

# Landfill Project Protocol

## Landfill Methane Treatment or Destruction

### ***Protocol Version*** *[Effective Date]*

#### **Notes on the draft protocol:**

This protocol adaptation is based on the Quebec compliance offset protocol. The QC protocol has been reformatted, with proposed revisions implemented. These revisions have already undergone review by a Technical Task Team, including staff from MOECC and MDDELCC. Highlighting indicates content that needs additional review or discussion. Red text indicates content that is subject to change based on the Ontario offset regulation, still under development.

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
CH <sub>4</sub>	Methane
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GJ/h	Gigajoule per hour
K	Kelvin
Kg	Kilogram
kPa	Kilopascal
L	Litres
Landfill Site	Place where residual materials is permanently disposed of above or below ground
LFG	Landfill Gas
LFGE	Landfill gas-to-energy
LNG	Liquid Natural Gas
Mg	Mega gram (1,000,000 grams or one tonne, or “t”)
MDDELCC	Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques du Québec (Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, and Fight Against Climate Change)
MOECC	Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
m <sup>3</sup>	Cubic meters
N <sub>2</sub> O	Nitrous oxide
NG	Natural gas
SSR	Source, sink, and reservoir
t	Metric ton (or tonne)
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
WIP	Waste in place

# 1 Introduction

The purpose of the landfill protocol is to quantify greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions associated with any project designed to reduce GHG emissions by destroying (or treating so as to permanently avoid the emission of) the CH<sub>4</sub> captured at a landfill site.

Project Developer that install landfill gas capture and destruction technologies use this document to register GHG emission reductions with the Ontario Cap and Trade Program<sup>1</sup> and the Quebec Cap and Trade System.<sup>2</sup> This protocol provides eligibility rules, methods to calculate reductions, performance-monitoring instructions, and procedures for reporting project information. This protocol is designed to ensure the complete, consistent, transparent, accurate, and conservative quantification and verification of GHG emission reductions associated with a landfill project.<sup>3</sup>

For the purposes of this protocol, the term “Regulation” is used to refer to the following:

1. For projects to be registered with the Ontario Cap and Trade Program, located at landfill sites outside of the Province of Quebec, the term “Regulation” shall refer to the Ontario Regulation concerning The Cap and Trade Program, made under the Climate Change Mitigation and Low-Carbon Economy Act;
2. For projects to be registered with the Quebec Cap and Trade Program, located at landfill sites within the Province of Quebec, the term “Regulation” shall refer to the Quebec Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances, made under the Environment Quality Act.

For the purposes of this protocol, the term “Ministry” is used to refer to the following:

1. For projects to be registered with the Ontario Cap and Trade Program, located at landfill sites outside of the Province of Quebec, the term “Ministry” shall refer to the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC);
2. For projects to be registered with the Quebec Cap and Trade Program, located at landfill sites within the Province of Quebec, the term “Ministry” shall refer to the Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, and Fight Against Climate Change (MDDELCC).

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<sup>1</sup> As created by the Climate Change Mitigation and Low-Carbon Economy Act, 2016, Ontario Regulation 144/16, “The Cap and Trade Program.”

<sup>2</sup> As created by the Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Q-2, r. 46.1, “Regulation Respecting a Cap and Trade System for Greenhouse Gas Emission Allowances.”

<sup>3</sup> See the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol for Project Accounting (Part I, Chapter 4) for a description of GHG reduction project accounting principles.

## 2 The GHG Reduction Project

### 2.1 Project Definition

For the purpose of this protocol, the term “project” is equivalent to the term “offset initiative” in the Ontario Regulation.

For the purpose of this protocol, the GHG reduction project is defined as the use of an eligible device to treat or destroy CH<sub>4</sub> captured at an eligible landfill site in Canada, above and beyond any historical or legally mandated CH<sub>4</sub> management. This offset credit protocol covers any project designed to reduce GHG emissions by treating or destroying the CH<sub>4</sub> captured in a landfill site in Canada.

Eligible treatment or destruction devices are enclosed flares, open flares, combustion engines, boilers, turbines, CH<sub>4</sub> liquefaction units, fuel cells, microturbines, and natural gas pipeline injection.<sup>4</sup> Devices not listed here may be used, contingent upon approval by Ministry staff for the offsets program with which the project is registered.

An eligible landfill is one that:

1. Is not subject to regulations or other legal requirements requiring the destruction of methane gas; and
2. Is not an anaerobic bioreactor, defined as: “a MSW landfill or portion of a MSW landfill where any liquid other than leachate (leachate includes landfill gas condensate) is added in a controlled fashion into the waste mass (often in combination with recirculating leachate) to reach a minimum average moisture content of at least 40 percent by weight to accelerate or enhance the anaerobic (without oxygen) biodegradation of the waste”; and
3. Does not add any liquid other than leachate into the waste mass in a controlled manner; and
4. Is not an aerobic bioreactor, whereby oxygen is actively introduced into the waste mass through a system of wells, pipes, or channels in order to maintain an aerobic environment and avoid methane generation.

The project must capture and treat or destroy CH<sub>4</sub> that, before the project, was emitted to the atmosphere. The CH<sub>4</sub> may be treated or destroyed on the landfill site or transported and treated or destroyed off-site.

For the purposes of this protocol,

1. “landfill gas” (LFG) means any gas resulting from the decomposition of residual materials disposed of at a landfill site;
2. “landfill site” means a place where residual materials is permanently disposed of above or below ground.

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<sup>4</sup> The project destruction device(s) may be located on-site at the landfill, or may be located off-site, connected to the project collection system through a dedicated pipeline. Such a direct use project shall not be classified as “natural gas pipeline injection.”

The provisions of the first numbered item of this Section and those of Section 3.4.1 do not apply to a landfill site of a pulp and paper mill, a sawmill or an oriented strandboard manufacturing plant.

### 2.1.1 Project Activities

Project activities are those activities that are necessary for the collection and treatment or destruction of CH<sub>4</sub> produced by the degradation of organic waste in a landfill. This includes the operation of the LFG wellfield, extraction and conveyance of LFG, gas treatment, metering, and operation of the destruction device(s).

## 2.2 The Project Developer

The term “**Project Developer**” is defined within the Regulations as follows:

1. For the Ontario Regulation, the equivalent term is “Offset Initiative Operator”;<sup>5</sup>
2. For the Quebec Regulation, the equivalent term is “Project Promoter.”

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<sup>5</sup> In certain circumstances, the Ontario Regulation may allow for an Offset Initiative Sponsor to fulfill duties that this protocol assigns to the Project Developer.

### 3 Eligibility Rules

Projects must fully satisfy the following eligibility rules in order to register offset credits. The criteria only apply to projects that meet the definition of a GHG reduction project (Section 2.1).

<b>Eligibility Rule I:</b> Location	→	<i>Canadian provinces and territories</i>
<b>Eligibility Rule II:</b> Project Start Date	→	<i>Per the guidance in the Regulation</i>
<b>Eligibility Rule III:</b> Additionality	→	<i>Meet performance standard</i>

#### 3.1 Location

The project must be carried out at a landfill site located in Canada.

#### 3.2 Project Start Date

The project start date of a landfill project is defined as the date of commencement of CH<sub>4</sub> destruction following the completion of a start-up and/or testing period, which is not to exceed six (6) months.<sup>6</sup> A landfill project may be operational regardless of whether sufficient monitoring data are available to report emission reductions. Project Developers shall refer to the Regulation to determine the eligibility of their start date, including deadlines related to submittal of applications to the Ministry.

#### 3.3 Project Crediting Period

Project Developers shall refer to the Regulation for guidance regarding the definition, length, and rules related to project crediting periods.

#### 3.4 Additionality

The project is considered to go beyond current practice when it meets the conditions in the Regulation. Reductions in GHG emissions must be additional and result from a project that is voluntary, that is that it is not being carried out, at the time of registration or renewal, in response to a legislative or regulatory provision, a permit or other type of authorization, an order made under an Act or regulation, or a court decision. The requirements of additionality are assessed through the Performance Standard Test in Section 3.4.1.

Projects must satisfy the following tests to be considered additional:

1. Size Threshold
  - a. Operating Landfills
  - b. Closed Landfills
2. The Performance Standard Test
3. The Legal Requirement Test

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<sup>6</sup> The start-up period begins on the first day of LFG destruction in the project system.



### 3.4.1 Size Threshold

Landfill projects are only eligible at landfill sites which meet certain conditions for size, including annual waste acceptance rate, permitted capacity, and heat capacity of captured CH<sub>4</sub>. These conditions vary depending on whether the landfill site is open (operational) or closed.

#### 3.4.1.1 Operational Landfills

An operational landfill project is required to meet the following conditions at the time of registration:

1. On the date of application for **registration with the Ministry** and for the entire duration of the project, if the site is in operation, it receives less than 50,000 metric tonnes of residual materials annually<sup>7</sup> and has a total capacity of less than 1.5 million cubic meters (unless the concentration of methane generated by the residual materials is less than 25% by volume);
2. On the date of **registration with the Ministry**, in every case, the site has less than 450,000 metric tonnes of residual materials in place,<sup>8</sup> or the CH<sub>4</sub> captured from the LFG has a heat capacity of less than 3 GJ/h, as determined below:
  - a. When a site has over 450,000 tonnes of residual materials in place, the operator must assess the heat capacity of the CH<sub>4</sub> captured, in gigajoules per hour, using the following method:
    - i. by calculating the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> emitted each hour;
      - (1) by determining the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> generated using the LandGEM software of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/catc1/products.html#software>
      - (2) by determining the quantity of residual materials disposed of annually using the data available since the opening of the landfill site<sup>8</sup>
      - (3) by using, for the parameters “k” and “L<sub>0</sub>” of the software referred to in paragraph 1, the most recent parameters from the national inventory report on GHG emissions prepared by Environment Canada
      - (4) by using a percentage of 50% as the percentage of CH<sub>4</sub> in LFG
      - (5) by using the appropriate value for the density of CH<sub>4</sub> from Table A.2, according to the standard temperature applied to all project gas measurement data
    - ii. by determining the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> captured each hour by multiplying the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> emitted each hour by, obtained above, 0.75;
    - iii. by determining the heat capacity by multiplying the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> captured each hour, obtained above, by the high heat value of the LFG of the portion of the CH<sub>4</sub> set out in **[regulatory reference]** to the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere **[regulatory reference]**.

