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Environment Protection Act 1970

VARIATION TO THE BEST PRACTICE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT – SITING, DESIGN, OPERATION AND REHABILITATION OF LANDFILLS (EPA VICTORIA PUBLICATION 788)¹

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria

1. In 'Best Practice Environmental Management – Siting, Design, Operation and Rehabilitation of Landfills' (EPA Victoria, Publication 788.1, September 2010) ('EPA publication 788.1'), for Table 6.4 on page 31 **substitute** –

'Table 6.4: Landfill gas action levels

Location	Parameter(s)	Action level and unit
Landfill surface final cap	Methane concentration in air*	100 ppm
Within 50 mm of penetrations through the final cap	Methane concentration in air**	100 ppm
Landfill surface intermediate cover areas***	Methane concentration in air*	200 ppm
Within 50 mm of penetrations through the intermediate cover	Methane concentration in air**	1000 ppm
Biofilters	Methane flux	1.0 g/m²/hr
Subsurface geology at the landfill boundary	Methane and Carbon Dioxide concentrations	1% v/v Methane or 1.5% v/v Carbon Dioxide above background
Subsurface services on and adjacent to the landfill site	Methane concentration	10,000 ppm
Building/structures on and adjacent to the landfill site	Methane concentration in air	5000 ppm
Landfill gas flares	Methane and Volatile Organic Compounds	98% Destruction efficiency

2. In EPA publication 788.1, for the explanatory points under Table 6.4 on page 31, **substitute** – '*Point of measurement is 50mm above the landfill surface.

**Point of measurement is 50mm from the point of discharge.

***Intermediate cover areas are those that do not have an engineered landfill cap and are not scheduled to receive waste during the next three months.'.

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¹ This document is a legislative instrument, as defined in section 3 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** (Vic.).

3. In EPA publication 788.1, on page 32 for –

'The following landfill gas levels inside a building, if confirmed, should trigger advised relocation from the building:

- 1% v/v methane
- 1.5% v/v carbon dioxide'

substitute –

'The following landfill gas level inside a building, if confirmed, should trigger advised relocation from the building:

• 1% v/v methane'.

4.

In EPA publication 788.1, for Table B.3 on page 60 substitute –

'Table B.3: Typical construction details for landfill gas bore construction

Component	Value		
Bore & Casing			
Drilled bore diameter (mm)	100–150		
Pipework casing – outer diameter (mm)	50		
Depth of top of bentonite seal (m)	1		
Length of solid casing below ground level (m)*	1		
Pipework design & gravel backfill			
Perforated casing pipework (% open space)	10–15		
Pipework casing – size of slots / perforations (mm) (must meet % open space requirements)	2–4 but no more than 5		
Size range of gravel back fill	Not greater than 10 mm		
	Must be sufficiently larger than pipework slots / perforations to prevent blocking.		
Gravel type	Washed gravel to be rounded to sub-rounded and non-calcareous (<5% carbonate)		

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