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1. Introduction

The Ontario Offset Credits regulation (the Regulation) and incorporated protocols have been designed to be consistent with the Western Climate Initiative's (WCI) *Offset System Essential Elements Final Recommendations Paper, July 2010* in order to supply high quality, compliance-grade offset credits for use in Ontario's cap and trade program.

Protocols are a central component of Ontario's offset program and are incorporated by reference in the Regulation. These two components work together to set out the requirements that must be met in order to be eligible for the creation and issuance of Ontario offset credits. The Regulation defines the overall process, criteria and administrative requirements involved in the creation and issuance of an offset credit, while the incorporated protocols set out the eligibility criteria and requirements specific to each initiative type or class.

The Regulation requires the use of an approved protocol to quantify greenhouse gas reductions, avoidances or removals. Each protocol establishes specific eligibility criteria, baseline scenario and initiative calculation methods, monitoring, data management and reporting requirements specific to the class of offset initiatives. This document contains the protocols that have been approved for use with respect to specific classes of offset initiatives for achieving greenhouse gas reductions, avoidances or removals that are real, quantifiable, verifiable and additional.

2. Definitions

Anthropogenic emissions means greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) resulting from human activity that are considered to be an unnatural component of the carbon cycle (e.g., fossil fuel destruction, de-forestation, etc.).

Baseline scenario emissions means GHG emissions that would have occurred within the GHG Assessment Boundary if not for the initiative.

Initiative emissions means GHG emissions that occur within the GHG Assessment Boundary as a result of the initiative.

NIR means the National Inventory Report: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada, Part 3 published by Environment and Climate Change Canada

O.Reg. 143/16 means Ontario's Quantification Reporting and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions regulation as amended from time to time.

QRV Guideline means Ontario's Guideline for Quantification Reporting and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, July 2017, as amended from time to time.

3. Protocols

Landfill Initiative Protocol

Landfill Methane Destruction

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1 Introduction

This protocol sets out the requirements that will enable a sponsor to undertake an LFG GHG reduction initiative for the purpose of registering and receiving offset credits in Ontario's cap and trade program.

The following sections outline the definition of an LFG GHG reduction initiative, the specific eligibility criteria, baseline scenario and initiative calculation methods, monitoring, data management and reporting requirements that apply to LFG GHG reduction initiatives.

2 Definitions

Biogenic CO₂ emissions means CO₂ emissions resulting from the destruction or aerobic decomposition of organic matter. Biogenic emissions are considered to be a natural part of the carbon cycle, as opposed to anthropogenic emissions.

Closed landfill means a landfill that has ceased receiving waste on or before the day the sponsor applied for initial registration of the offset initiative or on or before the day the sponsor applied to be eligible for Ontario offset credits in respect of a subsequent crediting period (application for subsequent crediting period)

Direct use pipeline means a pipeline that goes directly from a landfill gas collection system to a facility that uses the gas in a boiler or other device at the facility.

Eligible destruction device means a device that is set out in Table A.1 of this protocol.

Eligible landfill means a landfill that meets the criteria set out in Section 4 of this protocol.

GHG assessment boundary means all the GHG sources, sinks and reservoirs (SSRs) that are required to be assessed because they are identified as included in Table 5.1.

Ineligible destruction device means a device that is not an eligible destruction device or is an eligible destruction device that was in use prior to the start date.

Landfill gas (LFG) means the gas resulting from the decomposition of waste that has been landfilled.

Landfill site means a site where waste is being landfilled or has been landfilled.

Monitoring device means any device used to monitor the LFG collection system and eligible or ineligible destruction devices (e.g., flow meters, methane (CH₄) analyzers, temperature sensors, thermocouples, etc.).

Natural gas transmission pipeline has the same meaning as "pipeline transportation system" in O.Reg. 143/16.

Non-beneficial destruction device means an ineligible device that destroys CH₄ from LFG without also producing a beneficial output, such as useful thermal energy or electricity.

3 LFG GHG Reduction Initiative

3.1 Initiative Definition

- a) The LFG GHG reduction initiative that uses an eligible destruction device to destroy CH₄ from LFG collected at an eligible landfill site.

3.2 Initiative Start Date

- a) The start date of an initiative is defined in s. 2 of the Regulation and is determined as follows: If reductions from the initiative are first achieved during a start-up or testing period, the start date occurs after the end of the start-up or testing period, which period cannot exceed six (6) months.

4 Eligibility

4.1 General Requirements

- a) A legal requirement to destroy the CH₄ from LFG must not be applicable to the landfill.
- b) Where the landfill site has a geomembrane, it shall meet the requirements of Ontario Regulation 232/98 (Landfilling Sites).

4.2 Eligibility Criteria

- a) In order to be eligible, a LFG initiative shall use an eligible device to destroy CH₄ from LFG collected at the landfill site and meet all applicable eligibility criteria in Sections 4.2.1 - 4.2.4.

4.2.1 Operational Landfill

- a) An operational landfill site shall:
 1. receive less than 50,000 tonnes of waste annually¹;
 2. have a total capacity of less than 1.5 million cubic meters; and
 3. have either:
 - i. less than 450,000 tonnes of waste in place²; or
 - ii. a heat input capacity of less than 3 GJ/h from the CH₄ collected from the LFG.

4.2.2 Closed Landfills

- a) A closed landfill site shall:
 1. If the site opened or expanded between August 1998 and 2005 (inclusive), have had a maximum capacity of less than 3 million cubic meters;
 2. If the site opened or was expanded between 2006 and 2008 (inclusive), have received less than 50,000 tonnes of waste annually³ and had a maximum capacity of less than 1.5 million cubic meters;

¹ The calculation of annual receipt of waste includes all materials received, with the exception of clean soils and manufactured products.

²The quantity of waste in place may be determined either by: 1) the filled volume of the landfill (in m³) at the time of initiative registration, multiplied by the density (0.75 t/m³) and the decomposable per cent (0.70); or 2) the annual receipt of waste since the landfill opened.

³ The calculation of annual receipt of waste includes all materials received, with the exception of clean soils and manufactured products.

3. If the site was in operation in 2009 or a subsequent year, have received less than 50,000 tonnes of waste annually⁴ and had a maximum capacity of less than 1.5 million cubic meters; and
4. On the date of registration with the Ministry, in every case, have either:
 - i. less than 450,000 tonnes of waste in place⁵, or
 - ii. a heat input capacity of less than 3 GJ/h from the CH₄ collected from the LFG.

4.2.3 Open or Closed Landfills Outside Ontario

- a) The following eligibility rule applies to an LFG initiative located at an operational or closed landfill outside of Ontario which has legal requirements with respect to the amount of waste received, landfill capacity and the amount of waste in place or heat input capacity that apply to the landfill:
 1. Where the legal requirement that applies to the landfill imposes a lower amount in respect of any eligibility criterion set out in 4.2.1 and 4.2.2, it is the lower amount that shall be used to determine eligibility.

4.2.4 Open or Closed Landfills– Specific Class

- a) Open or closed landfill sites of pulp and paper mills, sawmills or oriented strandboard manufacturing facilities do not have to meet the eligibility requirements in 4.2.1 or 4.2.2 but must meet all other eligibility criteria in this protocol.

