

**WAC 173-408-980 Appendix I.**

**1.0 Calculate Heat Input Capacity**

**Equation 1**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Heat Input Capacity} \left( \frac{\text{MMBtu}}{\text{hr}} \right) &= \text{Methane Gas Generation (scfm)} \times \frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{1 \text{ hour}} \\ &\times \text{Collection Efficient} \times \text{GHV}_{\text{Methane}} \times \frac{1 \text{ MMBtu}}{1,000,000 \text{ Btu}} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- Collection Efficiency = The landfill gas collection efficiency in percent (%), which is 75 percent.
- GHV (Gross Heating Value) = Gross heating value of methane, which is 1,012<sup>1</sup> in units of British thermal units per standard cubic feet, or Btu/scf.

<sup>1</sup> Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) Interactive Conversion Tool

**2.0 Methane Gas Generation**

CH<sub>4</sub> Generation is calculated using the following equation:

**Equation 2**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CH}_4 \text{ Generation (Mg)} &= \left\{ \text{ANDOC}_{\text{year-start}} \times [1 - e^{-k}] \right. \\ &- \text{ANDOC}_{\text{deposited-last year}} \\ &\times \left[ \frac{1}{k} \times \left( e^{-k \times \left(1 - \frac{M}{12}\right)} - e^{-k} \right) - \frac{M}{12} \times e^{-k} \right] \\ &+ \text{ANDOC}_{\text{deposited-same year}} \\ &\left. \times \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{k} \times \left( 1 - e^{-k \times \left(1 - \frac{M}{12}\right)} + \frac{M}{12} \right) \right) \right] \right\} \times \text{FCH}_4 \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- CH<sub>4</sub> Generation = CH<sub>4</sub> generated in the inventory year (Mg of CH<sub>4</sub>).
- FCH<sub>4</sub> = Fraction of decomposing carbon converted into CH<sub>4</sub> (Default = 0.5).<sup>2</sup>
- ANDOC<sub>year-start</sub> = ANDOC in place at the beginning of the inventory year.
- ANDOC<sub>deposited-last year</sub> = ANDOC deposited during the previous inventory year.
- ANDOC<sub>deposited-same year</sub> = ANDOC deposited during the inventory year.

<sup>2</sup> 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

**3.0 To Convert Methane Generated from Mg of CH<sub>4</sub> to SCFM**

**Equation 3**

$$\begin{aligned} & CH_4 \text{ Gas Generated (scfm)} \\ &= \frac{CH_4 \text{ Generation (Mg)}}{\text{(year)}} \times \frac{1 \text{ (year)}}{525,600 \text{ (minutes)}} \times \frac{1,000,000 \text{ (g)}}{1 \text{ (Mg)}} \\ &\times \frac{1 \text{ (mole } CH_4)}{16.0426 \text{ (g } CH_4)} \times \frac{0.83662 \text{ (scf)}}{1 \text{ (mole landfill gas)}} \end{aligned}$$

**4.0 Define ANDOC%**

**Equation 4**

$$ANDOC\% = \sum WIPFRAC_j \times TDOC_j \times DANF_j$$

Where:

WIPFRAC<sub>i</sub> = Fraction of the i<sup>th</sup> component in the waste in place.

TDOC<sub>i</sub> = Total Degradable Organic Carbon fraction of the i<sup>th</sup> waste component (Mg of that component/Mg of Total waste in place).

DANF<sub>i</sub> = Decomposable Anaerobic Fraction of the i<sup>th</sup> waste component, that fraction capable of decomposition in anaerobic conditions (Mg of decomposable carbon for that component/Mg TDOC<sub>i</sub> for that component).

**5.0 Define ANDOC**

**Equation 5**

$$ANDOC = WIP \text{ (tons)} \times \frac{0.9072 \text{ (Mg)}}{\text{(ton)}} \times ANDOC\%$$

Where:

ANDOC = Anaerobically Degradable Organic Carbon, carbon that is capable of decomposition in an anaerobic environment (Mg of carbon).

WIP = Waste in place estimate of all the landfilled waste (wet weight) as reported to Ecology's Solid Waste Management Program (tons).

**6.0 Calculate ANDOC<sub>year-end</sub>**

**Equation 6**

$$\begin{aligned}
 ANDOC_{year-end} &= ANDOC_{year-start} \times e^{-k} \\
 &+ ANDOC_{deposited-last\ year} \\
 &\times \left[ \frac{1}{k} \times \left( e^{-k \times \left(1 - \frac{M}{12}\right)} - e^{-k} \right) - \frac{M}{12} \times e^{-k} \right] \\
 &+ ANDOC_{deposited-same\ year} \times \left[ \frac{1}{k} \times \left( 1 - e^{-k \times \left(1 - \frac{M}{12}\right)} + \frac{M}{12} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- ANDOC<sub>year-end</sub> = ANDOC remaining undecomposed at the end of the inventory year.
- ANDOC<sub>year-start</sub> = ANDOC in place at the beginning of the inventory year.
- ANDOC<sub>deposited-last year</sub> = ANDOC deposited during the previous inventory year.
- ANDOC<sub>deposited-same year</sub> = ANDOC deposited during the inventory year.
- M = Assumed delay before newly deposited waste begins to undergo anaerobic decomposition (Months, Default = 6).
- k = Assumed rate constant for anaerobic decomposition; k = ln2/half-life (years); half-life is the number of years required for half of the original mass of carbon to degrade.

Table 1 lists the accepted constant values for the anaerobic decomposition rate ("k").

**Table 1: K Values**

K for Average Rainfall (Inches/Year)			
Inches Rain	<20	20-40	>40
K Value	0.02	0.038	0.057

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