

Greenwaste Compost Site Emissions Reductions from Solar-powered Aeration and Biofilter Layer

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Abstract

This project was proposed as a technology development and testing project to evaluate an innovative extended aerated static pile (eASP) compost system design at commercial scale. The purpose was to determine whether the innovative design could produce compost of acceptable quality while reducing air emissions. The eASP was compared to standard windrow composting conducted at the same facility using the same feedstock. The eASP was tested in a single selected configuration; therefore, the results of this project do not establish optimal operational parameters, such as blower speeds or water application rates, but results are sufficient to establish proof of concept.

A prototype commercial-scale Aerated Static Pile (ASP) compost system was built using electric conveyors in place of diesel trucks and loaders. Three ASPs were built abutting each other to create an extended design which we define as an eASP. The eASP piles were deeper and wider than a typical windrow, were placed on a foundation of aeration tubing and chipped material, and were capped with a 1-foot-thick layer of finished, unscreened compost acting as a biofilter layer or “compost cap.” The three static piles of the eASP were aerated using power provided by an on-site photovoltaic array. The intent of this design was to take advantage of emissions reductions previously demonstrated by biofilters and ASPs with a design footprint more similar to existing windrow methods.

Windrows of identical greenwaste feedstock and of industry typical dimensions were created nearby with a loader and turned with a diesel-powered mechanical turner, which is the normal method of composting in much of the United States. No biofilter caps were applied to the windrow, as that is not the normal practice at this facility, nor is it required by air district regulation.

A series of three ASP zones and three windrows were built approximately one week apart. This allowed the in-the-field measurement period to be shorter while still collecting measurements representative of the full 22 day active composting period. Emissions of VOCs, ammonia and greenhouse gases from both sets of piles were sampled using the USEPA-approved flux chamber method, as modified for composting emissions by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Emissions reductions from reduced diesel use were calculated by using the estimated time necessary to accomplish standard tasks, multiplied by the allowable tailpipe emissions for equipment normally found at commercial scale composting sites, such as trucks and loaders.

The comparison of emissions from the 22-day active composting phase between the eASP and standard windrows demonstrated emissions reductions by the eASP of 99% for total non-methane, non-ethane VOCs, 70% for ammonia (average of field and lab), 88% for nitrous oxide, and 13% for methane. The overall reduction for CO₂ equivalents was nearly 65%. Diesel use in pile construction and active-phase management was 87% less for the eASP system, with commensurate reductions in criteria pollutant emissions associated with diesel fuel combustion. Water used during the composting process was reduced by 20%, and land necessary for active-phase composting is calculated to be reduced by 55.5%.

Samples of finished compost at 30 days of composting from the eASP and standard windrows were sent to an accredited laboratory for industry-standard testing. Maturity and stability of the eASP materials were equal to or better than their windrow counterparts.

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Executive Summary

A prototype extended Aerated Static Pile (eASP) composting process was assembled and operated to test both ability to produce quality compost and to quantify air emissions. EASP differ from ASP only in that consecutive zones are laid alongside each other along the long axis. The eASP utilized ambient air blown into the pile from the bottom; the blowers were powered by photovoltaic panels and associated batteries. The eASP had a biofiltration layer added to the surface as an air pollution control measure. A series of compost windrows were built concurrent with the eASP using the same feedstock. The air emissions from the eASP were compared to the on-site measured air emissions of the current industry-standard windrow composting method.

Emissions were measured using the standard methods and techniques used for San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) regulatory compliance. This includes the use of the USEPA flux

chamber as modified under South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1133, and analysis using SCAQMD Method 25.3 and 207.1. In addition to these traditional methods, nitrous oxide (N2O) was measured using NIOSH 6600 and organic species were measured using USEPA TO-15.

Table ES-1 provides a summary of the emissions using the emission factor of pounds of pollutant emitted per ton of compost mix in the pile or windrow over the 22-day active composting period, as specified by SJVUAPCD Rule 4566. VOC reductions of 98.8% were achieved when compared to the control windrows. Reductions in ammonia emissions were 83% using tubes in the field, and 53% from the laboratory, when the eASP was compared to the control windrows. Reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases ranged from 13% for methane up to nearly 89% for N2O for the eASP system when compared to the controls.