5 GHG Assessment Boundary

- a) The following SSRs have been considered in determining the GHG Assessment Boundary.
 1. Figure 5.1 illustrates all relevant GHG SSRs associated with landfill activities and delineates the GHG Assessment Boundary.
 2. Table 5.1 provides greater detail on each relevant GHG SSR associated with landfill activities and includes justification for their inclusion or exclusion from the GHG Assessment Boundary.

⁴ The calculation of annual receipt of waste includes all materials received, with the exception of clean soils and manufactured products.

⁵The quantity of waste in place may be determined either by: 1) the filled volume of the landfill (in m³) at the time of initiative registration, multiplied by the density (0.75 t/m³) and the decomposable per cent (0.70); or 2) the annual receipt of waste since the landfill opened.

Figure 5.1 Illustration of the GHG Assessment Boundary

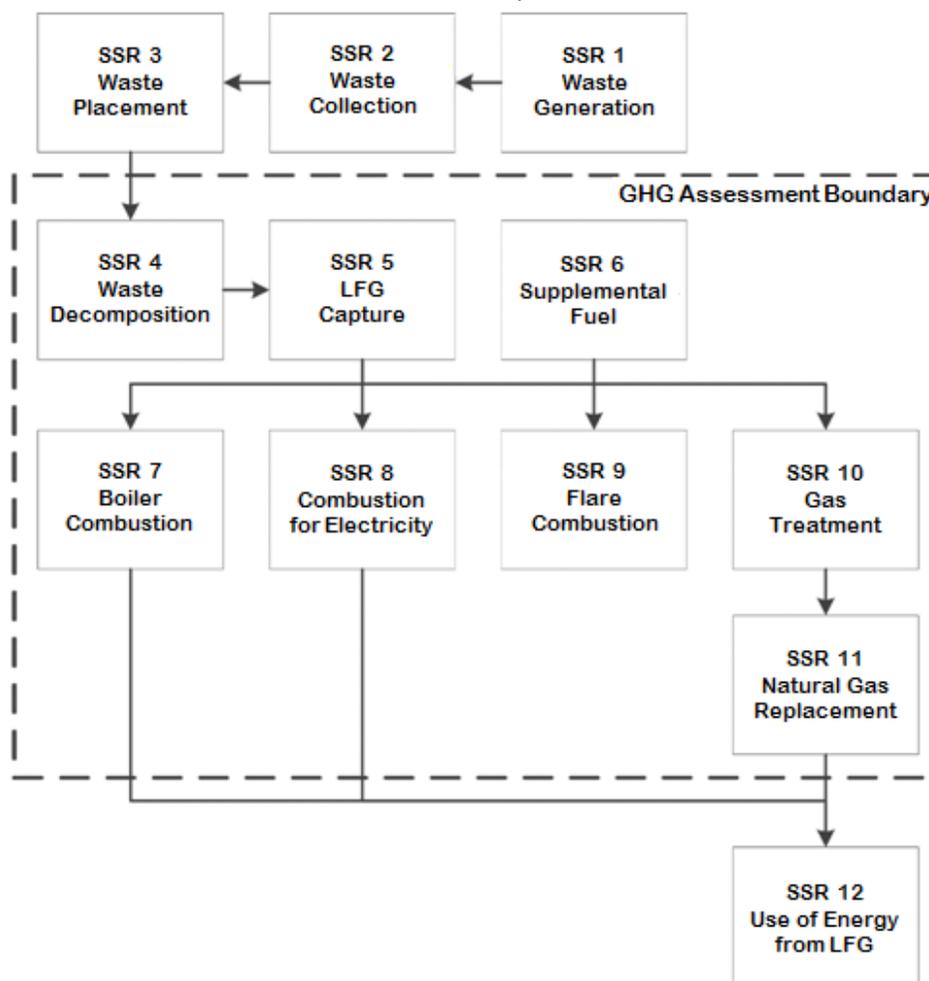


Table 5.1 All Sources, Sinks, and Reservoirs

| SSR | Source Description | Gas | Relevant to Baseline (B) or Initiative (I) | Included or Excluded | Justification/Explanation |
|-----|--------------------|------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 1 | Waste Generation | N/A | B, I | Excluded | GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline scenario and initiative |
| 2 | Waste Collection | CO ₂ | B, I | Excluded | GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline scenario and initiative |
| | | CH ₄ | | | |
| | | N ₂ O | | | |
| 3 | Waste Placement | CO ₂ | B, I | Excluded | GHG emissions from this source are assumed to be equal in the baseline scenario and initiative |
| | | CH ₄ | | | |
| | | N ₂ O | | | |

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| SSR | Source Description | Gas | Relevant to Baseline (B) or Initiative (I) | Included or Excluded | Justification/Explanation |
|-----|---|------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 4 | Decomposition of Waste that has been landfilled | CO ₂ | B, I | Excluded | Biogenic CO ₂ emissions are excluded |
| | | CH ₄ | | Included | Primary source of GHG emissions in the baseline scenario. Calculated based on destruction in ineligible and eligible destruction devices |
| 5 | LFG Collection System | CO ₂ | B,I | Included | The CO ₂ emissions associated with the energy used for collection of LFG |
| | | CH ₄ | | Excluded | Fugitive CH ₄ released prior to reaching the flow meter is assumed to have been released in the baseline scenario. CH ₄ emissions from energy are assumed to be very small |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| 6 | Supplemental Fuel | CO ₂ | B,I | Included | The initiative may use supplemental fossil fuel, to enhance the heat content of the LFG which results in non-biogenic GHG emissions |
| | | CH ₄ | | Included | Calculated based on destruction efficiency of the eligible destruction device |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| 7 | LFG Destruction- Boiler | CO ₂ | B,I | Excluded | Biogenic CO ₂ emissions are excluded |
| | | CH ₄ | | Included | Calculated based on destruction efficiency of the ineligible or eligible device |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| 8 | LFG Destruction - Combustion engine, turbine, micro turbine | CO ₂ | B,I | Excluded | Biogenic CO ₂ emissions are excluded |
| | | CH ₄ | | Included | Calculated based on destruction efficiency of the ineligible or eligible destruction device |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| 9 | LFG Destruction –Flare | CO ₂ | B,I | Excluded | Biogenic CO ₂ emissions are excluded |

| SSR | Source Description | Gas | Relevant to Baseline (B) or Initiative (I) | Included or Excluded | Justification/Explanation |
|-----|--|------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| | | CH ₄ | | Included | Calculated based on destruction efficiency of the ineligible or eligible destruction device |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| 10 | LFG Treatment and Upgrade | CO ₂ | B,I | Included | Landfill initiatives may result in GHG emissions from additional energy used to upgrade the CH ₄ concentration of the LFG |
| | | CH ₄ | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | This emission source is assumed to be very small |
| 11 | LFG Destruction –Natural Gas Replacement End Use (direct use boiler, NG transmission pipeline, vehicle fuel, CH ₄ liquefaction) | CO ₂ | B,I | Excluded | Biogenic emissions are excluded |
| | | CH ₄ | | Included | Calculated based on destruction efficiency of the ineligible or eligible destruction device |
| | | N ₂ O | | Excluded | Assumed to be very small |
| 12 | Use of Energy from LFG to Displace Fossil Energy | CO ₂ | B,I | Excluded | This protocol does not include crediting for displacement of GHG emissions from grid-connected electricity or fossil fuels |

6 Calculation of Emission Reductions

- a) Reductions of GHG emissions from the initiative during a reporting period shall be calculated in accordance with Equation 6.1.
- b) GHG emission reductions shall not be calculated for any period during a reporting period in which:
 1. the device monitoring an eligible destruction device was not operating; or
 2. the eligible destruction device was not operating.

