

**PART III, ATTACHMENT 3**

**APPENDIX III-3B**

**SETTLEMENT ANALYSIS**

**HAWTHORN PARK RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACILITY  
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**Objective:** Estimate the following:  
 1) Subgrade settlement  
 2) Strain on the clay liner from differential settlement

**Assumptions:**

Layer I will be partially excavated within the landfill footprint. Layer I and III clays are compressible while the Layer II sand is incompressible.

The maximum settlement will occur where the compressible materials beneath the liner are thickest and the change in overburden stress is the greatest. The location that provides the thickest section of compressible material and the greatest change in overburden stresses occurs at approximately the center of the waste fill area.

The groundwater elevation is above the base of the landfill.

**Calculations:**

**1) Subgrade Settlement**

Settlement is estimated from the equation:

$$S = \left[ \frac{H}{(1+e_0)} \right] [C_r \log(\sigma'_c / \sigma'_o) + C_c \log(\sigma'_f / \sigma'_c)]$$

where:

- S = settlement (ft)
- C<sub>c</sub> = compression index
- C<sub>r</sub> = recompression index
- H = layer thickness (ft)
- σ'<sub>o</sub> = initial overburden pressure (tsf)
- σ'<sub>c</sub> = preconsolidation pressure (tsf)
- σ'<sub>f</sub> = final overburden pressure (tsf)
- e<sub>0</sub> = initial void ratio

C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>r</sub>, σ'<sub>o</sub>, and e<sub>0</sub> were determined based on consolidation test results.

Overburden pressure is the sum of the overburden thickness of each material multiplied by its effective unit weight. The initial and final overburden pressures are calculated at the analysis point of each layer being analyzed.



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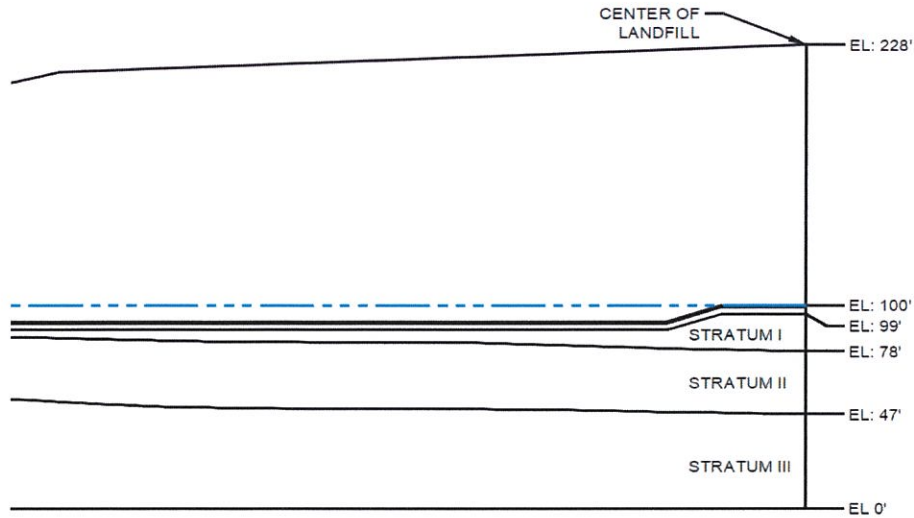


Figure 1: Cross-Section - Center of Landfill

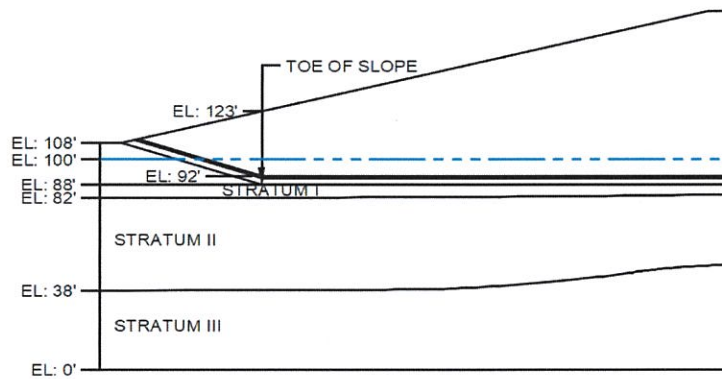


Figure 2: Cross-Section - Toe of Slope

**2A) Center of Landfill**

Determine the initial and final overburden pressures.