#### 3.4.1.2 Closed Landfills

In the case of a landfill site that is closed on the date of application for registration, the following conditions will apply, except where the concentration of methane generated by the residual materials is less than 25% by volume:

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<sup>7</sup> The calculation of annual receipt of residual materials includes all materials received, with the exception of clean soils and manufactured products.

<sup>8</sup> The quantity of WIP may be determined either by: 1) the filled volume of the landfill (in m<sup>3</sup>) at the time of project registration, multiplied by the density (0.75) and the decomposable fraction (0.70); or 2) the annual receipt of residual materials since the landfill opened. If records are not available for either method, WIP may be determined by assessment of the population served and operating years of the landfill, subject to Ministry approval.

1. If the site opened or was extended between 2006 and 2008 inclusively, it should have received less than 50,000 tonnes of residual materials annually and should have had a maximum capacity of less than 1,500,000 cubic meters; and
2. If the site was in operation in 2009 or a subsequent year, the site should have received less than 50,000 metric tonnes of residual materials annually and should have had a maximum capacity of less than 1,500,000 cubic meters.

In the case of a site with a closed and an opened landfill, if both are eligible for an offsets project, they are considered to be two separate projects. Each of the two landfills must meet the eligibility criteria. The latter cannot be considered as a single landfill because they are governed by two different regulations. To be considered separated projects, the landfills must be physically separate, such that they could not both be serviced by a common landfill gas collection and control system.

### 3.4.2 The Performance Standard Test

Projects pass the Performance Standard Test by meeting a performance threshold, i.e., a standard of performance applicable to all landfill projects, established by this protocol. The Performance Standard Test is applied as of the project start date.

This protocol employs a technology-specific threshold (or “practice-based” threshold), which serves as a “best practice standard” for managing landfill gas fugitive emissions. A project passes the Performance Standard Test if it involves one of the following activities:

1. Installation of a landfill gas collection system and a new qualifying destruction device at an eligible landfill where landfill gas has never been collected and destroyed prior to the project start date.
2. Installation of a new qualifying destruction device at an eligible landfill where landfill gas is currently collected and vented, but has never been destroyed in any manner prior to the project start date.
3. Installation of a new qualifying destruction device at an eligible landfill where landfill gas was collected and destroyed at any time prior to the project start date using a non-qualifying destruction device (e.g., passive flare<sup>9</sup>);

The practice threshold is applied as of the project start date, and is evaluated at the project's initial verification.

Under the scenarios above, expanding a well-field (either in conjunction with, or subsequent to, installing a new destruction device) constitutes a system expansion rather than a separate project.

Destruction devices that were installed temporarily and utilized only for pilot or testing purposes specifically in anticipation of the GHG project shall not be considered in determining project eligibility or quantification. Devices may only be excluded under this provision if they were installed as a direct precursor to the project activity in order to gather information or determine project viability. Verifiable evidence of this intent must be presented.

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<sup>9</sup> A “passive flare” is a destruction system where LFG is collected only through the passive pressure within the waste mass and sent to a device which automatically sparks to initiate combustion (operation is typically not monitored).

Changes in landfill ownership, or in the ownership of destruction devices, are not considered in determining prior landfill gas management practices. If landfill gas was previously collected and destroyed by a party other than the Project Developer, it still qualifies as “prior” collection and destruction.

### 3.4.3 The Legal Requirement Test

All projects are subject to a Legal Requirement Test to ensure that the GHG reductions achieved by a project would not otherwise have occurred due to federal, state, or local regulations, or other legally binding mandates. At the initial application for registration, the Project Developer must attest that the above is true. In addition, the project’s Surveillance plan (Section 6) must include procedures that the Project Developer will follow to ascertain and demonstrate that the project at all times passes the Legal Requirement Test.

#### 3.4.3.1 Federal Regulations

Landfill methane emissions are not subject to regulation at the federal level in Canada.

#### 3.4.3.2 Provincial, Territorial, and State Regulations

Canadian provinces and territories, as well as US states with which they may link their cap-and-trade programs, have individual regulations related to the control of methane emissions at landfills. Those regulations which have been identified as relevant to this protocol are described below for each jurisdiction.

##### Ontario

Ontario Environmental Protection Act, Regulation 232/98<sup>10</sup> requires that any new landfill (or expansion) with a designed capacity of greater than 1.5 M m<sup>3</sup> must prepare a plan for the collection and burning or use of LFG generated during site operation and following closure. Regulation 347 requires the same for sites not subject to Regulation 232/98.

##### Quebec

Landfill methane emissions are regulated under the Quebec Environmental Quality Act, Q-2, r. 19.<sup>11</sup> Under this regulation, all landfills must have a system (active or passive) for collecting biogas and conveying either to the environment or to treatment/destruction. Open landfills with a capacity greater than 1.5 M m<sup>3</sup>, or which receive greater than 50,000 tons of residual materials per year, must have active collection and either treatment or destruction, so long as CH<sub>4</sub> concentration is greater than 25%. The timing of this regulation depends on the rate at which waste is received at the landfill. Active collection may be ceased after 5 years of measured CH<sub>4</sub> concentration in the collected gas of less than 25%.

##### California

On June 17, 2010, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved a discrete early action measure to reduce methane emissions from landfills. The control measure applies to landfills with greater than 450,000 t waste in place (WIP). The regulation reduces methane emissions from landfills by requiring gas collection and control systems where these systems were not previously required, and establishes statewide performance standards to maximize methane capture efficiencies.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/980232>

<sup>11</sup> <http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/ShowDoc/cr/Q-2,%20r.%2019>

<sup>12</sup> California Air Resources Board, Landfill Methane Control Measure webpage: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/landfills/landfills.htm> (accessed Oct 30, 2016).

**Alberta**

Landfill methane emissions in Alberta are regulated under the requirements of Alberta Regulation 139/2007, the Specified Gas Emitters Regulation.<sup>13</sup> This law regulates sources of GHG emissions greater than 100,000 tonnes per year.

**British Columbia**

According to the Landfill Gas Management Regulation 391/2008<sup>14</sup>, any landfill estimated to emit more than 1,000 t CH<sub>4</sub> (25,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e), annually, must manage landfill gas, to a minimum standard equal to collection and flaring (Regulated by the Ministry of the Environment).

**Manitoba**

All landfills with greater than 750,000 tonnes of WIP are considered “prescribed landfills” in Manitoba. Under the Climate Change and Emissions Reductions Act of 2013 (C.C.S.M. c. C135),<sup>15</sup> prescribed landfills are required to develop a plan for the mitigating emissions both during operation and after closure of the landfill. Plans were required to be implemented by December 31, 2010. The government is also required to provide capital funding to assist landfill owners or operators with plan implementation.

**New Brunswick**

LFG collection and beneficial use projects are encouraged by the government of New Brunswick, but methane control is not required by regulation, at this time.

**Newfoundland and Labrador**

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has adopted General Environmental Standards for Municipal Solid Waste Management Facilities/Systems (2010).<sup>16</sup> This guidance requires all MSW landfills to either vent or control LFG emissions, with monitoring to ensure methane concentrations in soils stay below a certain threshold. This guidance does not mandate treatment or destruction of LFG.

**Nova Scotia**

The Government of Nova Scotia has adopted Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Guidelines (1997).<sup>17</sup> This guidance requires that landfills be designed with some form of LFG management and monitoring system. However, LFG is allowed to be released to atmosphere, and treatment or destruction is not required. All new landfills must be assessed for the viability of a LFGE system, which will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Prince Edward Island**

Chapter E-9 of the Environmental Protection Act, Waste Resource Management Regulations<sup>18</sup> for Prince Edward Island is largely identical to the regulation from Nova Scotia. LFG must be managed and monitored, but is not required to be treated or destroyed.

<sup>13</sup> [http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2007\\_139.cfm&leg\\_type=Regs&isbncln=9780779738151](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2007_139.cfm&leg_type=Regs&isbncln=9780779738151)

<sup>14</sup> [http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/391\\_2008](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/391_2008)

<sup>15</sup> <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/c135e.php>

<sup>16</sup> [http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env\\_protection/waste/waste\\_management\\_facilities\\_general\\_standards.pdf](http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_protection/waste/waste_management_facilities_general_standards.pdf)

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/dept/docs.policy/guidelines-municipal.solid.waste.landfill.pdf>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.irac.pe.ca/document.aspx?file=legislation/EPA-WasteResourceManagementRegulations.asp>

**Saskatchewan**

The Ministry of Environment for the Government of Saskatchewan provides guidance on requirements for Landfill Design Plans.<sup>19</sup> New landfills are required to include designs for LFG management systems, but there is no requirement for treatment or destruction.

**3.5 Regulatory Compliance**

As a final eligibility requirement, Project Developers must attest that project activities do not cause material violations of applicable laws (e.g., air, water quality, safety, etc.). Project Developers are required to disclose in writing to the verifier any and all instances of legal violations – material or otherwise – caused by the project activities.

A violation should be considered to be “caused” by project activities if it can be reasonably argued that the violation would not have occurred in the absence of the project activities. If there is any question of causality, the Project Developer shall disclose the violation to the verifier.

If a verifier finds that project activities have caused a material violation, then credits will not be issued for GHG reductions that occurred during the period(s) when the violation occurred. Individual violations due to administrative or reporting issues, or due to “acts of nature,” are not considered material and will not affect crediting. However, recurrent administrative violations directly related to project activities may affect crediting. Verifiers must determine if recurrent violations rise to the level of materiality. If the verifier is unable to assess the materiality of the violation, then the verifier shall consult with the Ministry.

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<sup>19</sup> <http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=b2f70912-58e8-46c0-9ac3-2b5908bb700f&MediaID=57e8d47f-2437-404c-9a0e-df02802e0acd&Filename=ENV+-+Landfill+Design+Plan-Communications.pdf&l=English>

## 4 The GHG Assessment Boundary

The GHG Assessment Boundary delineates the GHG sources, sinks, and reservoirs (SSRs) that must be assessed by Project Developers in order to determine the net change in emissions caused by a landfill project.<sup>20</sup>

This protocol does not account for carbon dioxide emission reductions associated with displacing grid-delivered electricity or fossil fuel use.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the generation and destruction of landfill gas are considered biogenic emissions<sup>21</sup> (as opposed to anthropogenic) and are not included in the GHG Assessment Boundary. This is consistent with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) guidelines for captured landfill gas.<sup>22</sup>

Figure 4.1 illustrates all relevant GHG SSRs associated with landfill project activities and delineates the GHG Assessment Boundary.