Equation 6.1. Calculating Initiative GHG Emission Reductions

$$ER = BE - PE$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| ER | = GHG emission reductions from the initiative during the reporting period | tCO ₂ e |
| BE | = Baseline scenario emissions during the reporting period, calculated using Equation 6.2 | tCO ₂ e |
| PE | = Initiative emissions during the reporting period, calculated using Equation 6.11 | tCO ₂ e |

6.1 Calculation of Baseline Scenario Emissions

- a) Baseline scenario emissions of the initiative for a reporting period shall be calculated in accordance with Equation 6.2.

Equation 6.2. Calculating Baseline Scenario Emissions

$$BE = (CH_4Dest_{PR}) \times GWP_{CH_4} \times (1 - OX) \times (1 - DF) - Dest_{base} \times (1 - OX)$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| BE | = Baseline scenario emissions during the reporting period | tCO ₂ e |
| CH ₄ Dest _{PR} | = Total quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by all eligible destruction devices during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.3 | tCH ₄ |
| GWP _{CH₄} | = Global Warming Potential for CH ₄ , as set out in O.Reg. 143/16 | tCO ₂ e/tCH ₄ |
| OX | = Factor for the oxidation of CH ₄ by soil bacteria, determined in accordance with Section 7.2.7 | |
| DF | = Discount factor is 0 or 0.1, determined in accordance with Section 7.2.3 | |
| Dest _{base} | = Adjustment to account for baseline scenario CH ₄ destruction calculated in accordance with Equation 6.6. | tCO ₂ e |

Equation 6.3. Total Landfill CH₄ Destroyed

$$CH_4Dest_{PR} = \sum_i^n (CH_4Dest_i \times (\rho_{CH_4} \times 0.001))$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|--|--|--|
| CH ₄ Dest _{PR} | = Total quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by all eligible destruction devices during the reporting period | tCH ₄ |
| n | = Number of eligible destruction devices | |
| <i>i</i> | = Eligible destruction device | |
| CH ₄ Dest _{<i>i</i>} | = Net quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by each eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.4 | m ³ CH ₄ |
| ρ _{CH₄} | = Density of CH ₄ at the reference temperature, as set out in Table 10.2 | kg CH ₄ /m ³ CH ₄ |
| 0.001 | = Conversion factor, kilograms to tonnes | tCH ₄ /kgCH ₄ |

Equation 6.4. Net Landfill CH₄ Emissions Destroyed by each Eligible Destruction Device

$$CH_4Dest_i = Q_i \times DE_i$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| CH ₄ Dest _{<i>i</i>} | = Net quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period | m ³ CH ₄ |
| Q _{<i>i</i>} | = Total quantity of CH ₄ sent to eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.5 | m ³ CH ₄ |
| <i>i</i> | = Eligible destruction device | |
| DE _{<i>i</i>} | = CH ₄ destruction efficiency of eligible destruction device <i>i</i> , as set out in Table A.1 | |

Equation 6.5. Total Quantity of CH₄ Sent to Each Eligible Device

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

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Q _i | = Total quantity of CH ₄ sent to eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period | m ³ CH ₄ |
| n | = Number of measurement periods | |
| <i>t</i> | = Measurement period as set out in Table 7.1 | |
| LFG _{i,t} | = Corrected volume of LFG sent to eligible destruction device “ <i>i</i> ” during measurement period “ <i>t</i> ”, determined in accordance with Section 7.2.2 | m ³ LFG |
| PR _{CH₄,t} | = Average ratio of CH ₄ to LFG in the LFG, for the measurement period “ <i>t</i> ” | m ³ CH ₄ /m ³ LFG |

- b) Equation 6.6 shall be used to determine the baseline adjustment amount where there was CH₄ destruction before the state date of the initiative.

Equation 6.6. Baseline Adjustment for Destruction in the Baseline Scenario

$$Dest_{base} = BD_{discount} \times \rho_{CH_4} \times 0.001 \times GWP_{CH_4}$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Dest _{base} | = Adjustment to account for baseline scenario CH ₄ destruction | tCO _{2e} |
| BD _{discount} | = Amount of CH ₄ that would have been destroyed during the reporting period, in the baseline scenario without the initiative, calculated in accordance with Subsection 6.1(c) | m ³ CH ₄ |
| ρ _{CH₄} | = Density of CH ₄ at the reference temperature, as set out in Table 10.2 | kgCH ₄ /m ³ CH ₄ |
| 0.001 | = Conversion factor, kilograms to tonnes | tCH ₄ /kgCH ₄ |
| GWP _{CH₄} | = Global Warming Potential for CH ₄ , as set out in O.Reg. 143/16 | tCO _{2e} /tCH ₄ |

- c) BD_{discount} shall be determined using either:

1. BD_{discount} that is equal to the measured quantity of CH₄ that is recovered through an LFG collection system installed into the corresponding cell or waste mass where the LFG flow was calculated using Equation 6.3.⁶
2. BD_{discount} that has been calculated per Equation 6.7 and monitored per Section 7.2.6.

⁶ For the purpose of using Equation 6.3 to determine BD_{discount}, the quantity of landfill gas would be only that which is being metered from the corresponding cell or waste mass in which the ineligible devices had operated, and not necessarily all of the landfill gas being destroyed by the destruction system.

Equation 6.7. Calculating Baseline Adjustment for Ineligible Devices

$$BD_{discount} = LFG_B \times B_{CH_4}$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-----------------|---|--|
| $BD_{discount}$ | = The amount of CH ₄ that would have been destroyed during the reporting period, in the baseline scenario. | m ³ CH ₄ |
| LFG_B | = Amount of LFG that would have been destroyed by an ineligible destruction device during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.8. | m ³ LFG |
| B_{CH_4} | = The average ratio of CH ₄ to LFG, in the LFG that would have been destroyed by an ineligible destruction device during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.9. | m ³ CH ₄ /m ³ LFG |

Equation 6.8. Calculating Baseline Discount for an Ineligible Device

$$LFG_B = 525,600 \times 90\%UCL(LFG_{flowrate})$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| LFG_B | = LFG that would have been destroyed by an ineligible destruction device during the reporting period | m ³ LFG |
| $90\%UCL(LFG_{flowrate})$ | = 90% upper confidence limit of the average flow rate in the metered period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.10 | m ³ /min LFG |
| 525,600 | = Minutes in one year | min/yr |

Equation 6.9. Calculating the average ratio of CH₄ to LFG for in Ineligible Device

$$B_{CH_4} = 90\%UCL(B_{CH_4,t})$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| B_{CH_4} | = The average ratio of CH ₄ to LFG in the LFG, that would have been destroyed by an ineligible device during the reporting period | m ³ CH ₄ / m ³ LFG |
| $90\%UCL(B_{CH_4,t})$ | = 90% upper confidence limit of the average CH ₄ concentration in the metered period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.10 | m ³ CH ₄ / m ³ LFG |

Equation 6.10. Calculating 90% Upper Confidence Limit

$$90\%UCL = mean + t_{value} \times \frac{SD}{\sqrt{n}}$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| mean | = Sample mean (of $B_{CH_4,t}$ or $LFG_{flowrate}$) | m ³ or % |
| t_{value} | = 90% t-value coefficient for data set with degrees of freedom <i>df</i> | |
| SD | = Standard deviation of the sample (of $B_{CH_4,t}$ or $LFG_{flowrate}$) | m ³ or % |
| <i>n</i> | = Sample size | |
| <i>df</i> | = Degrees of freedom, <i>n</i> -1 | |

6.2 Calculation of Initiative Emissions

- a) Initiative emissions are actual GHG emissions that occur within the GHG Assessment Boundary calculated in accordance with Equation 6.11.

