall be performed using site-specific leachate, or a synthetic leachate representative of the anticipated leachate characteristics.

  Both Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 of ASTM D6766 are acceptable, provided that the test termination criteria are satisfied for both scenarios. Notation (M) following ASTM D5890 and 5891 indicates that the standard test procedures will be modified using site-specific leachate, or a synthetic leachate representative of the anticipated leachate characteristics.
- 5. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

lb/ft<sup>2</sup> = pounds per square foot

cm/s = centimeter per second

% = percent lb = pound

ppi = pounds per inch

ft = feet

ml/2g = milliliters per two grams

# **APPENDIX E**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for Geotextiles

TABLE E.1

MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE CUSHION LAYER

Material Property	Qualifier	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units</u>	Specified Value	Test Method
Polymer Composition	Minimum	N/A		% polypropylene or polyester by weight	95	Certification
Mass per Unit Area	Minimum Average	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	oz/yd²	20	ASTM D5261
Grab Tensile Strength	Minimum Average	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	450	ASTM D4632
Grab Elongation	Minimum	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	50	ASTM D4632
CBR Puncture Strength	Minimum Average	540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	1,437	ASTM D6241
Trapezoidal Tear Strength	Minimum Average	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	125	ASTM D4533
Ultraviolet Resistance	Minimum	Per Formulation		%	70	ASTM D4355

#### Notes:

1. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

in - inch

lbs - pounds

oz - ounce

yd² - square yard

TABLE E.2

MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE SEPARATOR FOR

## **OUTLET PROTECTION, UNDERDRAIN SYSTEM, AND GRAVEL/SOIL SEPARATION**

Material Property	Qualifier	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units</u>	Specified Value	Test Method
Polymer Composition	Minimum	N/A		% polypropylene or polyester by weight	95	Certification
Mass per Unit Area	Minimum Average	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	oz/yd²	8	ASTM D5261
Grab Tensile Strength	Minimum Average	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	220	ASTM D4632
Grab Tensile Elongation	Minimum	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	%	50	ASTM D4632
CBR Puncture Strength	Minimum Average	540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	575	ASTM D6241
Trapezoidal Tear Strength	Minimum Average	90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	90	ASTM D4533
Ultraviolet Resistance	Minimum	Per formulation		%/hrs	70/500	ASTM D4355

#### Notes:

1. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.

in - inch

lbs - pounds

oz - ounce

yd<sup>2</sup> - square yard

# **APPENDIX F**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for Geocomposites

### TABLE F.1

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA DOUBLE-SIDED GEOCOMPOSITE WITH

## NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE BACKING (IF USED AS PART OF THE FINAL COVER SYSTEM)

<u>Properties</u>	Qualifier	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units</u>	Specified Values <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Test Method</u>				
Geonet Component:	(HDPE, bi-plai	nar/bi-axial)								
Polymer composition	Minimum	Certify		%	95 polyethylene by weight	N/A				
Polymer density	Minimum	1 per 50,000 lbs		g/cm³	0.94	ASTM D792 (Method B) or ASTM D1505				
Carbon black content	Range	1 per 100,000 lbs		%	2 - 3	ASTM D1603 or D4218				
Specific gravity	Minimum	1 per 50,000 lbs	1 per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	g/cm³	0.94	ASTM D1505				
Tensile Strength	Minimum	1 per 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup>		lb/in.	75	ASTM D7179				
Nominal thickness	Minimum	1 per 50,000 lbs	1 per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mil	300 <sup>(3)</sup>	ASTM D5199				
Geotextile Compone	nt: (non-wove	n needle punched pol	ypropylene)							
Туре	N/A	N/A		N/A	Needle punched non-woven	N/A				
Polymer composition	Minimum	Certify		%	95 polyester or polypropylene	N/A				
Mass per unit area	Minimum	1 per 90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1 per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	oz/yd²	10	ASTM D5261				
Apparent opening size	Maximum	1 per 540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1 per 540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	mm	O <sub>95</sub> 0.25 mm	ASTM D4751				
Permittivity	Minimum	1 per 540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1 per 540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	sec <sup>-1</sup>	0.2	ASTM D4491				
Grab strength	Minimum	1 per 90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1 per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb	230	ASTM D4632 (2)				
Tear strength	Minimum	1 per 90,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1 per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lb	95	ASTM D4533 (2)				
CBR puncture strength	Minimum	1 per 540,000 ft²	1 per 540,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	psi	700	ASTM D6241				
UV Resistance	Minimum	1 per Formulation		% retained after 500 hr.	70	ASTM D4355				
Geocomposite: (doul	Geocomposite: (double sided with geotextile heat laminated on both sides of the geonet)									
Transmissivity <sup>(4)</sup>	Minimum	1 per 200,000 lbs	1 per 100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	m²/s	9 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	ASTM D4716				
Ply Adhesion	Minimum	1 per 100,000 lbs	1 per 100,000 ft²	lb/in.	1.0	ASTM D7005				

