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Re: Statistical Method Selection Certification
Data collected through April 19, 2017
Merrimack Station Coal Ash Landfill
Bow, New Hampshire

Dear Allan:

Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc. (Sanborn Head) prepared this Statistical Method Selection Certification (Certification) for Detection Monitoring at the Merrimack Station Coal Ash Landfill (landfill) located in Bow, New Hampshire. This Certification was prepared in accordance with our December 20, 2016 Proposal for Compliance Services for the Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Rules (40 CFR Part 257.93) and is applicable to the statistical analysis completed on the groundwater analytical data collected through April 19, 2017. The analytical data is summarized in Table 1.

CERTIFICATION & NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 257.93(f) and (g), the statistical methods specified in 40 CFR Part 257.93(f)(1) through (5) were assessed for applicability for detection monitoring using the groundwater monitoring data summarized in Table 1. The CCR Rules provide some framework for available statistical methods, but do not prescribe specific methods or discuss which method may be appropriate for a given different data set. For additional guidance on the selection and implementation of statistical methods under these rules, Sanborn Head referenced the USEPA Unified Guidance Document for Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, dated March 2009. Future statistical analyses of additional groundwater monitoring data reviewed by Sanborn Head under 40 CFR Part 257.93 may result in a change to the statistical method used, and future certifications will need to be revised accordingly.

The "parametric analysis of variance" (parametric ANOVA) method specified in 40 CFR Part 257.93(f)(1) was selected for the interwell evaluation of the parameter mean values for the site wells (i.e., SB-1, SB-4, SB-6, and SB-14) to the upgradient well (i.e., SB-13). The parametric ANOVA was considered appropriate, rather than the "ANOVA on ranks" method because the groundwater data passed normal distribution and all but one parameter at one well passed equal variance tests[1]. Data were graphically evaluated for potential temporal

[1] Normality was evaluated using the Shapiro-Wilk and Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests using the statistical feature of SigmaPlot, version 12.5. Equal variance was tested using the Levene test in SigmaPlot.

trends and none were identified. Because the intent was to test for significant differences within the initial eight-sample data set mean values, the statistical methods that generate probable ranges of occurrence for a future sample statistics (e.g., tolerance interval, prediction interval, and control chart) were not selected for this analysis.

The statistical analyses were performed using SigmaPlot, and probability values were selected based on the values provided in 40 CFR Part 257.93(g)(2). A parametric ANOVA evaluation was performed for monitoring wells SB-1, SB-4, SB-6, SB-13, and SB-14 for each parameter specified in Appendix III (i.e., boron, calcium, chloride, fluoride, pH, Sulfate, and total dissolved solids) where the mean parameter concentration was greater than the mean concentration at upgradient/background well SB-13. If a statistically significant difference in a mean value among the monitoring wells was identified using a probability value of 0.05, then the parametric ANOVA was followed by a multiple comparison versus control group using the Bonferroni method, comparing the mean values of the site wells to the mean of the upgradient/background well SB-13 using a probability value of 0.05.

Boron and molybdenum were not evaluated through statistical methods because laboratory test reports of both parameters indicated concentrations that were at or near the laboratory reporting limits and neither parameter was detected in the four most recent monitoring rounds. The detected boron concentrations of 60 to 100 micrograms per liter (µg/L) are far less that the associated NHDES Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard (AGQS) of 620 µg/L, and molybdenum does not have an associated AGQS or Federal regulatory value for groundwater or drinking water. Given the nature of these detections, they were not considered statistically significant in the context of the CCR rules.

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Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Eversource. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this project.

Sincerely,
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Enclosure Table 1 – Summary of Analytical Results - Groundwater

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TABLE 1
Summary of Analytical Results – Groundwater
Merrimack Station Coal Ash Landfill
Bow, New Hampshire