Table ES-1: Project Results							
		NH3		GHG			
	VOC	Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Prototype ASP (22 Days)	0.099	0.017	0.007	205.70	5.05	0.010	315
Baseline Windrow (22 days)	8.604	0.099	0.014	731.63	5.81	0.093	883
% reduction from Baseline	-98.8%	-83.2%	-53.3%	-71.9%	-13.0%	-88.8%	-64.3%

Table ES-1: Results of emissions testing in pounds of pollutant per ton of feedstock over the 22-day active composting period.

To normalize the analysis of windrow (on-site control) emissions being higher than expected, project results were also compared to adopted emissions factors from the SJVUAPCD and the SCAQMD.

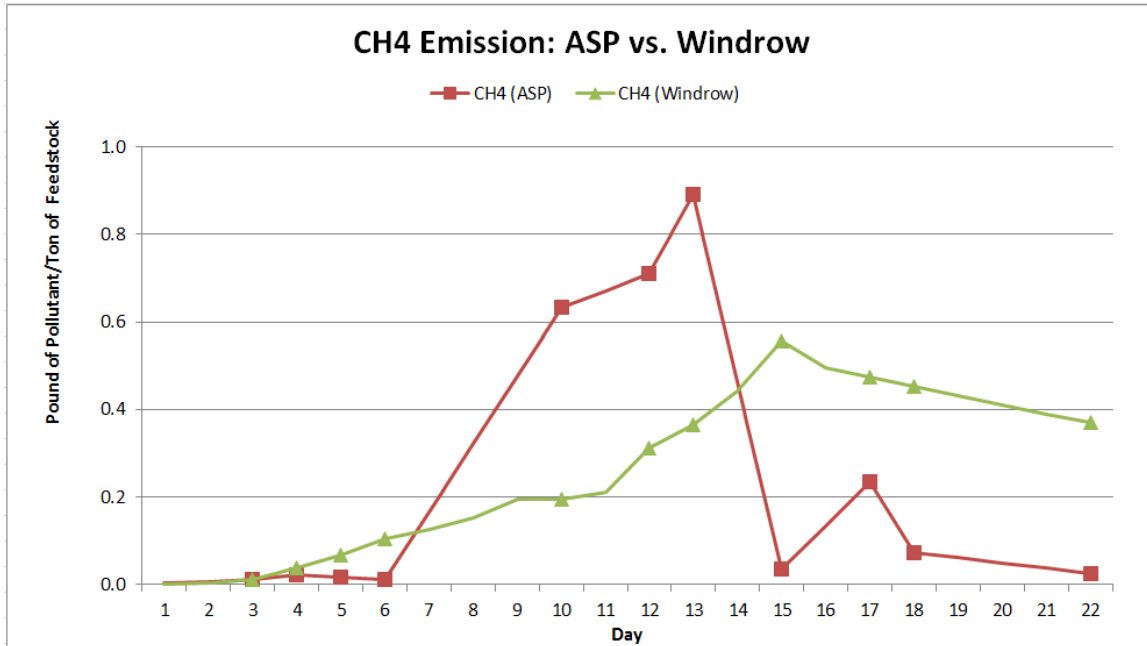
Table ES-2 Comparison to SCAQMD and SJVUAPCD VOC Emissions Factor			
	Prototype ASP	SJVUAPCD	SCAQMD
	22 days	22 days	life cycle
Emissions Factor	0.10	5.14	3.76
% Reduction		-98.1%	-97.4%

Table ES-2: VOC emissions reductions from 22-day active composting in pounds of pollutant per ton of materials using eASP system compared to emissions factors adopted by SJVUAPCD and SCAQMD.

