

SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

FACT SHEET

CRAZY HORSE LANDFILL CLOSURE

The closure of Crazy Horse Canyon Landfill will be the most complex and expensive project that the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority will undertake since the Agency was formed in 1997. The landfill site has been operating since the early 1930's.



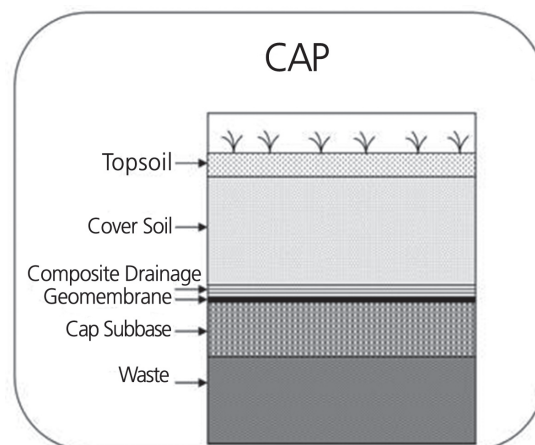
Crazy Horse is allowed to operate as long it has permitted air space capacity available. By the end of April 2009, Crazy Horse will run out of its permitted air space and therefore landfill disposal activities will need to stop. It would be against the law to add more refuse beyond the permitted air space capacity.

Once the landfill disposal activities come to an end, State and Federal mandates dictate how the landfill must be covered in order to ensure its physical stability, environmental compliance, and aesthetics. The regulatory requirements to close a landfill must follow strict engineering designs and they must be state approved.

In addition, State and Federal regulation requires that funds must be set aside to ensure that the landfill will properly be maintained for at least 30 years after closure.

The closure project at Crazy Horse is an environmental construction project designed to protect life by designing environmental systems to prevent contamination of air, water and soil.

The design includes a protective cap or layer covering the section of the landfill where garbage has been placed in order to prevent rain-water from penetrating beneath the final cover and make contact with garbage. In addition, a complex landfill gas system is being designed and will be constructed in early 2009 in order to capture gas, treated, and prevented it from contaminating the environment.



The closure project will commence in early 2010 and end it is expected to end in mid 2010. The cost of the project will be about 8.5 million dollars.