Overburden	H <sub>o</sub> (ft)	H <sub>f</sub> (ft)	Unit Wt (pcf)	σ' <sub>o</sub> (psf)	σ' <sub>f</sub> (psf)
Final Cover	0	2	120	0	240
Waste	0	126	70	0	8820
PCOV	0	1	120	0	120
CLAY	0	3	120	0	360
I	10.5	10.5	120	605	605
<b>Effective stress at middle of Layer I =</b>				<b>605</b>	<b>10,145</b>
Final Cover	0	2	120	0	240
Waste	0	126	70	0	8820
PCOV	0	1	120	0	120
CLAY	0	3	120	0	360
I	21	21	120	1210	1210
II	31	31	120	1786	1786
III	23.5	23.5	120	1354	1354
<b>Effective stress at middle of Layer III =</b>				<b>4349</b>	<b>13,889</b>

Determine the settlement in the subgrade.

Layer	H (ft)	$\sigma'_o$ (psf)	$\sigma'_c$ (psf)	$\sigma'_f$ (psf)	$C_r$	$C_c$	$e_o$
I	21	1210	1980	10145	0.003	0.063615	0.490
III	47	4349	4349	13889	0	0.099658	0.812

$S_{III, \text{CENTER OF LANDFILL}} =$	<b>1.95 ft</b>
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**2B) Toe of Slope**

Determine the initial and final overburden pressures.

Overburden	$H_o$ (ft)	$H_f$ (ft)	Unit Wt (pcf)	$\sigma'_o$ (psf)	$\sigma'_f$ (psf)
Final Cover	0	2	120	0	240
Waste	0	29	70	0	2030
PCOV	1	1	120	0	120
CLAY	3	3	120	0	360
I	3	3	120	173	173
<b>Effective stress at middle of Layer I =</b>				<b>173</b>	<b>2923</b>
Overburden	$H_o$ (ft)	$H_f$ (ft)	Unit Wt (pcf)	$\sigma'_o$ (psf)	$\sigma'_f$ (psf)
Final Cover	0	2	120	0	240
Waste	0	29	70	0	2030
PCOV	0	1	120	0	58
CLAY	0	3	120	0	360
I	6	6	120	346	346
II	44	44	120	2534	2534
III	19	19	120	1094	1094
<b>Effective stress at middle of Layer III =</b>				<b>3974</b>	<b>6662</b>

Determine the settlement in the subgrade.

Layer	H (ft)	$\sigma'_o$ (psf)	$\sigma'_c$ (psf)	$\sigma'_f$ (psf)	$C_r$	$C_c$	$e_o$
I	6	173	1980	2923	0.003	0.063615	0.49
III	38	3974	3974	6662	0	0.099658	0.81

$S_{III, \text{TOE OF SLOPE}} =$	<b>0.53 ft</b>
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settlement at center =	<b>1.95 ft</b>
settlement at toe =	<b>0.53 ft</b>
differential settlement =	<b>1.42 ft</b>

### 3) Compacted Soil Liner Strain

The allowable tensile strain in the compacted soil liner is 0.1% (Ref. 3). From 2) above, the maximum predicted differential settlement between the toe and center of the landfill is

1.42 feet

The length of the compacted clay liner along which the differential settlement occurs is approximately

600 feet

Initial surface length =	600 ft
$\Delta S =$	1.42 ft
$\tan\theta = \Delta S/\text{Horizontal Surface}$	
$\tan\theta =$	2.4E-03
$\theta =$	0.14 degrees
Final Surface length =	600.002 ft

#### Strain

Strain = $\Delta L/L$
= (final surface - initial surface) / Initial
= 0.000003 ft/ft
= 0.0003 %

Therefore, differential settlement will not be detrimental to the clay liner since the predicted strain is significantly less than the allowable strain (0.1%).

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