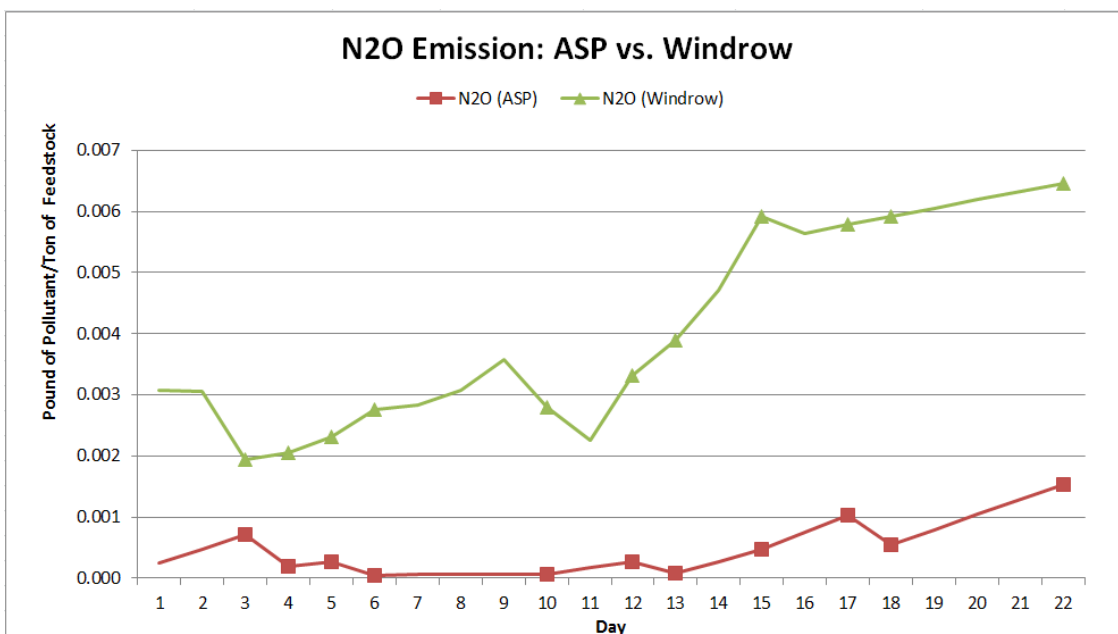
As with any composting emissions test, sampling opportunities seem limited when compared to the vast size of the composting piles and the time necessary to complete the composting process. A total of 92 samples were taken, including 84 samples and 8 quality control blanks. Sampling during the composting cycle ranged from day 3-to-day 23 for the eASP and day 2-to-day 29 for control windrows. For the eASP, pre-planned sampling locations were demarcated on top of all three zones to ensure those locations were neither walked upon nor perforated with the temperature probe. Because each sampling event takes approximately two hours, and the eASP blowers were set to operate two minutes out of every 20, eASP sampling included multiple blower-on and blower-off cycle conditions.

An additional sample was taken of a 63-day-old windrow. It was later revealed that this windrow contained a significant amount of food waste. Those data are reported in the appendices.

22-day emissions were graphed to look for differences in air emission for key target species over the composting cycle. Total non-methane non-ethane organic carbon emissions for the control windrows followed established trends; an initial spike followed by rapid decline. The eASP emissions line is nearly flat. Methane emissions from both the eASP and the windrow are greatest toward the middle of the active compost period, while N₂O emissions from both piles tend to increase toward the end.



Graph ES-1: Time-series comparison of methane (CH₄) emissions between the eASP and control windrows. Methane is an important greenhouse gas with a climate warming potential no less than 21 times greater than carbon dioxide.



Graph ES-2: Time-series comparison of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions between the eASP and control windrows. Nitrous oxide is an important greenhouse gas with a climate warming potential no less than 298 times greater than carbon dioxide.

Total emissions and emissions per ton of feedstock were also calculated for 30-day and 60-day cycles. 60-day results for the eASP are necessarily extrapolated beyond day 23. 30-day totals require much less extrapolation. A complete accounting for all emissions testing is reported in Appendices A and B. In general, the longer calculation periods show greater benefits from using the eASP, particularly with regard to methane; VOC reduction benefits are virtually unchanged. These calculations and graphs are available in Appendix A.

