

Green Steel Monofills

MONOFILL LEACHATE PRODUCTION PREDICTIONS

Method Notes:

General Notes on the leachate production modelling:

- 1 Two calculation methods have been applied to estimate leachate production
Method A - Data Approach: based on actual landfill / monofill leachate production
Method B - Calculation Approach - Based on the Water Balance
- 2 Leachate volume predictions to date have been based on a % of annual rainfall
- 3 These figures have been sourced from site operational data and records in the Auckland and Waikato Regions of NZ over many years. Our experience suggests that these figures are conservative.
- 4 A first principles check has been made using actual monthly rainfall data. This data includes the Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods in January 2023. The 2023 year has been specifically identified for monthly rainfall % patterns. The % monthly splits can be amended by easily adjusting the %'s. Historical data of high rainfall years (1964 to 1971) was also sourced.
- 5 Calculating monthly production rates provides better information on the leachate production. Therefore, monthly flow rates are provided from month methods of calculation.
- 6 Method A is our preferred calculation approach at this Concept Design**
 - Storage or Field Capacity effects of the floc fill material
 - Evaporation data specific to the Hampton Downs site and determination of the evaporation rate
- 7 Model Inputs:
Annual Rainfall selected is considered appropriate, based actual data:
 - Note (i): Groundwater potential in-flow is taken as zero due to effectiveness of the floc fill material
 - Note (ii): Liquid waste input is taken as zero
- 8 Shortcomings of the current modelling
Method A is simplistic and should be expanded (more detailed) at the Design stage.
Method B is arguably based on first principles, but predictions can be highly sensitive to input data.
Method B predictions of evaporation effects can be too sensitive with zero evaporation.
Lag Times in leachate production is common, and high leachate flows be expected.
 - lag times must be estimated and the model adjusted when actual operation commences
- 9 HELP Model Shortcomings
Limitation

Simplified water balance
Static soil/waste properties
Limited ET/vegetation modeling
Poor short-term dynamics
Minimal calibration
Sensitive to input uncertainty

In our opinion, for the Green Steel Monofill leachate production determination regulatory compliance tool rather than a precise forecasting tool for leachate. Many landfill/monofill engineers and researchers pair HELP with site-specific models for detailed design or research purposes.

10 Rationale for storage assumptions used in Method B approach:

- Final Capping SW Monofill Stage 1 - (storage set to **5%**)
Some storage in the wastes with perched water tables still forming, l
- Final Capping SW Monofill Stage 2 - (storage set to **10%**)
Slightly increased storage across slightly graded (flat) base of the SW
- Final Capping NE Monofill Stages 1 & 2 - (storage set to **0%**)
Base is small with limited flattened area to store leachate and side sl
- Final Capping Long Term (all Monofill Stages) - (storage set to **10%**)
Leachate perched water tables now formed and preferential flow pa
The size of the SW monofill outweighs the NE, thus the 10% coming

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ction rates from the Green Steel Monofills i.e.

Leachate data

($L = P - R - ET - \Delta S$) often written as "B (Balance) = R (Rainfall) - E (Evaporation) + ()"

rainfall as follows (for Method A):

Operational Area	Intermediate Cover	Final Cover (Capping)
20%	12%	7%

from operating landfills

ence from other landfills is also considered.

for the last 3 years.

2023.

terns for the data provided herein.

le leachate flow rate variability

ulation of leachate production.

Stage due to uncertainty in:

on of these losses

1.4m

re under-liner drainage

etailed Design Phase

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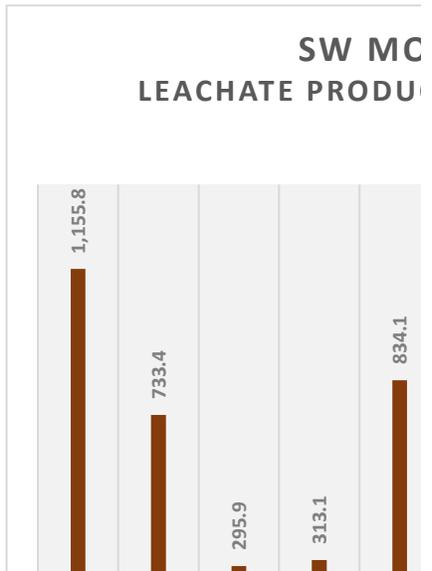
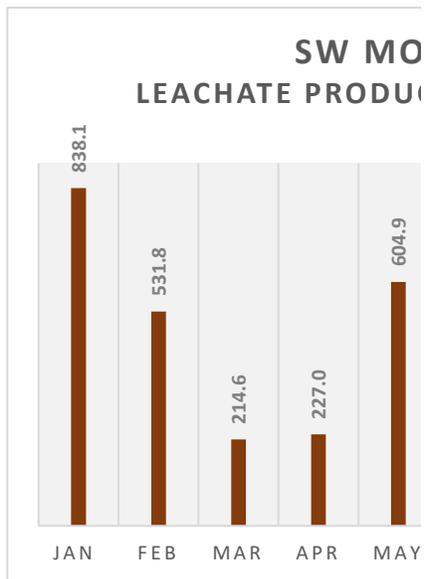
ero monthly leachate production resulting in some months

e delayed by weeks to months from time of high rainfall events

rational data becomes available

Impact on Leachate Prediction

Leachate Production Graph



Input highly susceptible to 'garbage IN' = 'garbage OUT'

Misses time evolution of landfill/monofill behavior

Misestimates evapotranspiration losses

Inaccurate daily/event scale

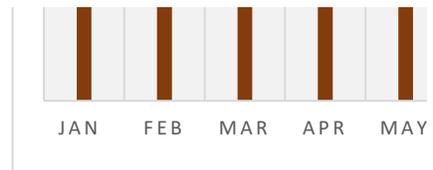
Doesn't capture lateral variability

Under or over-estimates leachate generation

Application: HELP is best used as a screening or

leachate volumes in complex real-world scenarios.

