

United States Department of Agriculture

Operation & Maintenance Plan Waste Facility Closure (Code 360)

Landowner/Operator:

NRCS Service Center:

Practice Location:

Conservation District:

Tract/Field ID:

Date:

(Lat/Long or UTM Coord, or Sec/TS/R)

Expected Lifespan

The minimum expected lifespan of this practice is at least 15 years.

General Recommendations

The proper decommissioning of a waste facility and rehabilitation of any contaminated soil from a waste facility requires little or no operation and maintenance.

For the conversion of a waste facility to any other use, such as a fresh water facility, the operation and maintenance will be in accordance with the appropriate NRCS conservation practice standard for the intended facility conversion purpose.

Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service assistance. This waste facility closure was designed and installed to protect the quality of surface water and groundwater resources, to eliminate a safety hazard for humans and livestock and to safeguard the public health. The land user is responsible for proper O&M for as long as the practice is used but no less than the life of the practice, and as may be required by Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail. Necessary O&M items include—

- For sites where the land is reclaimed
 - Inspect at least annually and after significant storm events to identify repair and maintenance needs.
 - All fences, railings, and warnings signs shall be maintained to prevent unauthorized human, vehicle, or livestock entry. Repair and replace as necessary.
 - Inspect site annually and fill areas where settlement is adversely affecting drainage and land use.
 - Add soil amendments to soils that cannot grow vegetation or replace them with suitable clean fill material.
 - Inspect haul roads and approaches to and from the project frequently to determine need for additional stabilization material.
 - Maintain mounding and water diversions to prevent accumulation of water over the site.
 - Inspect drainage structures and channels. Remove any obstructions to keep structures and channels clean and functional. Repair as needed.
 - Repair any rodent, burrowing animal, vandalism, vehicle, or livestock damage. Remove debris.
 - Follow your waste utilization and comprehensive nutrient management plan for disposition of materials removed from decommissioned waste impoundment structures.

For sites converted to fresh water storage or other use

• The converted impoundment shall meet the requirements as set forth in NRCS practice

standards for the intended purpose. Follow the O&M guidance for that NRCS practice.

Specific Requirements for Your Practice

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Specific Site Requirements