Reductions in diesel use were calculated for pile construction and management during the active phase. For windrows this includes mechanized turning, but the eASP was not turned for the first 30 days. The overall reduction in diesel use was 87%. A commensurate 87% reduction in criteria pollutants from diesel emissions was also calculated. These data and calculations are discussed further in the body of the report as well as in Appendix C.

Water use reductions were also calculated. The initial watering of ASP feedstock and 30-days of timed sprinkling of the eASPs used approximately 20 percent less water than the traditional windrows, which were watered by a 4,000-gallon watering truck with a sprayer on the back. For a theoretical 100,000 ton per year facility, this would save about one million gallons of water per year, with commensurate GHG reductions from eliminating the water truck fuel use. These calculations are discussed in the body of the report.

EASP piles can be built wider and taller than windrows, which can be no larger than the largest windrow turning machine on site. This gives the piles a smaller surface area, potentially reducing both evaporation and emissions. Larger piles can also reduce the amount of land needed for a composting operation, thereby reducing costs to purchase land or to build working pads. For active composting, we calculate the EASP system can accommodate approximately 3,552 tons of material per acre, while a typical windrow system would handle around 1,580 tons per acre, an advantage of 55% for the eASP.

Introduction

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) is an extreme non-attainment area for ground-level ozone, according to the United States Clean Air Act 8-hour ozone standard. Air quality officials in the SJV must reduce ozone precursors such as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) as expeditiously as practical, as technologically feasible, and as economically reasonable. The SJV is home to numerous commercial-scale composting facilities that process urban organic wastes, including several that handle more than 100,000 tons of feedstock per year and one that handles more than 500,000 tons annually. Two large facilities import compostable feedstock from other air basins, including Los Angeles to the south and the San Francisco Bay Area, to the northwest. Because the SJV contains extensive agricultural operations, a local market exists for the finished compost products. The finished compost products are applied to farm fields generally less than 25 miles from the composting site, providing a source of nutrients and organic matter for SJV farmers and nourishing some of the most productive farmland on Earth.

During the natural process of organic degradation, compost piles emit VOCs. The SJV has a large inventory of man-made and natural VOCs and a much smaller inventory of NOx emissions. Ozone production in the SJV is considered “NOx limited” because of the lesser amount of NOx. Internal combustion engines, including heavy duty diesel engines, are the SJV’s primary source of NOx. When mixed with VOCs, NOx forms ground level ozone, particularly in the presence of the strong sunlight which blankets the SJV more than 300 days a year.

To facilitate a regional approach to air pollution problems, seven California Counties and part of an eighth county joined to form the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (the District), which covers more than 25,000 square miles from Stockton to Bakersfield. In 2011, the District adopted Rule 4566, which seeks to reduce emissions from commercial composting facilities. Existing composting facilities in the SJV were required to adopt a series of Best Management Practices which are scaled based on a facility’s annual throughput.

Because it is an extreme non-attainment area for ozone, any new facility in the SJV emitting more than 10 tons of VOC per year is classified as a Major Stationary Source. Using the SJV’s life-cycle composting emissions factor of 5.71 pounds of VOCs per ton of composting feedstock, a facility handling less than 4,000 tons per year would be considered a Major Stationary Source. Per Title 1 of the Federal Clean Air Act, all new major sources must go through New Source Review in order to be permitted to operate. This means that all new composting facilities in the SJV must implement Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) that reduce VOC emissions from materials handling and the composting process. BACT specifications for new compost facilities have not yet been determined. The impact of New Source Review has been to stifle the growth of new composting facilities in the SJV, as the current cost of VOC reduction systems exceeds the ability to recoup those costs through tipping fees and finished product sales. Composting facilities cannot raise tipping fees without losing feedstock to lower-cost alternatives, such as landfilling or direct land application.

In 2011, the California Legislature passed AB 341 (Chapter 476, statutes of 2011), which requires the State to achieve a 75% solid waste recycling, composting and reuse rate by 2020. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is charged with coordinating efforts to reach that goal. According to CalRecycle, organic materials--in particular food--comprise up to 50% of the remaining disposed waste stream. Therefore, the 75% goal will not be attainable without more composting facilities.

