

3.0 Landfill Operation

3.1 Operator

The landfill operator is an individual who has the right training and equipment to manage the landfill safely. This individual is responsible for the safety of everyone who visits the landfill.

Operator's Role:

The operator's role is site specific based on the landfill operations and community needs. At a minimum, the landfill operator is responsible for ensuring that the landfill is managed in compliance with the regulations.

In this role, common landfill operator responsibilities include burn unit operation, visual monitoring, water/snow management, and the 4 Cs (access control, consolidation, compaction, and covering of the waste). Additional operator responsibilities can also include the following:

- Waste collection
- Heavy equipment operation
- Landfill access control
- Waste screening
- Landfill equipment maintenance
- Landfill safety
- Any other activities needed to run your landfill
- Assisting with landfill permitting and operations plans
- Reporting to local Council

Helpful Tips:

- In order to perform this job effectively, the operator must have sufficient training.
- The landfill operator can be funded through collected landfill fees or any other sustainable program that works best for the community.
- Consider offering a job share program to reduce the operator turnover rate. A job share program is when two or more individuals share the job of landfill



Landfill operators wearing PPE.

operator. Sharing this job gives each person more time away from the job. This reduces the stress on each person and allows each person to plan subsistence activities and

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other obligations for those times when they are not serving as landfill operator. Each individual sharing the job must be appropriately trained.

Examples:



Landfill operator consolidating waste.