Table 4.1 provides greater detail on each SSR and justification for the inclusion or exclusion of certain SSRs and gases from the GHG Assessment Boundary.

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<sup>20</sup> The definition and assessment of SSRs is consistent with ISO 14064-2 guidance.

<sup>21</sup> The rationale is that carbon dioxide emitted during combustion represents the carbon dioxide that would have been emitted during natural decomposition of the solid waste. Emissions from the landfill gas control system do not yield a net increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide because they are theoretically equivalent to the carbon dioxide absorbed during plant growth.

<sup>22</sup> *IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*; p.5.10, ftnt.

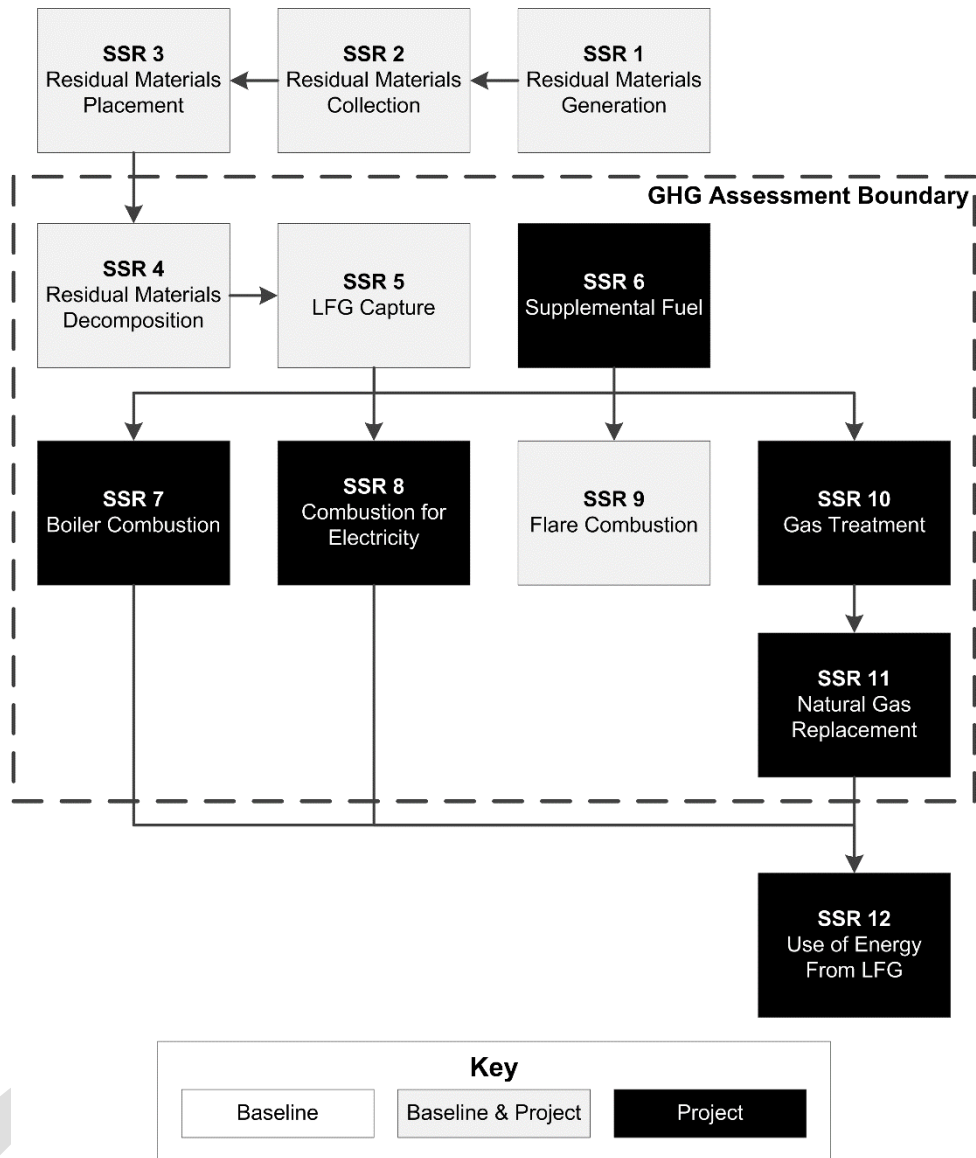


Figure 4.1. General Illustration of the GHG Assessment Boundary.

**Table 4.1.** Description of All Sources, Sinks, and Reservoirs

SSR	Source Description	Gas	Relevant to Baseline (B) or Project (P)	Included or Excluded	Justification/Explanation
1	Residual Materials Generation	N/A	B, P	Excluded	GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
2	Residual Materials Collection	CO <sub>2</sub>	B, P	Excluded	GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Excluded	GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
3	Residual Materials Placement	CO <sub>2</sub>	B, P	Excluded	GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Excluded	GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be equal in the baseline and project scenarios
4	Decomposition of Residual Materials in Landfill	CO <sub>2</sub>	B, P	Excluded	Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> emissions are excluded
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Included	Primary source of GHG emissions in baseline. Calculated based on destruction in baseline and project destruction devices
5	LFG Capture System	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Included	Landfill projects result in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the energy used for collection and processing of landfill gas
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Excluded	Fugitive CH <sub>4</sub> released prior to reaching the flow meter is assumed to have been released in the baseline.
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small



SSR	Source Description	Gas	Relevant to Baseline (B) or Project (P)	Included or Excluded	Justification/Explanation
6	Supplemental Fuel	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Included	Landfill projects may require use of supplemental fossil fuel, resulting in significant new GHG emissions. Baseline use is excluded.
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Included	Calculated based on destruction efficiency of destruction device. Baseline use is excluded.
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small
7	LFG Boiler Destruction	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Excluded	Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> emissions are excluded
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Included	Calculated in reference to destruction efficiency
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small
8	LFG Combustion for Electricity (combustion engine, turbine, micro turbine)	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Excluded	Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> emissions are excluded
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Included	Calculated in reference to destruction efficiency
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small
9	LFG Flare Combustion	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Excluded	Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> emissions are excluded
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Included	Calculated in reference to destruction efficiency
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small
10	LFG Treatment and Upgrade	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Included	Landfill projects may result in GHG emissions from additional energy used to upgrade landfill gas
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	This emission source is assumed to be very small
11	Natural Gas Replacement End Use (direct use boiler, NG transmission pipeline, vehicle fuel, CH <sub>4</sub> liquefaction)	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Excluded	Biogenic emissions are excluded
		CH <sub>4</sub>		Included	Calculated in reference to destruction efficiency
		N <sub>2</sub> O		Excluded	Assumed to be very small

SSR	Source Description	Gas	Relevant to Baseline (B) or Project (P)	Included or Excluded	Justification/Explanation
12	Use of Energy from LFG to Displace Fossil Energy	CO <sub>2</sub>	B,P	Excluded	This protocol does not credit for displacement of GHG emissions from grid-connected electricity or fossil fuels

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## 5 Quantifying GHG Emission Reductions

GHG emission reductions from a landfill project are quantified by comparing actual project emissions to the calculated baseline emissions (Equation 5.1).

### Equation 5.1. Calculating GHG Emission Reductions

<b><math>ER = BE - PE</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		<u>Units</u>
ER	= GHG emission reductions attributable to the project during the project reporting period	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
BE	= Baseline scenario emissions during the project reporting period, calculated using Equation 5.3	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
PE	= Project emissions during the project reporting period, calculated using Equation 5.9	tCO <sub>2</sub> e

When the flow meter does not correct for the temperature and pressure of the LFG at standard conditions, the promoter must measure LFG pressure and temperature separately and correct the flow values using Equation 5.2. The promoter must use the corrected flow values in all the equations of this protocol.

### Equation 5.2. Adjusting the Landfill Gas Flow for Temperature and Pressure

<b><math>LFG_{i,t} = LFG_{uncorrected} \times \frac{293.13}{T} \times \frac{P}{101.325}</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		<u>Units</u>
$LFG_{i,t}$	= Corrected volume of LFG sent to destruction device $i$ , in time interval $t$	m <sup>3</sup>
$LFG_{uncorrected}$	= Uncorrected volume of LFG captured for the given interval	m <sup>3</sup>
P	= Measured pressure of the LFG for the given time interval	kPa
T	= Measured temperature of LFG for the given time period, in Kelvin (°C + 273.15)	K

### 5.1 Calculation Method for GHG Emissions in the Baseline Scenario

Total baseline emissions for the reporting period are estimated by calculating and summing the emissions from all relevant baseline SSRs that are included in the GHG Assessment Boundary (as indicated in Table 4.1). With the exception of the deductions outlined below, baseline emissions are equal to the sum of all methane destroyed by eligible destruction devices.

As noted in Section 3.4.2, projects may fall into three categories based on the baseline state of the landfill and level of landfill gas management. Each of these categories requires a slightly different methodology for calculating relevant baseline emissions.

1. Landfills where no previous collection or destruction took place prior to the project start date must deduct the following from baseline emissions:
  - a. The amount of methane that would have been oxidized by soil bacteria in the absence of the project.

2. Landfills where LFG was previously collected and vented, but not destroyed must deduct the following from baseline emissions:
  - a. The amount of methane that would have been oxidized by soil bacteria in the absence of the project.
  
3. Landfills where previous collection and/or destruction took place in a non-qualifying destruction device must deduct the following from baseline emissions:
  - a. The amount of methane destroyed by the non-qualifying destruction device.
  - b. The amount of methane that would have been oxidized by soil bacteria in the absence of the project.

Baseline oxidation of CH<sub>4</sub> in landfills should be accounted in the following manner:

1. For landfill sites with a geomembrane covering the entire landfill area, use a CH<sub>4</sub> oxidation rate of zero (0%). In this case, the operator must show in the first project report that the landfill site has a geomembrane that meets the requirements of Ontario Regulation 232/98 respecting landfilling sites or the Quebec Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Q-2 r.19, as appropriate; and
2. For all other landfill sites, use a CH<sub>4</sub> oxidation factor of 10%.