## Notes:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{in-inch} & \text{yd}^2\text{-square yard} & \text{mm-millimeter} & \text{oz-ounce } \text{cm-centimeter} \\ \text{lb-pounds} & \text{psi-pounds per square inch } \text{m-meter} & \text{N/A-Not Applicable} \\ \end{array}$ 

- 1. All values represent minimum average roll values.
- ${\bf 2.} \ \ {\bf Minimum\ value\ measured\ in\ machine\ and\ cross-machine\ direction.}$
- ${\it 3.}\ \ Nominal\ thickness\ may\ be\ reduced\ to\ 250\ mil,\ provided\ the\ transmissivity\ requirements\ are\ met.$
- 4. Specified value must be met at the following conditions:
  - a. For the liner system geocomposite: a gradient of 0.33, normal load of 10,000 psf, and water temperature at 700 F, between steel plates for 15 minutes.
  - b. For the final cover system geocomposite: a gradient of 0.04, normal load of 250 psf, and water temperature at 70° F, between steel plates for 15 minutes.
- $5. \ \ \text{At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354}.$

# **APPENDIX G**

Material Properties and Acceptance Criteria for Engineered Turf

TABLE G.1

MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
ENGINEERED TURF<sup>3</sup> AND BALLAST MATERIAL

<u>Properties</u>	<u>Qualifier</u>	Minimum MQC Test Frequency	Minimum CQA Test Frequency	<u>Units</u>	Specified Values <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Test Method</u>
Engineered Turf:						
CBR Puncture	Minimum	One per 300,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	One per 400,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	1,500	ASTM D6241
Tensile Property	Minimum	One per 300,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	One per 400,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	2,100	ASTM D4595
Yarn Weight (Total Product Weight)	Minimum	One per 300,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	One per 400,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	oz/sq.yd.	20	ASTM D5261
Tensile Strength of Yarn	Minimum	One per 300,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	One per 400,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	lbs	15	ASTM D2256
Ballast Material:						
Sand Infill - Gradation	Certify		1 per 250 cy	in	reference	ASTM C136
Sand Infill - Thickness	Range	1	20 per acre	in	½ to ¾	Manual Probe
Cementitious Binder - Thickness	Range		20 per acre	in	¾ to 1	Manual Probe
Cementitious Binder - Hydration	Verify		1 test per 100 ft <sup>2</sup>	n/a	check	Manual Probe

#### Notes:

- 1. At least one test shall be performed for each lot. A lot shall be as defined by ASTM D4354.
- 2. If fusion seaming method is used then trial seams shall be performed as stipulated in Section 11.6.2.
- 3. Any changes to the ClosureTurf® product specifications and additional testing results that may become available during the design period will be evaluated as part of the detailed design, and the material properties presented in this CQA Plan will be updated accordingly.