Equation 6.11. Calculating Initiative Emissions from GHG Assessment Boundary

$$PE = FF_{CO_2} + EL_{CO_2} + NG_{emissions}$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| PE | = Initiative GHG emissions during reporting period | tCO ₂ e |
| FF _{CO2} | = Total CO ₂ emissions from the use of fossil fuels during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.12 | tCO ₂ e |
| EL _{CO2} | = Total CO ₂ emissions from the use of electricity during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.13 | tCO ₂ e |
| NG _{emissions} | = Total GHG emissions from the use of supplemental natural gas during the reporting period, calculated in accordance with Equation 6.14 | tCO ₂ e |

Equation 6.12. Calculating Initiative CO₂ Emissions from Fossil Fuel Use

$$FF_{CO_2} = \sum_{j=1}^n (FF_{PR,j} \times EF_{CF,j} \times 0.001)$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|--------------------|--|--|
| FF _{CO2} | = Total CO ₂ emissions from the use of fossil fuels, other than supplemental natural gas, during the reporting period | tCO ₂ e |
| n | = Number of types of fossil fuels | |
| j | = Type of fossil fuel | |
| FF _{PR,j} | = Annual quantity of fossil fuel j consumed in the operation of equipment within the initiative boundary. | quantity of fossil fuel |
| EF _{CF,j} | = CO ₂ emission factor for fossil fuel j, as set out in ON.20 of the QRV Guideline | kgCO ₂ /quantity of fossil fuel |
| 0.001 | = Conversion factor, kilograms to tonnes | kgCO ₂ /tCO ₂ |

Equation 6.13. Calculating Initiative CO₂ Emissions from Electricity Use

$$EL_{CO_2} = EL_{PR} \times EL_{EL} \times 0.001$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| EL _{CO2} | = Total CO ₂ emissions from the use of electricity for the initiative during the reporting period | tCO ₂ |
| EL _{PR} | = Total electricity used for the initiative during the reporting period | MWh |
| EL _{EL} | = CO ₂ emission factor for electricity generation from the province in which the initiative is located, as set out in the version of the NIR that is published immediately before the end of the reporting period | kg CO ₂ /MWh |
| 0.001 | = Conversion factor, kilograms to tonnes | kgCO ₂ /tCO ₂ |

Equation 6.14. Calculating Initiative GHG Emissions from the Use of Supplemental Natural Gas

$$NG_{emissions} = \sum_i^n \left[NG_i \times NG_{CH_4} \times \rho_{CH_4} \times 0.001 \left[\left((1 - DE_i) \times GWP_{CH_4} \right) + \left(DE_i \times \frac{12}{16} \times \frac{44}{12} \right) \right] \right]$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| NG _{emissions} | = Total GHG emissions from the use of supplemental natural gas during the reporting period | tCO _{2e} |
| n | = Number of eligible destruction devices | |
| i | = Eligible destruction device | |
| NG _i | = Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period | m ³ NG |
| NG _{CH₄} | = Average ratio of CH ₄ to NG in the supplemental natural gas, as set out in the supplier's specifications | m ³ CH ₄ /m ³ NG |
| ρ _{CH₄} | = Density of CH ₄ at the reference temperature, as set out in Error! Reference source not found. | kgCH ₄ /m ³ CH ₄ |
| 0.001 | = Conversion factor, kilograms to tonnes | tCH ₄ /kg CH ₄ |
| DE _i | = CH ₄ destruction efficiency of eligible destruction device <i>i</i> , as set out in Table A.1 | |
| GWP _{CH₄} | = Global Warming Potential for CH ₄ , as set out in O.Reg. 143/16 | tCO _{2e} /tCH ₄ |
| 12/16 | = Molecular mass ratio, carbon to CH ₄ | C/CH ₄ |
| 44/12 | = Molecular mass ratio, CO ₂ to carbon | CO ₂ /C |

7 Data Management and Monitoring

7.1 Data Collection

- a) A data management system shall be implemented to collect, manage and store information related to the initiative in a way that ensures the integrity, exhaustiveness, accuracy and validity of the information.
- b) The data management system for the initiative shall include procedures to:
 1. Monitor the performance of the initiative and the operation of all initiative-related equipment, in accordance with Sections 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5;
 2. Manage information, including data in respect of the baseline scenario and the initiative;
 3. Provide the accredited verification body access to the landfill site, suppliers and where applicable, the owner or operator of any offsite destruction devices and any other information or persons that the accredited verification body may require to verify the initiative.
 4. Assess whether the initiative meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Regulation and this protocol;
 5. Identify and record any violations of legal requirements that apply to the initiative and that may have an impact on the amount of GHG reductions, avoidances or removals; and
 6. Assess and record a description of the impact of each violation identified under 4.
- c) The data management system for the initiative shall include records required by the Regulation and this protocol, including the following information:

1. All baseline scenario and initiative continuous monitoring devices shall record values every 15 minutes, except as set out in paragraph (1) below, and include the average at a minimum frequency of daily.
 - i. Initiatives with continuous CH₄ analyzers may record values at frequencies other than every 15 minutes in accordance with the data acquisition system, and include the average at a minimum frequency of daily.
2. The value of Dest_{base} shall be aggregated at a frequency of at least weekly, and the selected frequency shall be applied consistently throughout the reporting period.
3. All other baseline scenario monitoring devices shall record one measured value per day on the day the measurement was made.
4. All other monitoring devices shall record values and average those values at the frequencies set out in Section 7.
5. Documentation of the engineering design and flow characteristics of the LFG collection system.

7.2 Monitoring Requirements

7.2.1 General

- a) Procedures shall be established and followed to accurately assess whether the initiative meets the applicable eligibility criteria set out in Section 4.
- b) All initiative-related equipment shall be operated in a manner consistent with the manufacturer's specifications and in accordance with the Section 7 and the performance of the initiative shall be monitored in accordance with Section 7.
- c) Electricity data may be measured using an on-site meter or determined using electricity purchasing records.
- d) Fossil fuel use may be determined using monthly fossil fuel purchasing records.