**Equation 5.3.** Calculating Baseline Emissions

<b><math>BE = (CH_4DEST_{PR}) \times GWP \times (1 - OX) \times (1 - DF) - Dest_{base} \times (1 - OX)</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		<u>Units</u>
BE	= Baseline scenario emissions during the project reporting period	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
CH <sub>4</sub> Dest <sub>PR</sub>	= Total quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> treated or destroyed by all LFG treatment and destruction devices during the project reporting period	tCH <sub>4</sub>
GWP	= Global Warming Potential factor of CH <sub>4</sub> , as set out in Ontario and Quebec regulations concerning the reporting of GHG emissions.	tCO <sub>2</sub> e/tCH <sub>4</sub>
OX	= Factor for the oxidation of CH <sub>4</sub> by soil bacteria, namely a factor of 0 for landfill sites with a geomembrane covering the entire landfill area, or a factor of 0.10 in other cases	
DF	= Discount factor to account for uncertainties associated with the monitoring equipment for CH <sub>4</sub> content in the LFG, namely a factor of 0 when the CH <sub>4</sub> content in the LFG is measured continuously, and 0.1 in other cases, with measurements made at least weekly	
Dest <sub>base</sub>	= Adjustment to account for baseline LFG destruction (see Equation 5.7). Equal to 0 if no LFG destruction system is in place prior to project implementation.	tCO <sub>2</sub> e

**Equation 5.4. Total Methane Emissions Destroyed**

$$CH_4Dest_{PR} = \sum_i^n (CH_4Dest_i) \times (0.667 \times 0.001)$$

Where,

	<u>Units</u>
$CH_4Dest_{PR}$ = Total quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> treated or destroyed by all LFG treatment or destruction devices during the project reporting period	tCH <sub>4</sub>
$n$ = Number of treatment or destruction devices	
$i$ = Treatment or destruction device	
$CH_4Dest_i$ = Net quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> treated or destroyed by device $i$ during the project reporting period, calculated using Equation 5.5	m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub>
0.667 = Density of CH <sub>4</sub>	kgCH <sub>4</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>
0.001 = Conversion factor, kilograms to metric tonnes	tCH <sub>4</sub> /kgCH <sub>4</sub>

**Equation 5.5. Total Methane Emissions by Device During the Reporting Period**

$$CH_4Dest_i = Q_i \times DE_i$$

Where,

	<u>Units</u>
$CH_4Dest_i$ = Net quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> treated or destroyed by device $i$ during the project reporting period	m <sup>3</sup>
$Q_i$ = Total quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> sent to device $i$	m <sup>3</sup>
$i$ = Treatment or destruction device	
$DE_i$ = Default CH <sub>4</sub> treatment or destruction efficiency of device $i$ , determined in accordance with Appendix A	

**Equation 5.6. Total Quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> Sent to Treatment or Destruction Device**

$$Q_i = \sum_{t=1}^n (LFG_{i,t} \times PR_{CH_4,t})$$

Where,

	<u>Units</u>
$Q_i$ = Total quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> sent to device $i$ during the project reporting period	m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub>
$n$ = Number of time intervals during the project reporting period	
$t$ = Time interval shown in the Table 6.1 for which LFG CH <sub>4</sub> flow and content measurements are aggregated	
$LFG_{i,t}$ = Corrected volume of LFG sent to device $i$ during time interval $t$	m <sup>3</sup>
$PR_{CH_4,t}$ = Average CH <sub>4</sub> fraction of the LFG in time interval $t$	m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> /m <sup>3</sup> LFG

For projects where methane was destroyed in the baseline, Equation 5.7 must be applied. The time period over which the value of  $Dest_{base}$  is to be aggregated may be chosen by the Project Developer, but cannot be less than weekly, and must be consistent throughout the reporting period.

**Equation 5.7.** Baseline Adjustment for Destruction in the Baseline Scenario

<b><math>Dest_{base} = NQ_{discount} \times 0.667 \times 0.001 \times GWP</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		
$Dest_{base}$	= Adjustment to account for the baseline methane destruction associated with a baseline destruction device. Equal to zero if there is no baseline installation	<u>Units</u> tCO <sub>2e</sub>
$NQ_{discount}$	= Adjustment to account for the methane that would have been combusted in the baseline, non-qualifying combustion device. Equal to zero if there is no non-qualifying combustion device	m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub>
0.667	= Density of CH <sub>4</sub>	kgCH <sub>4</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>
0.001	= Conversion factor, kilograms to metric tonnes	tCH <sub>4</sub> /kgCH <sub>4</sub>
GWP	= Global Warming Potential factor of CH <sub>4</sub> , as set out in Ontario and Quebec regulations concerning the reporting of GHG emissions.	tCO <sub>2e</sub> /tCH <sub>4</sub>

$NQ_{discount}$ , may be determined using either of the following options.

1.  $NQ_{discount}$  shall be equal to the measured quantity of methane recovered through an active gas collection system installed into the corresponding cell or waste mass of the landfill in which the baseline devices operated. The landfill gas flow from these active wells shall be determined using Equation 5.4 above for a minimum of one month.<sup>23</sup>
2.  $NQ_{discount}$  shall be monitored and calculated per Equation 5.8 and Appendix C.

**Equation 5.8.** Calculating Baseline Adjustment for Non-Qualifying Devices

<b><math>NQ_{discount} = LFG_{B2} \times B_{CH_4NQ}</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		
$NQ_{discount}$	= Adjustment to account for the methane that would have been combusted in the baseline, non-qualifying combustion device. Equal to zero if there is no non-qualifying combustion device	<u>Units</u> m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub>
$LFG_{B2}$	= Landfill gas that would have been destroyed by the original, non-qualifying destruction system during the reporting period. See Appendix C for guidance on calculating $LFG_{B2}$	m <sup>3</sup>
$B_{CH_4,NQ}$	= Methane fraction of landfill gas destroyed by non-qualifying devices in the baseline. Equal to average methane concentration over the reporting period if maximum capacity is used for $LFG_{B2}$ . See Appendix C for further guidance on calculating $B_{CH_4,NQ}$	m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> /m <sup>3</sup> LFG

<sup>23</sup> For the purpose of using Equation 5.4 to determine  $NQ_{discount}$ , the quantity of landfill gas would be only that which is being metered from the corresponding cell or waste mass in which the baseline devices had operated, and not necessarily all of the landfill gas being destroyed by the destruction system.

## 5.2 Quantifying Project Emissions

Project emissions are actual GHG emissions that occur within the GHG Assessment Boundary as a result of the project activity. Project emissions must be quantified every reporting period on an *ex post* basis. The operator must calculate the GHG project emissions using Equation 5.9 to Equation 5.12.

### Equation 5.9. Calculating Project Emissions

<b><math>PE = FF_{CO_2} + EL_{CO_2} + NG_{emissions}</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		
	<u>Units</u>	
PE	= Project emissions during the project reporting period	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
FF <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	= Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions attributable to the use of fossil fuels during the project reporting period, calculated using Equation 5.10	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
EL <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	= Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions attributable to the consumption of electricity during the project reporting period, calculated using Equation 5.11	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
NG <sub>emissions</sub>	= Total quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions attributable to supplemental natural gas during the project reporting period, calculated using Equation 5.12	tCO <sub>2</sub> e

### Equation 5.10. Calculating Project Emissions from Fossil Fuel Use

<b><math>FF_{CO_2} = ((\sum_j^n (FF_{PR,j} \times EF_{CF,j}))/1000)</math></b>		
<i>Where,</i>		
	<u>Units</u>	
FF <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	= Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions attributable to the use of fossil fuels during the project reporting period	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
n	= Number of types of fossil fuel	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
j	= Type of fossil fuel	
FF <sub>PR,j</sub>	= Annual quantity of fossil fuel j consumed in the operation of equipment within the SSRs in the baseline scenario	volume fossil fuel
EF <sub>CF,j</sub>	= CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for fossil fuel j specified in the relevant Ontario and Quebec regulations concerning the reporting of GHG emissions	kgCO <sub>2</sub> /volume fossil fuel
1000	= Conversion factor, kilograms to tonnes	kgCO <sub>2</sub> /tCO <sub>2</sub>

**Equation 5.11.** Calculating Project Emissions from Electricity Use

$EL_{CO2} = \frac{EL_{PR} \times EL_{EL}}{1000}$		
Where,		
$EL_{CO2}$	= Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions attributable to the consumption of grid electricity during the project reporting period	<u>Units</u> tCO <sub>2</sub>
$EL_{PR}$	= Total grid electricity consumed by the project LFG capture and treatment or destruction system during the project reporting period, in megawatt-hours;	MWh
$EL_{EL}$	= CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for the consumption of electricity from the local province, according to the most recent National Inventory Report: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada, Part 3, published by Environment Canada	kgCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh
1000	= Conversion factor, metric tonnes to kilograms	kgCO <sub>2</sub> /tCO <sub>2</sub>

**Equation 5.12.** Calculating Project Emissions from the Use of Supplemental Natural Gas

$NG_{emissions} = \sum_i^n \left[ NG_i \times NG_{CH4} \times 0.667 \times 0.001 \left[ ((1 - DE_i) \times GWP) + (DE_i \times \frac{12}{16} \times \frac{44}{12}) \right] \right]$		
Where,		
$NG_{emissions}$	= Total CH <sub>4</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions attributable to supplemental natural gas during the project reporting period	<u>Units</u> tCO <sub>2</sub> e
$n$	= Number of treatment or destruction devices	
$i$	= Treatment or destruction device	
$NG_i$	= Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to treatment or destruction device $i$ during the project reporting period	m <sup>3</sup>
$NG_{CH4}$	= Average CH <sub>4</sub> fraction of the supplemental natural gas, according to the supplier's specifications	m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> / m <sup>3</sup> NG
0.667	= Density of CH <sub>4</sub> , in kilograms of CH <sub>4</sub> per cubic meter of CH <sub>4</sub> at standard conditions	kgCH <sub>4</sub> / m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub>
0.001	= Conversion factor, kilograms to metric tonnes	kgCH <sub>4</sub> /tCH <sub>4</sub>
$DE_i$	= Default CH <sub>4</sub> efficiency of device $i$ , determined in accordance with Appendix A	Appendix A
$GWP$	= Global Warming Potential factor of CH <sub>4</sub> , as set out in Ontario Regulation 143/16 Quantification, Reporting and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.	tCO <sub>2</sub> e/tCH <sub>4</sub>
12/16	= Molecular mass ratio, carbon to CH <sub>4</sub>	C/CH <sub>4</sub>
44/12	= Molecular mass ratio, CO <sub>2</sub> to carbon	CO <sub>2</sub> /C



## 6 Project Surveillance

### 6.1 Data Collection

The promoter is responsible for collecting the information required for project monitoring.