Location	Date	Metals µg/L															Miscellaneous Parameters µg/L				s.u	pCi/L		
		Antimony	Arsenic	Barium	Beryllium	Boron	Cadmium	Calcium	Chromium	Cobalt	Lead	Lithium	Mercury	Molybdenum	Selenium	Thallium	Chloride	Fluoride	Sulfate	Total Dissolved Solids	pH	Radium 226	Radium 228	Radium 226+228
Drinking Water MCL		6	10	2,000	4	NS	5	NS	100	NS	15	NS	2	NS	50	2	NS	4,000	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	5
GW-1		6 ‡	10 ‡	2,000 ‡	4 ‡	620 ‡	5 ‡	NS ‡	100	NS ‡	15 ‡	NS	2 ‡	NS	50 ‡	2 ‡	NS	4,000	500,000	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
GW-2		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NS	NA	NS	NA	NS	NA	NS	NA	NA	NS	†	†	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
SB-1	2/24/2016	<1.0	<1.0	14	<1.0	60	<1.0	7,200	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1,000	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	44,000	<100	8,000	96,000	5.2	0.2 ±0.1	0.6 ±0.6	0.8 ±0.6
	4/25/2016	<1.0	<1.0	18	<1.0	100	<1.0	10,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	1.0	<1.0	<1.0	58,000	<100	9,000	120,000	5.7	0.5 ±0.2	0.2 ±0.4	0.7 ±0.4
	6/6/2016	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,200	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	55,000	<100	7,000	140,000	5.5	0.6 ±0.3	0.2 ±0.5	0.8 ±0.5
	7/18/2016	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	70	<1.0	8,600	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	60,000	<100	9,000	120,000	5.4	0.4 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.6	0.4 ±0.6
	8/30/2016	<1.0	<1.0	17	<1.0	<50	<1.0	7,900	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	49,000	<100	7,000	120,000	5.2	0.4 ±0.3	0.3 ±0.4	0.7 ±0.4
	10/17/2016	<1.0	<1.0	17	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,700	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	60,000	<100	6,000	130,000	5.6	0.6 ±0.4	0.0 ±0.4	0.6 ±0.4
	11/29/2016	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	62,000	<100	6,000	88,000	5.6	1.0 ±0.4	0.8 ±0.5	1.8 ±0.5
	4/19/2017	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	<50	<1.0	10,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	56,000	<100	8,000	120,000	5.8	0.4 ±0.3	0.2 ±0.5	0.6 ±0.5
SB-4	2/23/2016	<1.0	<1.0	14	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,400	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1,000	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	95,000	<100	9,000	210,000	5.5	0.3 ±0.1	1.0 ±0.6	1.3 ±0.6
	4/25/2016	<1.0	<1.0	14	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,300	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	110,000	<100	8,000	200,000	5.3	0.3 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.4	0.3 ±0.4
	6/6/2016	<1.0	<1.0	12	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	110,000	<100	10,000	230,000	5.6	0.2 ±0.2	0.4 ±0.5	0.6 ±0.5
	7/18/2016	<1.0	<1.0	11	<1.0	<50	<1.0	7,800	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	100,000	<100	11,000	220,000	5.3	0.4 ±0.3	0.4 ±0.6	0.8 ±0.6
	8/30/2016	<1.0	<1.0	10	<1.0	<50	<1.0	6,800	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	88,000	<100	12,000	210,000	5.7	0.2 ±0.2	0.0 ±0.4	0.2 ±0.4
	10/17/2016	<1.0	<1.0	12	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,400	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	100,000	<100	10,000	190,000	5.7	0.3 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.5	0.3 ±0.5
	11/29/2016	<1.0	1.0	12	<1.0	<50	<1.0	7,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	100,000	<100	10,000	180,000	5.8	0.7 ±0.3	0.5 ±0.5	1.2 ±0.5
	4/19/2017	<1.0	<1.0	19	<1.0	<50	<1.0	10,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	120,000	<100	9,000	260,000	5.7	0.3 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.5	0.3 ±0.5
SB-6	2/23/2016	<1.0	<1.0	9.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	5,300	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1,000	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	80,000	<100	10,000	170,000	5.6	0.1 ±0.07	0.5 ±0.5	0.6 ±0.5
	4/25/2016	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,300	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	140,000	<100	7,000	220,000	5.6	0.4 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.4	0.4 ±0.4
	6/6/2016	<1.0	<1.0	17	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,300	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	140,000	<100	8,000	270,000	5.4	0.5 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.5	0.5 ±0.5
	7/18/2016	<1.0	<1.0	17	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,200	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	140,000	<100	9,000	260,000	5.3	0.5 ±0.3	0.3 ±0.6	0.8 ±0.6
	8/30/2016	<1.0	<1.0	18	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,100	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	140,000	<100	9,000	280,000	5.7	0.4 ±0.2	0.0 ±0.4	0.4 ±0.4
	10/17/2016	<1.0	<1.0	18	<1.0	<50	<1.0	10,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	150,000	<100	8,000	260,000	5.8	0.2 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.5	0.2 ±0.5
	11/29/2016	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,100	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	130,000	<100	9,000	230,000	5.8	0.5 ±0.2	0.8 ±0.5	1.3 ±0.5
	4/19/2017	<1.0	<1.0	13	<1.1	<51	<1.1	7,400	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	100,000	<100	9,000	190,000	5.7	0.4 ±0.3	0.2 ±0.5	0.6 ±0.5
SB-13	2/23/2016	<1.0	<1.0	17	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,900	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1,000	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	160,000	<100	6,000	270,000	5.3	0.6 ±0.1	0.3 ±0.6	0.9±0.6
	4/25/2016	<1.0	<1.0	17	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,800	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	160,000	<100	7,000	290,000	5.5	0.4 ±0.3	0.1 ±0.4	0.5 ±0.4
	6/6/2016	<1.0	<1.0	20	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,900	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	170,000	<100	7,000	320,000	5.5	0.8 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.5	0.8 ±0.5
	7/18/2016	<1.0	<1.0	18	<1.0	<50	<1.0	9,700	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	160,000	<100	8,000	330,000	5.3	0.8 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.6	0.8 ±0.6
	8/30/2016	<1.0	1.0	20	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,100	2.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	150,000	<100	8,000	270,000	5.4	0.8 ±0.3	0.6 ±0.4	1.4 ±0.4
	10/17/2016	<1.0	<1.0	15	<1.0	<50	<1.0	8,800	2.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	150,000	<100	8,000	260,000	5.1	0.7 ±0.4	0.6 ±0.5	1.3 ±0.5
	11/29/2016	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.0	<50	<1.0	7,400	1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	140,000	<100	8,000	240,000	5.7	0.6 ±0.3	0.7 ±0.5	1.3 ±0.5
	4/19/2017	<1.0	<1.0	16	<1.1	<51	<1.1	8,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	130,000	<100	8,000	270,000	5.6	0.9 ±0.3	0.3 ±0.5	1.2 ±0.5
SB-14	2/24/2016	<1.0	<1.0	3.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	6,100	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1,000	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	16,000	<100	4,000	56,000	5.1	0.2 ±0.08	0.0 ±0.5	0.2 ±0.5
	4/25/2016	<1.0	<1.0	9.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	11,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	58,000	<100	3,000	140,000	5.6	0.8 ±0.5	0.2 ±0.1	1.0 ±0.5
	6/6/2016	<1.0	<1.0	6.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	7,600	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	32,000	<100	4,000	100,000	5.4	0.5 ±0.2	0.2 ±0.5	0.7 ±0.5
	7/18/2016	<1.0	<1.0	3.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	6,300	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	21,000	<100	5,000	68,000	5.3	0.2 ±0.2	0.3 ±0.5	0.5 ±0.5
	8/30/2016	<1.0	<1.0	2.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	5,300	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	14,000	<100	4,000	71,000	5.8	0.4 ±0.3	0.4 ±0.5	0.8 ±0.5
	10/17/2016	<1.0	<1.0	2.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	4,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	11,000	<100	4,000	29,000	5.6	0.2 ±0.3	0.0 ±0.5	0.2 ±0.5
	11/29/2016	<1.0	<1.0	2.0	<1.0	<50	<1.0	2,900	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	7,000	<100	4,000	12,000	5.2	0.2 ±0.4	0.2 ±0.5	0.4 ±0.5
	4/19/2017	<1.0	<1.0	10	<1.0	<50	<1.0	10,000	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<100	<0.10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	56,000	<100	5,000	120,000	5.6	0.7 ±0.3	0.1 ±0.5	0.8 ±0.5