7.2.2 Flow Meters

- a) The LFG collection system shall be monitored with equipment that directly meters the flow of LFG delivered to each eligible and ineligible destruction device, measured continuously.
 1. A single meter may be used for multiple, identical destruction devices.
 2. The temperature and pressure of the LFG shall be measured separately and continuously.
- b) All flow data collected shall be corrected to reference pressure and reference conditions as follows:
 1. The correction r shall be made using:
 - i. The volume from the flow meter when the meter corrects for temperature and pressure; or
 - ii. Equation 7.1 to calculate the corrected volume, when the condition in i is not met.
 2. The reference pressure shall be 1 atm (101.325 kPa),
 3. The reference temperature may be chosen from Table 10.2, based on any applicable reference temperature standard of the jurisdiction in which the initiative is located.
 - i. The reference temperature shall be applied consistently for data adjustment during the reporting period.
- c) The density of CH₄ at the reference temperature that is set out in Table 10.2.

Equation 7.1. Adjusting the LFG Flow for Temperature and Pressure

$$LFG_{i,t} = LFG_{uncorrected} \times \frac{T_{ref}}{T_m} \times \frac{P_m}{101.325}$$

| Where, | | Units |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| $LFG_{i,t}$ | = Corrected volume of LFG sent to eligible destruction device i , in time interval t | m ³ LFG |
| $LFG_{uncorrected}$ | = Uncorrected volume of LFG collected for the given interval | m ³ LFG |
| P_m | = Measured pressure of the LFG for the given time interval | kPa |
| T_{ref} | = Reference temperature of the LFG for the initiative | K |
| T_m | = Measured temperature of LFG for the given time interval | K |
| 101.325 | = Reference pressure of the LFG for the initiative | kPa |

7.2.3 CH₄ Analyzers

- a) The LFG collection system shall be monitored with equipment that directly calculates the per cent of CH₄ in the LFG and the measurements on which this calculation is based are made using:
1. A continuous CH₄ analyzer (This is the preferred equipment).
 2. Where a continuous CH₄ analyzer is not used, a non-continuous CH₄ measurement may be used if:
 - i. measurement is obtained at a frequency of at least weekly;
 - ii. the uncertainty associated with these measurements is accounted for by applying a 10% discount factor to the total quantity of CH₄ collected and destroyed in Equation 6.2; and,
 - iii. The following device is used:
 - (A) a calibrated, portable CH₄ analyzer; or
 - (B) a device that collects LFG samples at least weekly into a common container which is then analyzed at least monthly by an off-site laboratory that provides an average CH₄ concentration of the sample.

7.2.4 Arrangement of Devices in the LFG Collection System

- a) The number and arrangement of flow meters shall be sufficient to track the LFG flow to each eligible and ineligible destruction device.
- b) The flow meter shall be placed such that it measures the volume of LFG delivered to each eligible and ineligible destruction device prior to the introduction of any supplemental fuels.
- c) The CH₄ analyzer shall be placed such that it measures CH₄ concentration of the LFG delivered to an eligible or ineligible destruction device prior to the introduction of any supplemental fuel.
- d) A moisture-removing component may separate the CH₄ analyzer and the flow meter where the CH₄ analyzer is placed before the moisture-removing component (wet basis), and the flow meter is placed after that component (dry basis).
- e) A moisture-removing component shall not separate the CH₄ analyzer and flow meter in any other configuration other than as described in paragraph (d) above.

7.2.5 Operational Status of Eligible Destruction Devices

- a) Unless the eligible destruction device is not operating and the engineering design of the LFG collection system is such that LFG is not released when the eligible destruction device is not operating and that such design elements are functioning properly and there is documented evidence to support this, the operational status of the LFG collection system

and each eligible destruction device shall be monitored with measurements recorded at least hourly.

- b) When a single flow meter is used for multiple, identical eligible destruction devices per Subsection 7.2.2(a)1, the operational status of each destruction device shall be monitored separately unless the design of the eligible destruction device is such that LFG is not released when it is not operating and there is documented evidence to support this.
- c) Where LFG is delivered from the landfill site to a destruction device at another facility via a direct use pipeline, reasonable efforts shall be made to obtain data demonstrating the type of destruction device used at the other facility and the operational status of that device.
- d) Where LFG is delivered from the landfill site to a destruction device via injection into a natural gas transmission pipeline, reasonable efforts shall be made to obtain data demonstrating the operational status of the natural gas transmission pipeline.
- e) If it is not possible to obtain the dataset out in paragraphs (c) and (d), reasonable evidence must be obtained demonstrating that there has been no significant release of LFG between when it was collected and when it was destroyed and that the appropriate destruction efficiency value, set out in Table A.1, has been applied. Evidence may include:
 - i. A signed attestation from the owner or operator of the pipeline that no significant release of LFG occurred during the reporting period;
 - ii. Supporting documents and records such as electrical output data, engineering designs and safety features that demonstrate LFG is not released when the destruction device is not operating or that the flow of LFG off-site can be shut off in the event of an emergency or any other supporting documents.

7.2.6 Baseline Scenario Monitoring Period

- a) Monitoring of all ineligible destruction devices shall be done over a period of at least 3 consecutive months prior to the start date (“baseline scenario monitoring period”).
 1. The baseline scenario monitoring period cannot include a period where the volume of LFG flow that is measured is decreased by activities related to the start up or testing period the initiative (e.g., pressure changes from the installation of wells, etc.).
 2. CH₄ destruction shall be monitored at a frequency of at least weekly during the baseline scenario monitoring period, and extrapolated to one year based on the 90% upper confidence limit of the CH₄ destruction values recorded during this period. (Note: Monitoring for a period longer than three months, or at a frequency greater than weekly, may lessen statistical uncertainty and reduce the required BD_{discount}.)
 3. LFG flow shall be monitored at a frequency of at least weekly during the baseline scenario monitoring period, and shall be normalized to maximum flow capacity (m³/min).
 - i. For any time interval in which the LFG flow is below the measurable range for the monitoring device, the minimum flow value of the monitoring device shall be applied to that time interval.
 4. CH₄ concentration shall be monitored at a frequency of at least weekly during the baseline scenario monitoring period.
- b) When using Subsection 6.1(c)(1) to determine BD_{discount}, the quantity of CH₄ shall be measured for a minimum period of one month during the baseline scenario monitoring period.

7.2.7 Oxidation

- a) For the purposes of determining the oxidation amount, the fill area of the landfill with a geomembrane shall be determined at the beginning of each reporting period.
- b) Oxidation of CH₄ in the landfill shall be determined in the following manner:

1. For a landfill site with a geomembrane where the entire fill area has a geomembrane, use a CH₄ oxidation rate of zero (0%).
2. For a landfill, without a geomembrane covering any fill area, use a CH₄ oxidation rate of 0.1 (10 %).
3. For a landfill that has some of the fill area with a geomembrane, the CH₄ oxidation rate shall be a proportionate value determined in accordance with Equation 7.2.