The promoter must show that the data collected are actual and that rigorous supervision and record-keeping procedures are applied at the project site.

### 6.2 Surveillance Plan

The surveillance plan must specify the methods used to collect and record the data required for all the relevant parameters in Table 6.1.

At a minimum, the surveillance plan must include the following:

1. Methods used to collect and record the data required for all the relevant parameters in Table 6.1;
2. Frequency of data acquisition;
3. Record keeping plan (see Section 7.1 for minimum record keeping requirements)
4. Frequency of instrument cleaning, inspection and calibration activities, and of the verification of instrument calibration accuracy; and
5. The role and qualifications of the person responsible for each monitoring activity, as well as the quality assurance and quality control measures taken to ensure that data acquisition and instrument calibration are carried out consistently and with precision; and
6. A detailed diagram of the LFG capture and treatment or destruction system, including the placement of all measurement instrument and equipment that affect included SSRs; and
7. Procedures which will be followed to ascertain and demonstrate that the project at all times passes the Legal Requirement Test (Section 3.4.3).

### 6.3 Monitoring Requirements

Project Developers are responsible for monitoring the performance of the project and ensuring that the operation of all project-related equipment is consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations. Methane emission reductions from landfill gas capture and control systems must be monitored with measurement equipment that directly meters:

1. The flow of landfill gas delivered to each destruction device<sup>24</sup>, measured continuously and recorded every 15 minutes or totalized and recorded at least daily, adjusted for temperature and pressure

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<sup>24</sup> A single meter may be used for multiple, identical destruction devices. In this instance, methane destruction in these units will be eligible only if both units are monitored to be operational, unless evidence is available to document that the design of the device is such that methane may not pass through when it is not operational.

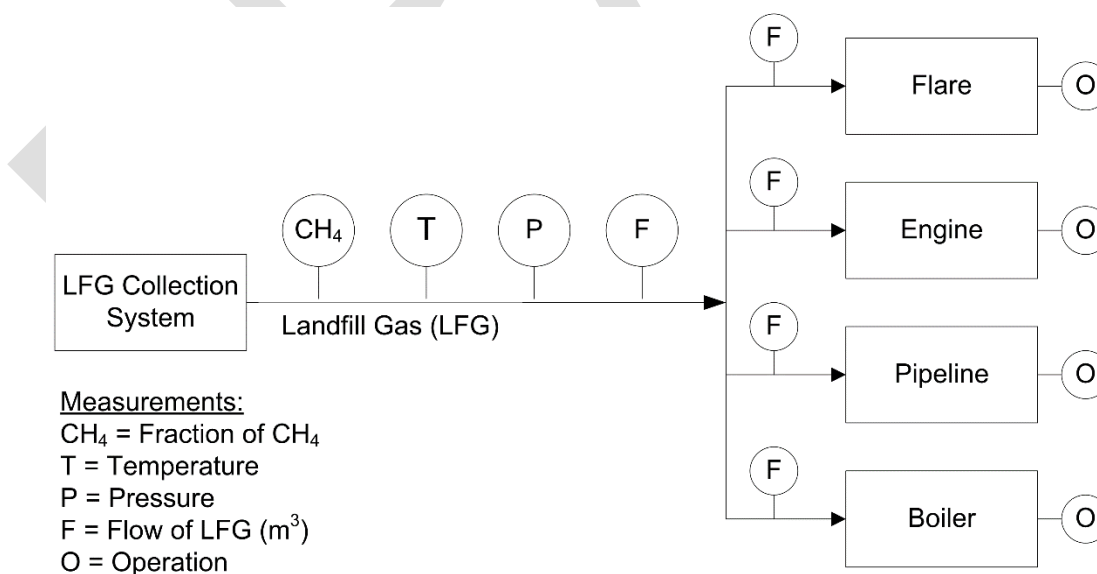
- The fraction of methane in the landfill gas delivered to the destruction device, measured continuously and recorded every 15 minutes and averaged at least daily (measurements taken at a frequency that is between daily and weekly may be used with the application of a 10% discount in Equation 5.3)

All flow data collected must be corrected for temperature and pressure. Pressure correction is to 1 atm, but temperature correction may be chosen according to one of the values listed in Table A.2 and applied to all gas measurement data for the project. The appropriate value for the density of CH<sub>4</sub> is based on the chosen reference temperature. The temperature and pressure of the landfill gas must be measured continuously. No separate monitoring of temperature and pressure is necessary when using flow meters that automatically correct for temperature and pressure, expressing LFG volumes in normalized cubic meters.

The continuous methane analyzer is the preferred option for monitoring methane concentrations. When using the alternative approach of weekly methane concentration measurement using a calibrated portable gas analyzer, Project Developers must account for the uncertainty associated with these measurements by applying a 10% discount factor to the total quantity of methane collected and destroyed in Equation 5.3.

Methane fraction of the landfill gas to be measured on a wet/dry basis (must be measured on same basis as flow, temperature, and pressure). The methane analyzer and flow meter should be installed in the same relative placement to any moisture-removing components of the landfill gas system (there should not be a moisture-removing component separating the measurement of flow and methane fraction). An acceptable variation to this arrangement would be in the case where the flow meter is placed after a moisture-removing component (dry basis), while the methane analyzer is placed before this component (wet basis). The opposite arrangement is not permissible.

Figure 6.1 represents the suggested arrangement of destruction system metering equipment.



Note: The number and arrangement of flow meters must be sufficient to track the flow to each combustion device. The above scenario includes one more flow meter than would be necessary to achieve this objective.

**Figure 6.1.** Suggested Arrangement of LFG Metering Equipment

The operational activity of the landfill gas collection system and the destruction devices shall be monitored and documented at least hourly to ensure actual landfill gas destruction. GHG reductions will not be accounted for during periods which the destruction device was not operational. For flares, operation is defined as thermocouple readings above 260° C. For all other destruction devices, the means of demonstration shall be determined by the Project Developer, subject to manufacturer guidance, and subject to verifier review.

#### **6.4 Instrument Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)**

The operator must ensure that all LFG flow meters and CH<sub>4</sub> analyzers are:

1. Documented to be in calibration at the time of installation at the project; and
2. Cleaned and inspected as specified in the project's surveillance plan and at the minimum cleaning and inspection frequency specified by the manufacturer, with all cleaning and inspection activities documented by landfill site personnel. If the manufacturer does not specify a minimum frequency of cleaning and inspection, then meters must be cleaned and inspected at least quarterly;
3. Not more than 2 months before or after the project reporting period end date, either
  - a. Checked for accuracy by a qualified and independent person, either using a portable instrument, such as a pitot tube, or manufacturer's specifications, and ensure that the percentage drift is recorded; or
  - b. Calibrated by the manufacturer, or by a third person certified for that purpose by the manufacturer; and
4. Calibrated by the manufacturer, or by a third-party certified for that purpose by the manufacturer, according to the manufacturer's specifications or every 5 years, whichever is more frequent.

A calibration certificate or a verification report on calibration accuracy must be produced and included in the project report. The calibration certificate or verification report must include confirmation that the person is qualified to verify calibration accuracy.

Flow meters and/or methane analyzers which are installed temporarily (not portable devices) must be documented to be in calibration at the time of installation. If the device is used for 60 days or more, the device must be field checked for calibration accuracy prior to its removal from the system.

Flow meter calibrations must be documented to show that the meter was calibrated to a range of flow rates corresponding to the flow rates expected at the landfill site. CH<sub>4</sub> analyzer calibrations must be documented to show that the calibration was carried out to a range of temperature and pressure conditions corresponding to the range of conditions measured at the landfill site.

The verification of flow meter and analyzer calibration accuracy must show that the instrument provides a reading of volumetric flow or CH<sub>4</sub> content that is within a ± 5% accuracy threshold.

When a verification of the calibration accuracy of a device shows a shift outside the  $\pm 5\%$  accuracy threshold, but the manufacturer specifies a cleaning procedure for calibration checks, the device may be cleaned and rechecked. If the device is still out of the allowable threshold, the device must be calibrated by the manufacturer or by a third person certified for that purpose by the manufacturer. In addition, for the entire period from the last calibration that confirmed accuracy within the  $\pm 5\%$  threshold until such time as the piece of equipment is correctly calibrated, all the data from the piece of equipment must be corrected according to the following procedure:

1. when the calibration indicates an under-reporting of flow rates or CH<sub>4</sub> content, the operator must use the measured values without correction;
2. when the calibration indicates an over-reporting of flow rates or CH<sub>4</sub> content, the operator must apply to the measured values the greatest calibration drift recorded at the time of calibration.

For devices which are cleaned and rechecked, with the second check showing a return to calibration accuracy, the device does not need further calibration, but the data must be adjusted per the procedure outlined above.

If the operator uses a portable CH<sub>4</sub> analyzer, it must be maintained and calibrated according to the manufacturer's specifications, and calibrated at least annually by the manufacturer, by a laboratory certified by the manufacturer, or by an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. The portable analyzer also must be calibrated to a known sample gas prior to each use.

No offset credit may be issued for a project reporting period when the calibration or verification of the calibration accuracy of the required instruments has not been correctly carried out and documented.

## **6.5 Missing Data**

In situations where the flow rate or methane concentration monitoring equipment is missing data, the Project Developer shall apply the data substitution methodology provided in Appendix B. If for any reason the destruction device monitoring equipment is inoperable (for example, the thermal coupler on the flare), then no emission reductions can be registered for that device for the period of inoperability.