Large facilities in the SJV and around North America manage materials in windrows: long, narrow piles that can be as much as 20 feet wide, 8 feet tall, and hundreds or even more than 1000 feet long. Windrows are turned using a specialized machine called a windrow turner, which straddles the pile; the exact height and width of the windrows are determined by the size of the turning machine. All windrow turning machines are powered by diesel engines, with 450-600 horsepower being typical engine sizes for moderate to large machines. Generally, piles are built using diesel trucks and bucket loaders.

According to California regulation (14 CCR, Section 17868.3), compost piles must reach a temperature of 131 degrees Fahrenheit in order to reduce pathogens. Windrows must maintain that temperature for

15 days, during which the pile must be turned at least five times in order to ensure all materials in the windrow reach temperature. Static piles with an insulation layer at least 6 inches thick only need to attain that temperature for three days. Although attainment of pathogen destruction may occur any time during the composting process, it typically occurs early in the cycle, to ensure feedstocks have sufficient energy to meet the temperatures requirement. Most operators report turning piles 8-10 times during a complete compost process of between 60 to 90 days. Previous research indicates that the vast majority of composting emissions occur during the first three weeks of the composting process, hence the focus on “active phase” composting in Rule 4566 and in this research project. Per Rule 4566, several SJV compost facilities are required to put a fresh blanket of finished compost on top of a windrow following all turns during the first 22 days. Compost caps are effective on windrows, but applying so many caps is both labor and diesel intensive.

The Technology Advancement Program

The TAP program is administered by the San Joaquin Valleywide Air Pollution Study Agency (the Study Agency), which was “formed to commission and administer scientifically sound air quality studies to improve understanding of the contributing factors and conditions that result in poor air quality in our local area and in the surrounding areas of central California and to develop technical tools for use by decision makers to guide the development of policies, procedures, plans, rules and regulations necessary to fulfill the state and federal air quality mandates.” The Study Agency is a Joint Powers Authority with its fiscal authority vested in a governing board.

In 2011 the Study Agency put out a Request for Proposals for the Technology Advancement Program with the objective to “demonstrate new and innovative emission reduction technologies that have the potential for broad applicability in the San Joaquin Valley.” A portion of the available funding comes from collaboration with the USEPA’s Clean Air Technology Initiative.

Specifically, the RFP sought “projects that demonstrate bold, innovative, and creative new emission reduction technologies” in three areas, renewable energy, waste solutions and mobile sources. The accepted proposal met all three criteria in the following ways:

- Focus Area I: Renewable Energy—This demonstration project proposed to overcome the barrier to utilizing renewable energy by installing solar energy/storage systems to power air blower motors to be used to aerate static compost piles, and to maintain aeration throughout the high-emissions active-composting phase.
- Focus Area II: Waste Solutions—Project used technology which had not been operationally demonstrated on a commercial scale, to minimize VOC and GHG emissions from existing compost production systems and processes. This technology was non-proprietary and created with components which should be available to any compost operator, thereby reducing costs of emissions reductions.
- Focus Area III: Mobile Sources—Project demonstrated the replacement of large diesel-powered compost loaders with electric powered conveyors, and demonstrated replacing diesel-powered

composting windrow turners with solar powered air blowers to reduce particulate matter and NOX emissions from those sources on compost operations in the San Joaquin Valley.

This project included construction of three abutted aerated static piles, each with its own aeration manifold and photovoltaic powered blower. This type of ASP System is referred to as an Extended Aerated Static Pile (eASP). In addition to the expected air emissions benefits and reducing the use of diesel power during the composting process, three key benefits of this approach include: 1) smaller footprint and therefore a greater production capacity for a given compost pad; 2) reduced exposure to the elements; and 3) improved retention of process heat.

Project Components

Conveyorization of the construction of the eASP

Construction of windrows or static compost piles is traditionally done with diesel truck and loaders.

