

## **Board of County Commissioners**

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

March 29, 2012

Steven G. Morgan Solid Waste Section Southwest District Florida Department of Environmental Protection 13051 N. Telecom Parkway Temple Terrace, FL 33637

Dept. Of Environmental Protection

APR 0.2 2012

Subject:

Citrus County Central Landfill

Permit Condition C.8.f – Leachate Leakage Action Rates

Southwest District

Dear Mr. Morgan:

On Monday March 12, 2012 Citrus County Solid Waste made verbal notification of an apparent exceedance of our permitted Leachate Leakage Action Rate in the Phase 3 Secondary Leachate Detection System (LDS) as specified in permit condition C.8.f. This letter shall serve as a written follow up to that notification and present an action plan as required by the above referenced permit condition.

When we began accepting waste in Phase 3 the natural assumption is that the leachate collection and removal systems were working and functioning as designed. Citrus County experienced a series of mechanical/electrical issues related to the leachate collection system which, when they occurred individually were considered as maintenance items but when combined together resulted in the phone notification of March 12<sup>th</sup>. For example, when Phase 3 went on line it was assumed that flow meters and water level transducers were functioning properly, however inconsistent flows readings indicated that the flow meters were not working consistently. Flows were calculated based upon hours of operation and published flow rates. Pumps were being controlled by the level sensors and operated in manual mode. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the secondary level transducer stopped working. Citrus County brought a team in from the manufacturer and Utilities Department, pulled the secondary pump and transducer and replaced it on December 28, 2011. On February 17, 2012, the primary pump failed in sump #1. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> we brought in a team, as above and replaced the pump, and installed new flow meters for both the primary and secondary pumps (Attachment 1). Our contractor, Sligo systems also upgraded and integrated the new meters into the control panel software. At that time, Sligo also reset all control settings for pump controls.

Following these maintenance tasks, Citrus County recorded secondary flows apparently exceeding the allowable leachate rates as specified in the permit. At that time I instructed Utilities to re-check all mechanical/electrical components to make sure they were working properly. We are confident that the system is now functioning and recording water levels and flows properly.

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This chain of events could help explain why the flows were so high from February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>, necessitating our notification. The initial water level controls may not have been set properly. Consequently, the Phase 3 secondary was not adequately pumped down prior to accepting waste. The now fully functional pumping system may have just been catching up by removing water that we assumed had been removed initially, thereby causing volumes pumped to exceeded the ALR. Since March 3, 2012, the secondary pump has been running just one time each day for a few minutes and volumes removed are as expected (Attachment 2) and do not exceed the ALR.

Additionally, this series of incidents caused Citrus County to question the ALR for Phase 3 listed in the permit. Upon discovery, Citrus County contacted FDEP for clarification of the Federal Register citation and whether the ALR should be based on a weekly average as cited in the Federal Register. We addressed this question along with a permit modification request in a letter prepared by SCS Engineers dated March 21, 2012.

Based upon these events leading up to the verbal notification, we believed that it was too soon to determine if there is or is not an issue with the Phase 3 leak detection system. Having evaluated the conditions noted above we now believe that the system is functioning within normal conditions; therefore, the County is proposing the following action plan:

- 1. Continue monitoring daily flow rates in the Phase 3 secondary leak detection system.
- Continue working with FDEP to modify the permit to adjust the ALR using the Giroud, et al.
  [1997] calculations for the biplanar geocomposites' as outlined in the March 21, 2012 request
  and the Federal Register direction to base the flows on a weekly average for the active landfill.

I trust that this written notification is acceptable to FDEP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dominique Bramlett, at SCS Engineers.

Sincerely,

T. Casey Stephens Director, Solid Waste

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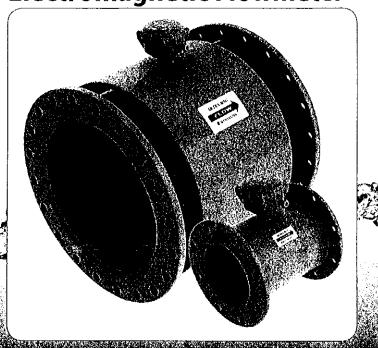
Susan Pelz, P.E., Program Manager – Solid Waste, FDEP Ken Frink, Deputy Administrator, Citrus County Larry Brock, Deputy Director, Citrus County Public Works Ed Hilton, Vice President, SCS Engineers Dominique Bramlett, Project Manager, SCS Engineers