## **6.6 Monitoring Parameters**

Prescribed monitoring parameters necessary to calculate baseline and project emissions are provided in Table 6.1.

**Table 6.1.** Landfill Project Surveillance Plan

Eq. #	Parameter	Description	Data Unit	Calculated (c) Measured (m) Reference (r) Operating Records (o)	Measurement Frequency	Comment
	Capacity and annual residual material tonnage	N/A	metric tonne	o	Annual or at each project reporting period, in accordance with the second paragraph of Section 1	Must be monitored and determined for each reporting period. The amount of waste in place shall be documented as of the beginning of the reporting period to assess whether the landfill continues to satisfy the performance standard test (Section 3.4.1).
	Operating status of destruction devices	N/A	degree celsius or other, in accordance with this division 7.2	m	Hourly	Required for each destruction device. For flares, operation is defined as thermocouple readings above 260°C
	Corrected volume of LFG sent to destruction device $i$ , in time interval $t$	$LFG_{i,t}$	cubic meter at standard conditions	m/c	Continuous and recorded at least every 15 minutes or totalized and recorded at least daily and adjusted for temperature and pressure	Measured continuously by a flow meter and recorded at least once every 15 minutes. Data to be aggregated by time interval $t$ (this parameter is calculated in cases where the metered flow must be corrected for temperature and pressure)
	Uncorrected volume of LFG captured for the given interval	$LFG_{uncorrected}$	Cubic meter	m	Only when flow data are not adjusted at standard conditions	Used only in cases where the flow meter does not automatically correct to 16°C and 101.325 kPa
	Discount factor to account for uncertainties associated with monitoring equipment for CH <sub>4</sub> content in the LFG	DF	0 when the CH <sub>4</sub> content is continuously monitored, or 0.1 in other cases	N/a	At each reporting period	Equal to zero if using continuous methane monitor (see Equation 3)
	Total quantity of CH <sub>4</sub> sent to destruction device $i$ during the project reporting period	$Q_i$	Cubic meter of CH <sub>4</sub> at standard conditions	c	Daily when the CH <sub>4</sub> is continuously monitored, or weekly if CH <sub>4</sub> is monitored weekly	Calculated daily if methane is continuously metered or weekly if methane is measured weekly

Eq. #	Parameter	Description	Data Unit	Calculated (c) Measured (m) Reference (r) Operating Records (o)	Measurement Frequency	Comment
	Time interval for which LFG CH <sub>4</sub> flow and content measurements are aggregated	t	Week, day, hour, or minute	m	Continuous, daily, or weekly	Projects with a continuous CH <sub>4</sub> concentration monitoring system may use the interval used by their data acquisition system, provided it is not more than 1 day for the continuous monitoring of CH <sub>4</sub> content and 1 week for the weekly monitoring of CH <sub>4</sub> content
	Average CH <sub>4</sub> fraction of the LFG in time interval t	PR <sub>CH<sub>4</sub>,t</sub>	Cubic meter of CH <sub>4</sub> at standard conditions per cubic meter of LFG at standard conditions	m	Measured continuously or weekly	Measured continuously or by portable analyzer
	Total fossil fuels consumed by the capture and destruction system during the project reporting period, by type of fuel j	FF <sub>PR,j</sub>	Kilogram (solid) Cubic meter at standard conditions (gas) Litre (liquid)	c	Calculated using fossil fuels purchasing register	Calculated from monthly record of fossil fuel purchased and consumed
	Total electricity consumed by the LFG capture and destruction system during the project reporting period	EL <sub>PR</sub>	Megawatt-Hour	c	Measured by onsite meter or based on electricity purchasing record	Obtained from either onsite metering or utility purchase records. Required to determine CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from use of electricity to operate the project activity
	Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to the destruction device during the project reporting period	NG <sub>i</sub>	Cubic meter at standard conditions	m	Measured before being sent to the destruction device	Metered prior to delivery to destruction device

Eq. #	Parameter	Description	Data Unit	Calculated (c) Measured (m) Reference (r) Operating Records (o)	Measurement Frequency	Comment
	Average CH <sub>4</sub> fraction of the supplemental natural gas, according to the supplier's specifications	NG <sub>CH<sub>4</sub></sub>	Cubic meter of CH <sub>4</sub> at standard conditions per cubic meter of natural gas at standard conditions	r	At each project reporting period	Based on purchasing register
	LFG temperature	T	°C	m	continuous	No separate monitoring of temperature is necessary when using flow meters that automatically adjust flow volumes for temperature and pressure, expressing LFG volumes in normalized kPa
	LFG pressure	P	kPa	m	continuous	No separate monitoring of pressure is necessary when using flow meters that automatically measure adjust flow volumes for temperature and pressure, expressing LFG volumes in normalized kPa

## 7 Reporting Parameters

This section provides requirements and guidance on reporting rules and procedures. A priority of the Ministry is to facilitate consistent and transparent information disclosure among Project Developers. Project Developers shall conduct regular project reporting according to the guidance in the Regulation.

### 7.1 Record Keeping

For purposes of independent verification and historical documentation, Project Developers are required to keep all information outlined in this protocol for a period of **7 years** starting on the date of the end of the final reporting period. Information on data procedures and data monitoring must be managed in a way that guarantees the integrity, exhaustiveness, accuracy and validity of the data.

The operator must keep the following documents and information:

1. the information and data required under the surveillance plan, including all GHG calculations and their related data inputs;
2. information on each flow meter, CH<sub>4</sub> analyzer and destruction device used, including type, model number, serial number and manufacturer's maintenance and calibration procedures;
3. for a portable analyzer, the date, time and place where measurements are taken and, for each measurement, the CH<sub>4</sub> content in the LFG;
4. the calibration date, time and results for CH<sub>4</sub> analyzers and flow meters, and the corrective measures applied if a piece of equipment fails to meet the requirements of this Regulation;
5. the maintenance records for capture, destruction and monitoring systems;
6. operating records showing the quantity of residual material disposed of;
7. all documentation related to permits related to the landfill facility (e.g., air quality, water quality, solid waste, land use, system construction, etc.), as well as documentation related to any regulatory compliance inquiries, warnings, or violations.

### 7.2 Reporting Period and Verification Cycle

Project Developers must report GHG reductions resulting from project activities during each reporting period. Reporting periods shall be 12 months in length. **Guidance regarding the deadlines for verification of each reporting period can be found in the Regulation.**

**Except for the initial reporting period, projects which generate fewer than 25,000 tonnes of emission reductions in a calendar year may delay verification for up to a year. These projects may verify two 12-month reporting periods at the same time.**



## 8 Verification Guidance

Only verification bodies approved by the Ministry for this project type are eligible to verify Canadian landfill project reports. Verification bodies approved under other project protocol types are not permitted to verify landfill projects.

### 8.1 Standard of Verification

The Ministry's standard of verification for landfill projects is the Canada Landfill Project Protocol (this document) and the Regulation. To verify a landfill project report, verification bodies apply the guidance in the Regulation and this section of the protocol to the standards described in Sections 2 through 0 of this protocol.

Verification bodies are expected to use their professional judgment to confirm that protocol requirements have been met in instances where the protocol does not provide (sufficiently) prescriptive guidance. For more information on the Ministry's verification process and professional judgment, please see the Regulation.

### 8.2 Surveillance Plan

Verification bodies shall confirm that the surveillance plan covers all aspects of monitoring and reporting contained in this protocol and specifies how data for all relevant parameters in Table 6.1 are collected and recorded.

### 8.3 Verifying Project Eligibility

Verification bodies must affirm a landfill project's eligibility according to the rules described in this protocol. The table below outlines the eligibility criteria for a landfill project. This table does not represent all criteria for determining eligibility comprehensively; verification bodies must also look to Section 3 and the verification items list in Table 8.2.

**Table 8.1.** Summary of Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Rule	Eligibility Criteria	Frequency of Rule Application
Start Date	Per guidance in the Regulation	Once during first verification
Location	Canada	Once during first verification
Performance Standard: Practice Threshold	Installation of a qualifying destruction device where not required by law (see Section 3.4.2 for other requirements)	Once during first verification
Legal Requirement Test	Specific to each province (see Section 3.4.3 for more information)	Every verification
Regulatory Compliance Test	Disclosure of all non-compliance events to verifier; project must be in material compliance with all applicable laws	Every verification
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bioreactors</li> <li>• Landfills which re-circulate a liquid other than leachate in a controlled manner</li> <li>• Indirect emissions from the displacement of grid electricity or natural gas</li> </ul>	Every verification

## 8.4 Core Verification Activities

The **Regulation** describes the core verification activities that shall be performed by verification bodies for all project verifications. They are summarized below in the context of a landfill project, but verification bodies must also follow the general guidance in the Regulation.

Verification is a risk assessment and data sampling effort designed to ensure that the risk of reporting error is assessed and addressed through appropriate sampling, testing, and review. The three core verification activities are:

1. Identifying emission sources, sinks, and reservoirs (SSRs)
2. Reviewing GHG management systems and estimation methodologies
3. Verifying emission reduction estimates

### Identifying emission sources, sinks, and reservoirs

The verification body reviews for completeness the sources, sinks, and reservoirs identified for a project, such as, *inter alia*, landfill methane emissions, system energy use, fuel consumption, combustion and destruction from various qualifying and non-qualifying destruction devices, and soil oxidation.

### Reviewing GHG management systems and estimation methodologies

The verification body reviews and assesses the appropriateness of the methodologies and management systems that the landfill Project Developer uses to gather data and calculate baseline and project emissions.

### Verifying emission reduction estimates

The verification body further investigates areas that have the greatest potential for material misstatements and then confirms whether or not material misstatements have occurred. This involves site visits to the project facility (or facilities if the project includes multiple facilities) to ensure the systems on the ground correspond to and are consistent with data provided to the verification body. In addition, the verification body recalculates a representative sample of the performance or emissions data for comparison with data reported by the Project Developer in order to double-check the calculations of GHG emission reductions.