Equation 7.2. Calculating the Oxidation of CH₄ by Soil Bacteria

$$OX = \frac{(0 \times area_c) + (0.1 \times area_u)}{area_c + area_u}$$

| <i>Where,</i> | <u>Units</u> |
|---|----------------|
| OX = Factor for the oxidation of CH ₄ by soil bacteria | |
| area _c = Area covered by a geomembrane | m ² |
| area _u = Area uncovered by a geomembrane | m ² |
| 0 = CH ₄ oxidation rate of the area covered by a geomembrane, (zero, 0%) | |
| 0.1 = CH ₄ oxidation rate of the area uncovered by a geomembrane, (10%) | |

7.3 Instrument Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)

- a) LFG flow meters and CH₄ analyzers shall be:
 1. Located and installed for the intended use, in accordance with manufacturer specifications;
 2. Calibrated at the time of installation;
 3. Cleaned and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications;
 4. Not later than 2 months before the end of a reporting period:
 - i. Checked for accuracy by a qualified and independent person, either using a portable instrument, such as a pitot tube, or by following the manufacturer's specifications, and the percentage drift recorded; or
 - ii. Calibrated by the manufacturer, or by a third party certified for that purpose by the manufacturer;
- and;
5. Calibrated by the manufacturer, or by a third-party certified for that purpose by the manufacturer, in accordance with the manufacturer's specified frequency or every 5 years, whichever is more frequent.
- b) Flow meters and CH₄ analyzers that are not portable devices but are installed temporarily shall be calibrated at the time of installation.
- c) The LFG flow meter and CH₄ analyzer calibration accuracy must show that these monitoring devices provide a reading of volumetric flow and CH₄ concentration that is within a ± 5% accuracy threshold.
 1. When the device shows a shift outside the ± 5% accuracy threshold, appropriate corrective action(s) shall be taken, such as cleaning or adjusting the sensor in accordance with the manufacturer’s specification.
 2. The device shall be rechecked for measurement accuracy in accordance with Subsection 7.3(a)4.i after the corrective action.
 3. If the device is still out of the ± 5% accuracy threshold, the device shall be calibrated by the manufacturer or by a third party certified for that purpose by the manufacturer.

- d) For the entire period from the last time the monitoring device showed a reading within the $\pm 5\%$ accuracy threshold until such time as the monitoring device shows a return to the accuracy threshold all the data from the monitoring device shall be corrected according to the following procedure:
 - 1. When the inaccuracy of the device indicates an under-reporting of flow rate or CH₄ concentration, the measured values taken by the inaccurate device, without correction shall be used;
 - 2. When the inaccuracy of the device indicates an over-reporting of flow rates or CH₄ concentration, the measured values of the inaccurate device shall be corrected by the percentage that the device was out of the $\pm 5\%$ accuracy threshold.
- e) If a portable CH₄ analyzer is used to check accuracy, it shall be:
 - 1. Maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications; and
 - 2. Calibrated by the manufacturer or by a third party certified for that purpose by the manufacturer for that purpose in accordance with the manufacturer's specified frequency or annually, whichever is more frequent.
- f) Equipment used for monitoring parameters other than LFG flow and CH₄ concentration (e.g., standalone temperature sensors, flare thermocouples, etc.) shall be installed, maintained and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

7.4 Missing Data

- a) Missing data from a monitoring device may only be replaced using the methodology in Appendix B. The methodology in Appendix B may only be used if the following two conditions are met:
 - 1. The operational status of the eligible destruction device can be demonstrated in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.2.5; and
 - 2. The operational status and proper functioning of the device monitoring the eligible destruction device can be demonstrated in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.3.
- b) If the methodology in Appendix B is being used to replace missing data from a flow meter or CH₄ analyzer then data may only be replaced in accordance with the following rules:
 - 1. LFG flow rate may be replaced when CH₄ concentration is not missing and where a continuous CH₄ analyzer was used to measure CH₄ concentration and the CH₄ content was consistent with normal operations; or
 - 2. CH₄ concentration may be replaced when flow meter data is not missing and a flow meter demonstrates that the LFG flow rate was consistent with normal operations; or
 - 3. Where both CH₄ concentration and LFG flow rate are missing, data may only be replaced for electric generators and natural gas injection and only in accordance with (c) and (d) below.
- c) For initiatives that destroy LFG in an eligible destruction device that also generates electricity, the missing data may be replaced for periods of up to 6 months after the applicable version of the protocol comes into effect by using Equation B.1, in Appendix B if the electrical output for the period of missing data has been monitored.
- d) For initiatives that inject LFG into a natural gas transmission pipeline, the missing data for periods up to 6 months after the applicable version of the protocol came into effect may be replaced through either:
 - 1. the use of the volumetric CH₄ data as reported by the flow meter at the point of pipeline injection, or,
 - 2. by using Equation B.2 in Appendix B if the data is reported in units of energy, but only if:
 - i. The volume of LFG is continuously monitored throughout the period of the data gap;

- ii. Any supplemental natural gas mixed with the LFG prior to the custody transfer meter is monitored throughout the period of the data gap and subtracted from the volume in *i*; and
- iii. Any other fuel sent to the pipeline, is directly monitored throughout the period of the data gap and subtracted from the volume in *i*.

7.5 Monitoring Parameters

- a) Table 7.1 sets out the monitoring parameters required to be used in the calculation of baseline scenario and initiative emissions

Table 7.1. Landfill Initiative Monitoring Parameters

| Eq. # | Parameter | Description in Equation | Units | Calculated (c) Measured (m) Reference (r) Operating Records (o) | Measurement Frequency | References |
|---|--|--|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| | N/A | Operating status of destruction device | Unit determined per destruction device | m | Hourly | |
| Equation 6.2 | CH ₄ Dest _{PR} | Total quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by all eligible destruction devices during the reporting period | tCH ₄ | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.3 |
| Equation 6.2 Equation 6.6 Equation 6.14 | GWP _{CH₄} | Global Warming Potential for CH ₄ | tCO _{2e} /tCH ₄ | r | Once per reporting period | As set out in O.Reg. 143/16 |
| Equation 6.2 | OX | Factor for the oxidation of CH ₄ by soil bacteria | N/A | r | Once per reporting period | Determined in accordance with Section 7.2.7 |
| Equation 6.2 | DF | Discount factor is 0 or 0.1 | N/A | r | Once per reporting period | Determined in accordance with Section 7.2.3 |
| Equation 6.2 | Dest _{base} | Adjustment to account for baseline CH ₄ destruction | tCO _{2e} | c | At least weekly | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.6 |
| Equation 6.3 Equation 6.14 | <i>n</i> | Number of eligible destruction devices | N/A | r | | |
| Equation 6.3 Equation 6.4 Equation 6.14 | <i>i</i> | Eligible destruction device | N/A | r | | |
| Equation 6.3 | CH ₄ Dest _{<i>i</i>} | Net quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by each eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period | m ³ CH ₄ | c | | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.4 |