## Attachment 1

Specifications for flow meters

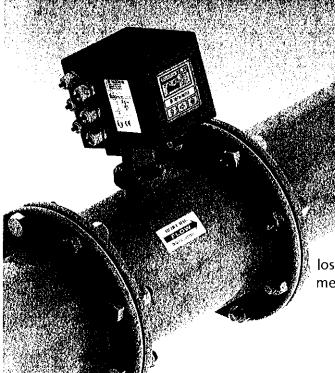


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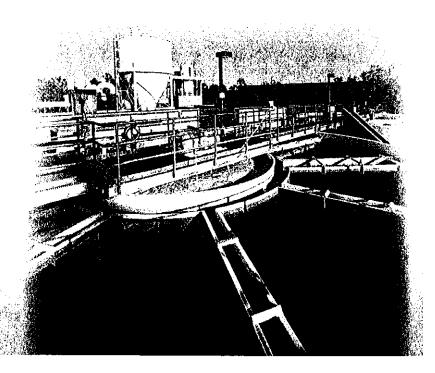
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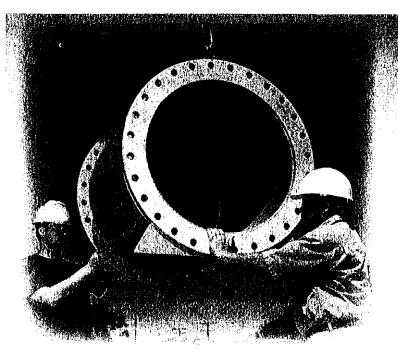
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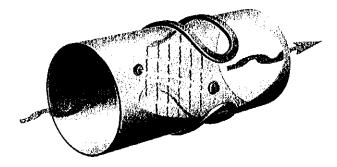
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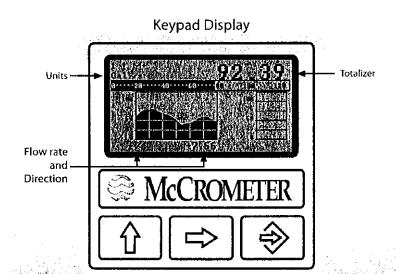
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- Accuracy: +/-0.5% of actual flow
- Repeatability: +/-0.05%
- Rangeability: from 0.2 FPS to 49 FPS
- Non-intrusive measurement
- $\blacksquare$  NSF-approved, fusion-bonded epoxy liner: the UltraLiner
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- Pre-programmed and pre-calibrated to user's specific applications
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- Forward and reverse flow outputs and totalization
- Line sizes from 2" to 48"



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#### parameters | Ultra Mage

The following flow and installation parameters will help you decide whether the Ultra Mag is suited to your specific flow measurement application. Alternatively, download and send our Free Flow Evaluation Form and a McCrometer sales representative will assist you in choosing the best flow meter for your needs.

#### Flow Parameters

Types of flow measured	Water, wastewater and slurries				
Flow range	0.2 - 49 FP <b>S</b>				
Operating temperature	14 to 170°F / -10 to +77°C				
Operating pressure	150 psi, optional 300 psi				
Fluid conductivity	Not less than 5µS/cm				
Headloss	None				

#### **Installation Parameters**

Pipeline sizes	2" - 48"				
Process connection	Meter-carbon steel flanges to mate with AWWA flanges with optional ANSI, DIN, JIS, smooth, and grooved ends available				
Converter Mounting	Remote mount up to 200 ft. with optional meter mount. For longer lengths, a preamp is required.				
Sensor Mounting	Directly into pipeline at any attitude (pipeline must be full for accurate operation)				
Upstream / downstream pipe runs	5 dia upstream; 2 dia downstream				
Meter output	Choice of analog and programmable pulse/frequency				
Power consumption	Less than 20VA				
Environmental protection rating	IP67				
Isolation	To 30V DC opto-isolated between analog, 500 VDC pulse / alarm and earth / ground				

## Attachment 2

Phase 3 Primary/Secondary Volumes

Phase 3 Primary and Secondary Leachate Flow Data

			PHASE 3					
		RAIN IN	80 (P-1) LS		Primary 80 (P-1) FLOW	80 (P-2) LS		Secondary 80 (P-2) FLOW
DATE	DAY	INCHES	METER	POC	GAL	METER	POC	GAL
02/01/12	Wed	0.00	852527	Α	1332	39159		0
02/02/12	Thu	0.00	853859		1755	39159		0
02/03/12	Fri	0.00	855614	Α	877	39159		0
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02/28/12	Tue	0.00	65048	Α	7633	1092	Α	306
02/29/12	Wed	0.00	72681	Α	6159	1398	Α	288
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		RAIN	80 (P-1)		Primary 80 (P-1)	80 (P-2)		Secondary 80 (P-2)
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