## 8.5 Landfill Project Verification Items

The following tables provide lists of items that a verification body needs to address while verifying a landfill project. The tables include references to the section in the protocol where requirements are further described. The table also identifies items for which a verification body is expected to apply professional judgment during the verification process. Verification bodies are expected to use their professional judgment to confirm that protocol requirements have been met in instances where the protocol does not provide (sufficiently) prescriptive guidance

**Note: These tables shall not be viewed as a comprehensive list or plan for verification activities, but rather guidance on areas specific to landfill projects that must be addressed during verification.**

### 8.5.1 Project Eligibility and Credit Issuance

Table 8.2 lists the criteria for reasonable assurance with respect to eligibility and credit issuance for landfill projects. These requirements determine if a project is eligible to register credits for the reporting period. If any one requirement is not met, either the project may be determined

ineligible or the GHG reductions from the reporting period (or sub-set of the reporting period) may be ineligible for issuance of credits, as specified in Sections 2, 3, and 6.

**Table 8.2.** Eligibility Verification Items

Protocol Section	Eligibility Qualification Item	Apply Professional Judgment?
3.4.2	Verify that the project meets the appropriate Performance Standard Tests for the project type per Section 3.4.2	No
3.4.3	Verify that the project activities comply with applicable laws by reviewing any instances of non-compliance provided by the Project Developer and performing a risk-based assessment	Yes
4	Confirm all baseline destruction devices have been properly accounted for within project's GHG Assessment Boundary	No
6	Verify that monitoring meets the requirements of the protocol	No
6	Verify that the project surveillance plan contains procedures for ascertaining and demonstrating that the project passes the Legal Requirement Test at all times	Yes
6	Verify that the landfill gas control system operated in a manner consistent with the design specifications	Yes
6	Verify that there is an individual responsible for managing and reporting GHG emissions, and that individual properly trained and qualified to perform this function	Yes
6.2	Verify that all gas flow meters and methane analyzers adhered to the inspection, cleaning, and calibration schedule specified in the protocol. <b>If they do not, verify whether any non-conformances should be considered material.</b>	Yes
6.2	If any piece of equipment failed a calibration check, verify that data from that equipment was scaled according to the failed calibration procedure for the appropriate time period	No
6.3	If used, verify that data substitution methodology was properly applied	No
7	Verify that appropriate documents are created to support and/or substantiate activities related to GHG emission reporting activities, and that such documentation is retained appropriately	Yes

### 8.5.2 Quantification of GHG Emission Reductions

Table 8.3 lists the items that verification bodies shall include in their risk assessment and re-calculation of the project's GHG emission reductions. These quantification items inform any determination as to whether there are material and/or immaterial misstatements in the project's GHG emission reduction calculations. If there are material misstatements, the calculations must be revised before credits are issued.

**Table 8.3.** Quantification Verification Items

Protocol Section	Quantification Item	Apply Professional Judgment?
4	Verify that SSRs included in the GHG Assessment Boundary correspond to those required by the protocol and those represented in the project	No
5	Verify that the Project Developer correctly accounted for baseline methane destruction in the baseline scenario	No
5	Verify that the Project Developer correctly monitored, quantified and aggregated the amount of methane collected from the landfill and destroyed by the project landfill gas control system	No
5	Verify that the Project Developer correctly quantified and aggregated electricity use	Yes
5	Verify that the Project Developer correctly quantified and aggregated fossil fuel use	Yes
5	Verify that the Project Developer applied the correct emission factors for fossil fuel combustion and grid-delivered electricity	No
5	Verify that the Project Developer applied the correct methane destruction efficiencies	No
Appendix A	If the Project Developer used source test data in place of the default destruction efficiencies (Appendix A), verify accuracy and appropriateness of data and calculations	Yes

### 8.5.3 Risk Assessment

Verification bodies will review the following items in Table 8.4 to guide and prioritize their assessment of data used in determining eligibility and quantifying GHG emission reductions.

**Table 8.4.** Risk Assessment Verification Items

Protocol Section	Item that Informs Risk Assessment	Apply Professional Judgment?
	Verify that the surveillance plan is sufficiently rigorous to support the requirements of the protocol and proper operation of the project	Yes
	Verify that appropriate monitoring equipment is in place to meet the requirements of the protocol	No
	Verify that equipment calibrations have been carried out to satisfy the requirements of the protocol	No
	Verify that the individual or team responsible for managing and reporting project activities are qualified to perform this function	Yes
	Verify that appropriate training was provided to personnel assigned to greenhouse gas reporting duties	Yes
	Verify that all contractors are qualified for managing and reporting greenhouse gas emissions if relied upon by the Project Developer. Verify that there is internal oversight to assure the quality of the contractor's work	Yes
	Verify that the methane destruction equipment was operated and maintained according to manufacturer specifications	Yes
	Verify that all required records have been retained by the Project Developer	No

## **8.6 Completing Verification**

The Regulation provides detailed information and instructions for verification bodies to finalize the verification process. It describes completing a Verification Report, preparing a Verification Opinion, submitting the necessary documents to the Ministry, and notifying the Ministry of the project's verified status.

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## 9 Glossary of Terms

Additionality	Project activities that are above and beyond “business as usual” operation, exceed the baseline characterization, and are not mandated by regulation.
Anthropogenic emissions	GHG emissions resultant from human activity that are considered to be an unnatural component of the Carbon Cycle (i.e., fossil fuel destruction, de-forestation, etc.).
Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from the destruction and/or aerobic decomposition of organic matter. Biogenic emissions are considered to be a natural part of the Carbon Cycle, as opposed to anthropogenic emissions.
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	The most common of the six primary greenhouse gases, consisting of a single carbon atom and two oxygen atoms.
Closed Landfill	A landfill that has ceased waste acceptance, and has submitted a closure report.
CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	The quantity of a given GHG multiplied by its total global warming potential. This is the standard unit for comparing the degree of warming which can be caused by different GHGs.
Direct emissions	GHG emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by the reporting entity.
Effective Date	The date of adoption of this protocol by the MOECC or the MDDELCC.
Eligible landfill	A landfill that meets the performance standard evaluation and uses an eligible device to treat or destroy CH <sub>4</sub> captured at a landfill site.
Emission factor (EF)	A unique value for determining an amount of a GHG emitted for a given quantity of activity data (e.g., metric tons of carbon dioxide emitted per barrel of fossil fuel burned).
Emission reduction	1 metric tonne CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent reduced, as compared to a baseline level of emissions
Environment and Climate Change Canada	Governmental organization responsible for accurate and transparent monitoring, reporting and verification of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions and removals.
Fossil fuel	A fuel, such as coal, oil, and natural gas, produced by the decomposition of ancient (fossilized) plants and animals.
Greenhouse gas (GHG)	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ), nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O), sulfur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), or perfluorocarbons (PFCs).

GHG reservoir	A physical unit or component of the biosphere, geosphere, or hydrosphere with the capability to store or accumulate a GHG that has been removed from the atmosphere by a GHG sink or a GHG captured from a GHG source.
GHG sink	A physical unit or process that removes GHG from the atmosphere.
GHG source	A physical unit or process that releases GHG into the atmosphere.
Global Warming Potential (GWP)	The ratio of radiative forcing (degree of warming to the atmosphere) that would result from the emission of one unit of a given GHG compared to one unit of CO <sub>2</sub> .
Indirect emissions	Reductions in GHG emissions that occur at a location other than where the reduction activity is implemented, and/or at sources not owned or controlled by project participants.
Landfill gas (LFG)	Gas resulting from the decomposition of wastes placed in a landfill. Typically, landfill gas contains methane, carbon dioxide and other trace organic and inert gases.
Landfill gas project	Installation of infrastructure that in operating causes a decrease in GHG emissions through destruction of the methane component of landfill gas.
Landfill gas-to-energy (LFGE)	A LFGE project is one where the LFG destruction involves a destruction device that generates saleable energy (engine, turbine, microturbine, fuel cell, boiler, upgrade to pipeline, upgrade to CNG/LNG, etc.). This does not include small-scale, non-commercial applications, such as leachate drying.
Landfill site	A place where residual materials is permanently disposed of above or below ground.
Metric ton (t, tonne)	A common international measurement for the quantity of GHG emissions, equivalent to about 2204.623 pounds or 1.1 short tons.
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	A potent GHG with a high global warming potential, consisting of a single carbon atom and four hydrogen atoms.
Ministry	Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) or Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, and Fight Against Climate Change (MDDELCC)
MMBtu	One million British thermal units.
Mobile combustion	Emissions from the transportation of employees, materials, products, and waste resulting from the combustion of fuels in company owned or controlled mobile combustion sources (e.g., cars, trucks, tractors, dozers, etc.).

Non-beneficial destruction device	A device which destroys methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) from LFG without producing an additional, beneficial output, such as fuel, usable heat, or electricity.
Project baseline	A “business as usual” GHG emission assessment against which GHG emission reductions from a specific GHG reduction activity are measured.
Project Developer	An entity that undertakes a GHG project, as identified in Section 2.1 of this protocol.
Qualifying destruction device	Eligible treatment or destruction devices include enclosed flares, open flares, combustion engines, boilers, turbines, microturbines, natural gas pipeline injection, fuel cells, and CH <sub>4</sub> liquefaction units. Additional types of devices may be approved by the Ministry.
Reporting period	Specific time period of project operation for which the project operator has calculated and reported emission reductions and is seeking verification and issuance of credits. The reporting period must be no longer than 12 months.
Residual materials	Material received at the landfill site for permanent disposal through placement in the waste mass. For the purposes of this protocol, the weight of residual materials does not include clean soil or manufactured products.
Verification	The process used to ensure that a given Project Developer's GHG emissions or emission reductions have met the minimum quality standard and complied with the respect to Québec's procedures and protocols for calculating and reporting GHG emissions and emission reductions.
Verification organization	An organization that is accredited under ISO 14065 by a member of the International Accreditation Forum in Canada or the United States according to an ISO 17011 program.
Waste in place	The cumulative amount of solid waste, measured in metric tons, that has been permanently placed into the landfill.