Specific data calibration or use more physically based



but generally floc undergoing consolidation and early exit of leachate prevalent

For monofill – ability to retain more leachate with the formation of the perched pools of leachate within the waste body

Open drainage offers short travel times for leachate to travel from the waste body into an available drainage medium. TI

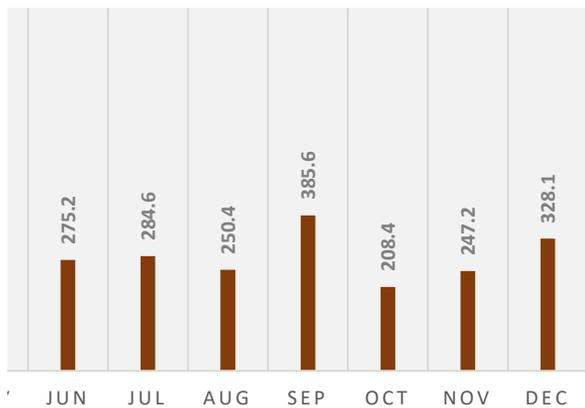
10%)

paths reduced with waste consolidation over time.

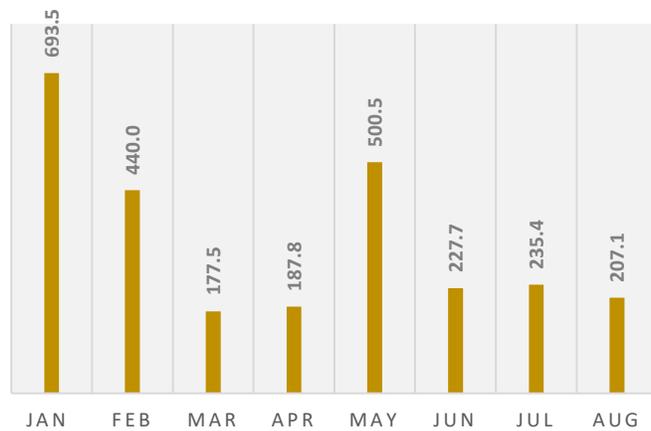
into effect for both.

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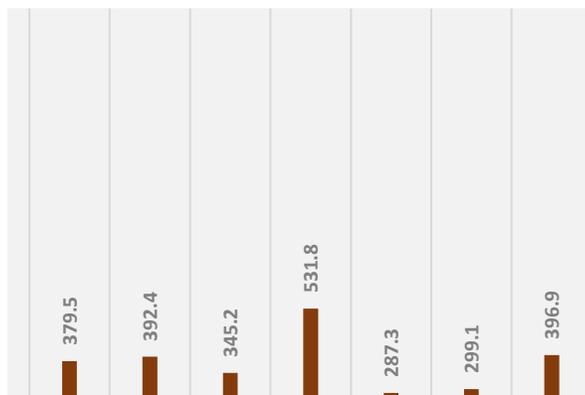
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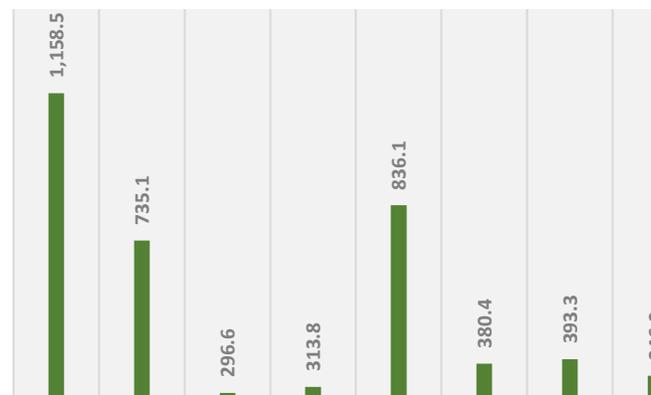
NE MONOFILL - STAGES
LEACHATE PRODUCTION VOLUMES

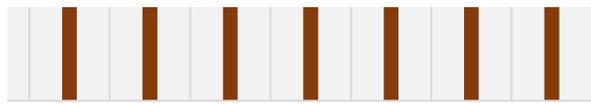


MONOFILL - STAGE 2
OPERATION VOLUMES (M³/MONTH)

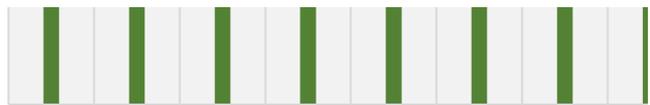


LONG TERM - BOTH MONOFILL
CAPPING
LEACHATE PRODUCTION VOLUME



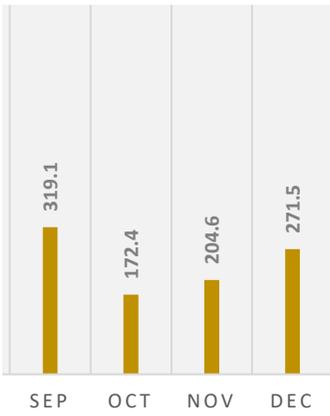


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1 & 2
(M³/MONTH)



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ES (M³/MONTH)