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|---|-----------------|--|--|-----|---|---|
| Equation 6.3 Equation 6.6 Equation 6.14 | ρ_{CH_4} | Density of CH ₄ at the reference temperature | kgCH ₄ /m ³ CH ₄ | r | Once per reporting period | As set out in Table 10.2 |
| Equation 6.4 Equation 6.5 | Q_i | Total quantity of CH ₄ sent to eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during the reporting period | m ³ CH ₄ | c | Daily (if CH ₄ is monitored continuously); Weekly (if CH ₄ is monitored weekly) | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.5 |
| Equation 6.4 Equation 6.14 Equation B.1 Equation B.2 | DE_i | CH ₄ destruction efficiency of eligible destruction device <i>i</i> | N/A | r/m | Once per reporting period | As set out in Table A.1 |
| Equation 6.5 | n | Number of measurement periods | N/A | r | | |
| Equation 6.5 Equation 7.1 | $LFG_{i,t}$ | Corrected volume of LFG sent to eligible destruction device <i>i</i> , in time interval <i>t</i> | m ³ LFG | m/c | Continuously | |
| Equation 6.5 Equation B.2 | t | Measurement period | | m | Continuously, daily, or weekly | |
| Equation 6.5 | $LFG_{i,t}$ | Corrected volume of LFG sent to eligible destruction device <i>i</i> during measurement period <i>t</i> | m ³ LFG | m/c | Continuously | Measured for cases where the meter internally corrects to standard conditions, otherwise calculated in accordance with Equation 7.1 |
| Equation 6.5 | $PR_{CH_4,t}$ | Average ratio of CH ₄ to LFG in the LFG, for measurement period <i>t</i> | m ³ CH ₄ /m ³ LFG | m | Continuously or weekly | |
| Equation 6.6 Equation 6.7 | $BD_{discount}$ | Amount of CH ₄ that would have been destroyed during the reporting period, in the baseline without the initiative | m ³ CH ₄ | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Subsection 6.1(c) |
| Equation 6.7 | LFG_B | LFG that would have been destroyed by an ineligible destruction device during the reporting period | m ³ LFG | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.8 |
| Equation 6.7 | B_{CH_4} | The average ratio of CH ₄ to LFG in the LFG that would have been destroyed by an ineligible devices during the reporting period | m ³ CH ₄ /m ³ LFG | m | Continuously or weekly | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.11 |

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|---------------|--|---|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Equation 6.8 | 90%UCL(LFG _{flowrate}) | 90% upper confidence limit of the average flow rate in the metered period | m ³ /min LFG | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.12 |
| Equation 6.11 | 90%UCL(B _{CH₄,t}) | 90% upper confidence limit of the average CH ₄ concentration in the metered period | m ³ /min LFG | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.12 |
| Equation 6.12 | t _{value} | The 90% t-value coefficient for data set with degrees of freedom | N/A | c | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.12 | SD | Standard deviation of the sample | m ³ or % | c | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.12 | n | Sample size | N/A | r | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.12 | df | Degrees of freedom, n-1 | N/A | c | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.13 | FF _{CO₂} | Total CO ₂ emissions from the use of fossil fuels during the reporting period | tCO ₂ e | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.14 |
| Equation 6.13 | EL _{CO₂} | Total CO ₂ emissions from the use of electricity during the reporting period | tCO ₂ e | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.13 |
| Equation 6.13 | NG _{emissions} | Total GHG emissions from the use of supplemental natural gas during the reporting period | tCO ₂ e | c | Once per reporting period | Calculated in accordance with Equation 6.14 |
| Equation 6.14 | n | Number of types of fossil fuel | N/A | o | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.14 | j | Type of fossil fuel | N/A | o | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.14 | FF _{PR,j} | Annual quantity of fossil fuel j consumed in the operation of equipment within the GHG assessment boundary | kg (solid) m ³ at standard conditions (gas) L (liquid) | o | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 6.14 | EF _{CF,j} | CO ₂ emission factor for fossil fuel j | kg CO ₂ /quantity of fossil fuel | r | Once per reporting period | As set out in ON.20 of the QRV Guideline |
| Equation 6.13 | EL _{PR} | Total electricity used during the reporting period | MWh | r | | |
| Equation 6.13 | EL _{EL} | CO ₂ emission factor for electricity generation from the province in which the initiative is located | kgCO ₂ /MWh | r | Once per reporting period | As set out in the NIR |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--|----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|--|
| Equation 6.14 | NG_i | Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to eligible destruction device i during the reporting period | m^3 NG | m/r | Continuously | |
| Equation 6.14 Equation B.1 Equation B.2 | NG_{CH_4} | Average ratio of CH_4 to NG in the supplemental natural gas | m^3 CH_4 / m^3 NG | m/r | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 7.1 | $LFG_{uncorrected}$ | Uncorrected volume of LFG collected for the given interval | m^3 LFG | m | Continuously | |
| Equation 7.1 | ρ_m | Measured pressure of the LFG for the given time interval | kPa | m | Continuously | |
| Equation 7.1 | T_{ref} | Reference temperature of the LFG for the initiative | K | m | Once per reporting period | |
| Equation 7.1 | T_m | Measured temperature of LFG for the given time interval | K | m | Continuously | |
| Equation B.1 | EO_i | Total electric output of device i during the period of missing data | kWh | m | Per data gap | |
| Equation B.1 | HR_i | Heat rate of destruction device i | GJ/kWh | r | N/A | |
| Equation B.1, Equation B.2 | HHV_{CH_4} | Higher heating value of the CH_4 portion of LFG, 0.0359 | GJ/ m^3 | r | N/A | |
| Equation B.1 Equation B.2 | NG_i | Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to device i during the period of the missing data | m^3 NG | m/r | Continuously | |
| Equation B.2 | FE_t | Fuel energy delivered during measurement period t | GJ | m | Per data gap | |

8 Reversals

8.1 Errors, Omissions or Misstatements

- a) In the event that an error, omission or misstatement is discovered after Ontario offset credits have been created and issued for a reporting period, the Sponsor shall determine the total amount of the reversal by:
1. Using this protocol to re-calculate the corrected value of the GHG emission reductions from the initiative during the reporting period for each initiative report affected by the reversal.
 2. Calculating the total reversal of GHG emission reductions from the initiative using Equation 8.1.

Equation 8.1. Calculating GHG Emission Reductions Reversed

$$RE = \sum_{r=1}^n ERc - ERi$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|---------------|--|-------------------|
| RE | = GHG emission reductions reversed | tCO _{2e} |
| n | Total number of initiative reports affected by the reversal | |
| r | Initiative reports affected by the reversal | |
| ERc | = Corrected GHG emission reductions from the initiative during the reporting period calculated in accordance with Subsection 8.1(a)(1) | tCO _{2e} |
| ERi | = Initially reported GHG emission reductions from the initiative during the reporting period | tCO _{2e} |

9 Reporting

- a) The following information shall be set out in an initiative report or a reversal report in addition to the information required by the Regulation.

9.1 Initiative Report

9.1.1 Eligibility Criteria Information

- The total waste capacity of the landfill
- Amount of waste in place
- For an operational landfill, the amount of waste accepted annually, in tonnes
- For a closed landfill, the amount of waste that was accepted annually in tonnes
- If a geomembrane has been used at the site, a description of whether the geomembrane, meets the requirements of Ontario Regulation 232/98 (Landfilling Sites).