## Appendix A Parameters for Quantification

**Table A.1.** Destruction Efficiencies for Destruction Devices

Treatment or Destruction Device	Efficiency
Open Flare	0.96
Enclosed Flare	0.995
Internal Combustion Engine	0.936
Boiler	0.98
Microturbine or Large Gas Turbine	0.995
Boiler Following Upgrade and Injection into a Pipeline	0.96
CH <sub>4</sub> Liquefaction Unit	0.95

*If a device not listed here is approved for use by the Ministry, the destruction efficiency shall be determined through on-site emissions testing or monitoring, unless otherwise directed by the Ministry.*

**Table A.2.** Density of CH<sub>4</sub> at Reference Conditions

Reference Pressure (atm)	Reference Temperature (°C)	Density of CH <sub>4</sub> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>25,26</sup>
1	0	0.717
1	5	0.704
1	10	0.692
1	15	0.680
1	20	0.668
1	25	0.657

<sup>25</sup> Lemmon, E.W., Huber, M.L., McLinden, M.O. NIST Standard Reference Database 23: Reference Fluid Thermodynamic and Transport Properties-REFPROP, Version 9.1, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Standard Reference Data Program, Gaithersburg, 2013.

<sup>26</sup> Setzmann, U. and Wagner, W., "A New Equation of State and Tables of Thermodynamic Properties for Methane Covering the Range from the Melting Line to 625 K at Pressures up to 1000 MPa," J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data, 20(6):1061-1151, 1991.

## Appendix B Missing Data – Replacement Methods

The replacement methods below may be used only:

1. For CH<sub>4</sub> content or LFG flow rate parameters;
2. For missing data on gas flow rates that are discrete, non-chronic and due to unforeseen circumstances;
3. When the proper functioning of the treatment or destruction device can be shown by thermocouple readings at the flare or other device;
4. When data on LFG flow rate only, or CH<sub>4</sub> content only, are missing;
5. To replace data on LFG flow rates when a continuous analyzer is used to measure CH<sub>4</sub> content and when it is shown that CH<sub>4</sub> content was consistent with normal operations for the time when the data are missing; and
6. To replace data on CH<sub>4</sub> content when it is shown that the LFG flow rate was consistent with normal operations for the time when the data are missing.

No offset credit may be issued for periods when the replacement methods cannot be used.

**Table B.1.** Missing Data – Replacement Methods

Missing Data Period	Replacement Method
Less than 6 hours	Use the average of the 4 hours immediately before and following the missing data period
6 to less than 24 hours	Use the 90% upper or lower confidence limit of the 72 hours prior to and after the missing data period, whichever results in greater conservativeness
1 to 7 days	Use the 95% upper or lower confidence limit of the 72 hours prior to and after the missing data period, whichever results in greater conservativeness
More than 7 days	No data may be replaced and no reduction may be credited

## Appendix C Baseline Monitoring and Calculation of $LFG_{B1}$ , $LFG_{B2}$ , and $B_{CH4}$

This appendix shall be used to calculate  $LFG_{B2}$  and  $B_{CH4,NQ}$  for use in Equation 5.7. Much of the discussion here is concerned with accommodating the added complexity of monitoring passive flares and other non-qualifying devices. However, the methodology described is also applicable for measuring and documenting  $LFG_{B1}$  and  $B_{CH4,closed}$  for calculating  $Closed_{discount}$  in Equation 5.8.

### C.1 Baseline Monitoring

Passive flares and other non-qualifying destruction devices are often installed at landfills for purposes other than methane destruction, and therefore are not amenable to simple monitoring. For example, flares installed for odor control may be used intermittently and without any instrumentation tracking gas flow and methane concentration. This makes assessing baseline methane destruction from passive flares extremely difficult to quantify. Quantification is further exacerbated by the fact that passive flares are not necessarily designed to accommodate metering equipment; for example, in many cases passive flares do not have sufficient straight pipe length to control for turbulence. These limitations, combined with the low flow rates generally seen at passive flares greatly limit the number and type of metering equipment that can be used. Monitoring destruction of landfill gas from baseline landfill gas wells at closed landfill flares will face fewer obstacles.

The Ministry recognizes that the constraints on monitoring landfill gas from passive flares are unique to each landfill. We have attempted to make this methodology as flexible as possible to make it widely applicable. Any deviations from this methodology will require a formal request for variance.

### C.2 Monitoring

Non-qualifying destruction devices (e.g., passive flares) must be monitored for a period of at least three months. This period must occur prior to the project start date to ensure that the measured gas flow is not decreased by the addition of project wells or pressure changes that result from the project activity. Methane destruction from the chosen period must be extrapolated to one year based on the 90% upper confidence limit of the methane destruction identified in this period. Therefore, monitoring for more than three months, or with greater than weekly frequency, may lessen statistical uncertainty and reduce the required  $NQ_{discount}$ .

Gas flow must be measured weekly at a minimum, and must be normalized to maximum flow capacity (scfm). If gas flow falls below the measurable range for the chosen metering device, the minimum flow value of the chosen metering device must be applied to that time interval. Methane concentration must also be measured at least weekly.

One measurement should be entered on each day for which readings were taken. If continuous measurements were taken, these should be averaged. If a single measurement was taken, then this value should be used. Therefore, if a daily monitoring plan is chosen for the three-month period, a total of 90 data points will be available (one per day). However, if weekly measurements are taken, then only 13 data points will be available for the analysis (one per week). Alternatively, irregular measurement intervals (for example, if someone is on-site three consecutive days) or bi-weekly measurements can be used as well, allowing for anywhere between 13 and 90 data points for any 90-day period. However, no more than one data point per calendar day may be applied and all collected data must be used.

All metering equipment used in baseline monitoring is subject to the same maintenance, calibration, and QA/QC requirements outlined previously for project metering equipment.

### C.3 Non-Beneficial Device Configuration

As the configuration of non-beneficial destruction devices will be unique to each landfill, it is not possible to dictate a single monitoring methodology. Rather, the following options have been devised as acceptable configurations.

1. Each device will be monitored individually for both flow and methane concentration according to the schedule outlined in Section C.2.
2. Wells from two or more devices may be connected to a device with a single set of meters for both flow and methane concentration. Additional engineering may be required to ensure that the altered pressure characteristics of the system do not decrease total gas flow. The flow characteristics of this system will require substantiation from engineering documents and calculations and will be assessed by the verification body.
3. Wells from two or more devices may be connected with the active collection system and monitored separately from the new project wells while under vacuum from the blower.

### C.4 Calculation

**Equation C.1.** Calculation of Baseline Discount for a Non-Qualifying Device

$LFG_{B2} = 525,600 \times 90\%UCL(LFG_{scfm})$			
Where,			
LFG <sub>B2</sub>	=	Landfill gas that would have been destroyed by the original, non-qualifying destruction system during the reporting period	<u>Units</u> scf LFG
90%UCL(LFG <sub>scfm</sub> )	=	90% upper confidence limit of the average flow rate in the metered period (must be >3 months)	scfm LFG
525,600	=	Minutes in one year	min/yr
$B_{CH_4,NQ} = 90\%UCL(B_{CH_4,NQ,t})$			
Where,			
B <sub>CH<sub>4</sub>,NQ,t</sub>	=	Methane concentration for baseline calculations	<u>Units</u> scf CH <sub>4</sub> / scf LFG
90%UCL(B <sub>CH<sub>4</sub>,NQ,t</sub> )	=	90% upper confidence limit of the average methane concentration in the metered period (must be >3 months)	scf CH <sub>4</sub> / scf LFG
$90\%UCL = mean + t_{value} \times \left( \frac{SD}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$			
Where,			
mean	=	Sample mean (of B <sub>CH<sub>4</sub>,NQ,t</sub> or LFG <sub>scfm</sub> )	<u>Units</u> scf or %
t <sub>value</sub>	=	The 90% t-value coefficient for data set with degrees of freedom <i>df</i> (use Excel feature: =T.INV.2T(0.1,df))	
SD	=	Standard deviation of the sample (of B <sub>CH<sub>4</sub>,NQ,t</sub> or LFG <sub>scfm</sub> )	scf or %
n	=	Sample size	
df	=	Degrees of freedom (= n-1)	

## C.5 Example

The following example (Table C.1) demonstrates the necessary calculation for calculation of  $NQ_{\text{discount}}$ . The calculations outlined above in Section C.4 are represented by the first three columns of data. The final conversions to  $tCO_2e/yr$  are done using Equation 5.7.

Note that although the measurements had average values yielding a deduction of 5,961  $tCO_2e/yr$ , due to the limited data and variability of the measurements, the appropriate deduction is 7,830  $tCO_2e/yr$ . If, instead of weekly data there was daily data over this three-month period that yielded the exact same mean and standard deviation, the additional data alone would have lowered the deduction to only 6,807  $tCO_2e/yr$ . Alternately, if the data had been more consistent and showed a standard deviation for the flow data of only 6 with the same mean, then the deduction with 14 samples would have been only 6,689  $tCO_2e/yr$ . Therefore, the added uncertainty deduction of this method is directly related to the level of variability in the data and the number of samples.

**Table C.1.** Example Dataset and Calculation of  $NQ_{\text{discount}}$

	Calculating According to Equations C.1 and C.2				Calculated According to Equation 5.7	
	CH <sub>4</sub> (%)	Flow (scfm)	Flow CH <sub>4</sub> (scfm)	CH <sub>4</sub> /year (scf/yr)	CH <sub>4</sub> /year (t/yr)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e/year
6/1/2016	56.7	48	27	14,304,703	274	5,760
6/8/2016	55.3	75	41	21,799,260	418	8,778
6/15/2016	58.1	21	12	6,412,846	123	2,582
6/22/2016	54.0	90	49	25,544,160	490	10,286
6/29/2016	55.6	47	26	13,734,979	263	5,531
7/6/2016	56.3	23	13	6,805,994	131	2,741
7/13/2016	57.2	70	40	21,045,024	404	8,475
7/20/2016	58.0	15	9	4,572,720	88	1,841
7/27/2016	52.3	89	47	24,465,103	469	9,852
8/3/2016	55.7	42	23	12,295,886	236	4,951
8/10/2016	54.8	51	28	14,689,469	282	5,915
8/17/2016	62.1	19	12	6,201,554	119	2,497
8/24/2016	59.3	66	39	20,570,933	394	8,284
8/31/2016	57.6	70	40	21,192,192	406	8,534
<b>Mean</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>51.86</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14,803,281</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>5,961</b>
SD	0.02	25.70				
n	14	14				
df	13	13				
90% t-value	1.77	1.77				
<b>UCL at 90%</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>64.02</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19,443,275</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>7,830</b>