We built the eASP using electric-powered conveyors. The heart of the system was an electric-powered potato piler. Pilers are used for placing harvested potatoes into storage sheds. This potato piler had the ability to move the terminal end of the conveyor left and right up to 57 feet, as well as up and down approximately 27 feet. The terminal end of the piler also telescopes up to 18 feet. These maneuvers are accomplished using a remote joystick, much like a video game. This adaptability allows for the anchoring of one end of the piler, and connection to intermediate conveyors, while constructing a pile which was up to 35 feet wide and as much as 10 feet tall. It also allows for the feedstock to be switched after the base pile is formed, to allow for application of the one-foot-thick pseudo-biofilter compost cap made from finished, unscreened compost atop the entire surface of the previously constructed pile.

The potato piler is on wheels, and the spacing of those wheels allows for the pile to be set up within the aeration piping for the pile, and wheeled backward when needed, along with the rest of the electric conveyor train. The 90-foot-long eASP zones were constructed in three stages of about 30' each, then the conveyor train was rolled backward and the process of constructing the pile and placing the cap layer began anew.

The potato piler used in this experiment (Double L Manufacturing, Model 811) was smaller than some models used in the potato industry. The belt width was 30 inches and the rated capacity was 225 tons per hour. A commercial composting set up would likely use the largest available model, with a belt width of 42 inches. If the methodology described in this report were widely adopted, manufacturers of potato pilers might be persuaded to create composting-specific machines, which might feature larger wheels, wider belts, higher throughputs, and built in water sprayers at the terminus to ensure materials are properly moistened during pile construction. The smaller device was the only unit available locally for rent, because potatoes are not an important crop in the SJV. Larger devices would have needed to be shipped down from potato growing regions, and shipped back in time for the fall harvest, an added expense and constraint.



Photo 1: Potato piler at or near full extension. Pile under construction in foreground. Plenum material and aeration pipes are partially visible.

One problem encountered early on was the ability to match the output of the grinder with the capacity of the conveyance system. In a professionally engineered system, these would be balanced. In this case, the conveyors and potato piler were smaller than optimal. In addition, the existing on-site grinder at the Tulare compost site was designed for high-volume throughput, and the output was not variable. It was clear that the available grinder would overwhelm the conveyors. Because larger conveyors and pilers were not available, a decision was made to rent a slow-speed, variable output shredder. Although the shredder was able to keep a steady stream of materials on the conveyors, volume was slower than ideal, and eASP construction took most of the day.

At 446 horsepower, the shredder has an engine half as large as the typical grinders found at large composting sites. This particular unit, the Komptech Crambo 5000, was certified ARB Tier 4. The variable output solved the problem of matching grinder output to conveyance. Although there are emissions savings from moving to a smaller horsepower engine, those are beyond the purview of this project. This would be a moot point in an operation that uses electric powered grinders.

Grinders are essential equipment at compost operations, and it was not a goal of this project to replace the grinder. The same slow-speed shredder was used to prepare the feedstock for both the eASP and the windrows. Any composting operation that receives raw feedstock will still need to grind their materials. Electric grinders are becoming more commonplace, as greater emission reductions are needed

Conveyors and the potato piler can run off whatever voltage is available on site. 480 volt AC power is the most efficient and commonly used in potato storage and at compost facilities that have electrified their grinders. In this case, the conveyors were run off a diesel-powered generator. In a permanent setup, conveyors and pilers would be run off of the electric grid. The generator was equipped with a meter to measure electricity usage.

Also rented was an excavator to feed the shredder. This could also have been accomplished with loaders. Although the excavator is a large piece of equipment, its engine is generally smaller than those found in loaders. This is because loaders drive to and fro, while excavators can stay in one place and swing only their boom. Again, there must be a means to move materials into the grinder/shredder. It was not a focus of this project to calculate emissions reductions from using an excavator for this purpose, but it was an opportunity to model an optimum equipment configuration.



Photo 2: Complete conveyor train. Material discharged from the shredder, far right, falls into a specially constructed hopper on the intermediate conveyor, and then is deposited into the hopper of the potato piler, center. From here the materials are carried upward and across the potato piler before being discharged at the far left,

where the piler is being operated by joystick. This is the very early morning of the first pile build. Plenum materials in foreground.

