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5.0 CLOSURE COMPLETION SCHEDULE

5.1 Implementation of the Closure Plan

In accordance with 30 TAC §330.457(f), the implementation of this Closure Plan will ensure the following schedule.

- No later than 30 days after disposal units reach capacity and receive final waste
Final closure activities will begin and suitable barriers will be erected at all gates or access points to prevent the unauthorized dumping of solid wastes after closure. If a unit has remaining capacity and may receive additional waste, but has stopped accepting waste temporarily, closure may be delayed for one year or longer with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approval. Closure activities for each unit shall begin no more than 30 days after the date on which the unit receives the known final receipt of wastes, or if the unit has remaining capacity and there is a reasonable likelihood that the unit will receive additional wastes, no later than one year after the most recent receipt of wastes. A request for an extension beyond the one-year deadline for the initiation of closure may be submitted to the executive director for review and approval and shall include all applicable documentations necessary to demonstrate that the unit has the capacity to receive additional waste and that the owner or operator has taken and will continue to take all steps necessary to prevent threats to human health and the environment from the unit.
- No later than 45 days before final unit or site closure begins
Written notification of the intent to close the unit or the facility will be submitted to the TCEQ and placed in the site's operating record. For final facility closure, signs will be posted at all points of access notifying facility users of the upcoming closure date and the prohibition against receipt of further waste after that date.
- No later than 180 days after the initiation of final closure activities
Final closure activities will be complete. These activities include placing the compacted soil infiltration layer, geomembrane, drainage layer, the erosion layer, the top soil, and vegetation. Installation of post-closure monitoring devices, such as monitoring wells, gas probes, and the gas collection system, will also be complete. Extending closure work beyond 180 days requires TCEQ approval.
- Following completion of all final closure activities for the facility
The City of Temple will submit to the TCEQ by registered mail a documented certification, signed by an independent licensed professional engineer, verifying that final closure has been completed in accordance with this Closure Plan. The submittal to the TCEQ will include all applicable documentation necessary to certify final closure. Once approved, the certification will be placed in the site's operating record.

Within 10 days after closure of all landfill units, a certified copy of an "affidavit to the public" will be submitted to the TCEQ by registered mail in accordance with 30 TAC §330.19 and a copy will be placed in the site's operating record. The affidavit will include a metes and bounds description of the limits of the disposal areas. The affidavit will also include a notice that any future use of the land is restricted. In addition, the owner or operator shall record a certified notation of the deed to the facility property, or on some other instrument that is normally examined during title searches, that will in perpetuity notify any potential purchaser of the property that the land has been used as a landfill and that future uses of the land are restricted according to the provisions specified in 30 TAC §330.465. A certified copy of the modified deed will be submitted to the TCEQ, and a copy will be placed in the site's operating record.

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