9.1.2 Monitoring Information

- A description of the baseline scenario and how it was monitored in accordance with Section 7.2.6.
- Identify all eligible and ineligible destruction devices within the initiative GHG Assessment Boundary as set out in Section 5.
- A description of how the initiative was monitored, including the following:
 - A statement of whether the monitoring performed meets the requirements set out in Section 7.
 - A statement of whether all gas flow meters and CH₄ analyzers adhered to the instrument QA/QC requirements set out in Section 7.3.
 - Where applicable, an identification of any deviations from the requirements set out in Section 7 and a description of whether these deviations should be considered material.
- Calibration certificates or verification reports on the calibration accuracy, from either the manufacturer or a qualified third-party certified by the manufacturer for each piece of monitoring equipment.
- Where applicable, identification of instances where any piece of equipment failed a calibration and a description of how the data from that equipment was corrected in accordance with Section 7.3, including any calculations used.

- f) Where applicable, identification of instances where the data substitution methodology set out in Section 7.4 was applied, and a description as to how the data was substituted including any calculations used.
- g) Identification of the measurement frequency used for each monitoring parameter, where multiple frequencies may be used in accordance with Section 7.5.

9.1.3 Quantification Information

- a) All calculations set out in Section 6, including any supporting calculations set out in Section 7, that were used.
- b) The reference temperature and density used.
- c) Identification of any source test data, if used in place of the default destruction efficiencies, as set out in Appendix A.

9.2 Reversal Report

9.2.1 General

- a) Information about the circumstances and causes of the reversal including the number of reporting periods affected.
- b) For each initiative report that was affected by the reversal, all information that has changed as a result of the reversal and a description of those changes.
- c) In the case of an error, omission or misstatement reversal, a description of the corrective actions taken to address the circumstances and causes of the reversal.
- d) Supporting documentation for each of the items in paragraphs (a) through (c) above.

9.2.2 Quantification Information

- a) All calculations set out in Section 8, including supporting calculations set out in Section 6 and Section 7, that were used to determine the amount of the reversal.
- b) Supporting documentation related to the calculations.

10 Record Keeping

- a) The following records and documents shall be kept in addition to the records that are required to be kept under the Regulation:
 - 1. The information and data required under the monitoring requirements in Section 7, including all GHG calculations and related data inputs.
 - 2. Information on each eligible and if applicable ineligible flow meter, CH₄ analyzer and destruction device used, including type, model number, serial number and manufacturer's maintenance and calibration procedures.
 - 3. Maintenance documents and records relating to collection, destruction and monitoring systems including:
 - i. For each LFG flow meter and CH₄ analyzers, records and documents relating to all instrument QA/QC activities.
 - ii. For a portable analyzer, time and place where measurements are taken and, for each measurement, the CH₄ concentration in the LFG.
 - iii. The calibration date, time and results for CH₄ analyzers and flow meters, and the corrective measures applied if a piece of equipment failed to meet the requirements of this protocol:

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- (A) Flow meter calibrations shall 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.
 - (B) CH₄ analyzer calibrations shall 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.
- 4. Records showing the quantity of waste disposed of at the landfill.
- 5. All documentation related to any violations of legal requirements that apply to the initiative or that may have an impact on the amount of GHG reductions, avoidances or removals.

Appendix A Parameters for Quantification

A.1 CH₄ Destruction Efficiency

a) The appropriate CH₄ destruction efficiency shall be selected from Table 10.1 below.

Table 10.1 CH₄ Destruction Efficiencies for Eligible Destruction Devices

| 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 ₄ Liquefaction Unit | 0.95 |
| Injection into Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline | 0.98 |
| Direct Use Pipeline (End Use Other than Boiler) | <i>Per the appropriate end use device</i> |

A.2 CH₄ Density

a) The appropriate CH₄ density at the reference temperature shall be selected from Table A.2 below.

Table 10.2 Density of CH₄ at Reference Conditions

| Reference Pressure (kPa) | Reference Pressure (atm) | Reference Temperature (°C) | Reference Temperature (K) | Density of CH ₄ (kg/m ³) ^{7,8} |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 101.325 | 1 | 0 | 273.15 | 0.717 |
| 101.325 | 1 | 5 | 278.15 | 0.704 |
| 101.325 | 1 | 10 | 283.15 | 0.692 |
| 101.325 | 1 | 15 | 288.15 | 0.680 |
| 101.325 | 1 | 20 | 293.15 | 0.668 |
| 101.325 | 1 | 25 | 298.15 | 0.657 |

⁷Lemmon, E.W., Huber, M.L., &McLinden, M.O. (2013).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.

⁸Setzmann, U., & Wagner, W. (1991). 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.

Appendix B Missing Data Methods

B.1 Substitution Methods

a) The appropriate substitution method to replace data shall be selected from Table B.3 below.

Table 10.3 Missing Data Substitution Methods

| Missing Data Period | Substitution 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, except for initiatives that destroy LFG in a device that generates electricity or via pipeline injection, as set out in Subsections 7.4 (c) and (d) respectively. |

B.2 Calculations

Equation B.1. Calculating Estimated Volume of CH₄ Destroyed in Electricity Generators

$$CH_{4,dest,i,alt} = \left(\frac{EO_i \times HR_i}{HHV_{CH_4}} - NG_i \times NG_{CH_4} \right) \times DE_i$$

| Where, | | Units |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| CH _{4,dest,i,alt} | = Net quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by electricity generating device <i>i</i> during the period of missing data | m ³ CH ₄ |
| EO _{<i>i</i>} | = Total electrical output of device <i>i</i> during the period of missing data | kWh |
| HR _{<i>i</i>} | = Heat rate of destruction device <i>i</i> , as determined through the most recent source testing event. If no source test data are available, the highest heat rate specified by the manufacturer shall be used | GJ/kWh |
| HHV _{CH₄} | = Higher heating value of the CH ₄ portion of the LFG, 0.0359 | GJ/m ³ |
| NG _{<i>i</i>} | = Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to device <i>i</i> during the period of the missing data | m ³ NG |
| NG _{CH₄} | = Average ratio of CH ₄ to NG in the supplemental natural gas, as set out in the supplier's specifications | m ³ CH ₄ / m ³ NG |
| DE _{<i>i</i>} | = CH ₄ destruction efficiency of device <i>i</i> , as set out in Table A.1 | per cent |

Equation B.2. Calculating Estimated Volume of CH₄ Destroyed by Pipeline Injection

$$CH_{4,dest,i,alt} = \left[\sum_t \left(\frac{FE_t}{HHV_{CH_4}} - NG_t \times NG_{CH_4} \right) \right] \times 0.98$$

| <i>Where,</i> | | <u>Units</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| CH _{4,dest,i,alt} | = Total quantity of CH ₄ destroyed by pipeline injection device <i>i</i> during the period of missing data | m ³ CH ₄ |
| <i>t</i> | = Measurement period | |
| FE _{<i>t</i>} | = Fuel energy delivered during measurement period <i>t</i> , as reported in gas delivery data. | GJ |
| HHV _{CH₄} | = Higher heating value of the CH ₄ portion of the LFG, 0.0359 | GJ/m ³ CH ₄ |
| NG _{<i>i</i>} | = Total quantity of supplemental natural gas sent to device <i>i</i> during the period of missing data | m ³ NG |
| NG _{CH₄} | = Average ratio of CH ₄ to NG in the supplemental natural gas, according to the supplier's specifications | m ³ CH ₄ / m ³ NG |
| 0.98 | = CH ₄ destruction efficiency of pipeline injection, as set out in Table A.1 | per cent |