Notes:

1. Samples were collected by Eastern Analytical, Inc. (EAI) of Concord, New Hampshire on the dates indicated and analyzed by EAI for select metals by USEPA Method 6020. Additional analysis for general select wet chemistry parameters were completed by EAI. Analysis for radium 226 and 228 was completed by KNL Environmental Testing, Inc., of Tampa, Florida. Analysis for lithium was completed by SGS Accutest, of Marlborough, Massachussets (Feb. 2016), and Katahdin Analytical Services, of Scarborough, Maine (April 2016 through October 2016).

2. Concentrations are presented in micrograms per liter (µg/L) which are equivalent to parts per billion (ppb), picoCuries per liter (pCi/L), or pH standard units.

3. "<" indicates the analyte was not detected above the indicated laboratory reporting limit.
A blank indicates the sample was not analyzed for this parameter.

4. "GW-1" and "GW-2" Groundwater Standards are from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Contaminated Sites Risk Characterization and Management Policy (RCMP) (January 1998, with 2000 through 2013 revisions/addenda). GW-1 Groundwater Standards are equivalent to the Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQSs) promulgated in Env-Or 600 (June 2015 with October 2016 amendment). The AGQS/GW-1 Groundwater Standards are intended to be protective of groundwater as a source of drinking water. The GW-2 Groundwater Standards apply to groundwater as a potential source of indoor air contamination.

5. "Drinking Water MCLs" are from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website (accessed March 22, 2016). The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are enforceable standards for drinking water systems.

6. "†" indicates the RCMP lists as not currently available.
"‡" indicates the value provided is the corresponding "dissolved metal" NHDES standard for reference only; NHDES standards for total metals are listed in the RCMP.
"NA" indicates the RCMP lists as not applicable.
"NS" indicates the analyte is not listed in the RCMP or MCL list.

7. **Bold** values exceed the AGQS/GW-1 Groundwater Standard.
Italic values exceed the GW-2 Groundwater Standard.