Moisture management

Moisture management was another key challenge identified early in the process. Because the eASP would not be disturbed for the entire 22-day active compost phase, there would be no way to deliver moisture into the core of the pile. Due to the action of the aeration system, as well as the hot and dry summer SJV climate, water would be needed to prevent the drying out of the eASP, which could slow the compost process or potentially lead to excessive heat buildup and fire.

An early idea to embed drip tape within the pile, just above the aeration pipes, was deemed unfeasible. Instead, a two-pronged approach was taken. The first phase was to wet all feedstocks during the eASP build. This was accomplished by the addition of a moisture system to the discharge of the potato piler. The system consisted of two 1 ¼" nozzles attached to a 1 ½" inch diameter water hose. The resulting system sprayed water at both sides of the feedstock discharge chute. The water was pumped out of the back of the on-site, 4,000-gallon water truck. In a real production scenario, the water truck would be eliminated by plumbing a flexible water supply to the piler conveyor.



Photo 3: Water sprayer system wetting composting feedstock as they are discharged from the potato piler.

The second half of the moisture solution was to design a series of sprinklers which would be placed on top of the eASP and run off a timer. One irrigation "sled" was used for every 30' of eASP length. Because of the time of year and the excessively hot conditions, the sprinklers were run on a cycle of an average of six minutes per cycle, six times per day.-The sprinklers were successful in keeping the top of the eASP moist. Because the aeration system tends to blow the water back up to the top, it was not clear how deep the water penetrated; however, field investigations indicated the water was seeping down more than two feet.

Rain gauges were used on the top of the eASP zones to measure the amount of water delivered, and as the basis for adjustment. The water delivered ranged from 1-5" per day, depending on location and timing of the irrigation system. Over and under-watering was a challenge in this project. An average of approximately 3" per day would likely be ideal, depending on the moisture content of the original feedstock and ambient conditions.

In this project, the combination of feedstock which were not uniformly wet, and occasional over-watering, caused the pile to weep water at the lower end. A French drain was constructed to capture that water and re-introduce it to the piles. A run off capture system should be an integral part of any eASP composting system.

Despite the potential that the eASPs were over-watered, actual water use for the eASP was nearly 17% less than a comparable windrow system per cubic yard of feedstock. Potential reasons for this include a lower ratio of surface area to pile volume, and the lack of turning, which tends to cause a visible spike in evaporation.

Table One - Windrow Turning Method

(Water applied to normal 2,962 cubic yard windrows in Bakersfield)	Gallons per Water Truck Load	# Loads per Watering Event*	Gallons per Event	# of Events per Pile	Gallons per Pile	Gallons per Cubic Yard
Note: Windrows are watered within 3 hours prior to turning to achieve ball test for moisture per air district rule 4566.						
1. Hydrate newly formed windrow with water truck	4,000	4	16,000	1	16,000	5
2. Hydrate windrow prior to 6 turnings (5 in 15 days PFRP and 1 @ day 22)	4,000	3	12,000	6	72,000	24
Total for 22 day active phase:					88,000	30
				*averaged for seasonal variation		

Table Two - Extended Aerated Static Pile Method

(Water applied to each 506 cubic yard pile in Tulare)	Gallons per Minute Flow	Minutes per Watering Event*	Gallons per Event	# of Events per Pile	Gallons per Pile	Gallons per Cubic Yard
Note: Item 2 (compost cover water) could be reduced since there was significant extra water runoff during pilot program.						
1. Hydrate incoming feedstock with 1 1/4" fire hose as pile is built	35	240	8,400	1	8,400	17
2. Moistened compost cover with 3 lawn sprinklers 6x/day till day 22	11	6	66	63	4,158	8
Total for 22 day active phase:					12,558	25
				*averaged for seasonal variation		

Table 1: Comparison of water use between eASP and traditional windrow method as modified by SJVUAPCD Rule 4566.

At 2 cubic yards per ton, a 100,000 ton-per-year facility would save a minimum of 1 million gallons of water annually using the eASP system. Using the ARB estimate of 1.5 thousand tons of CO₂ equivalents (MTCO₂e) for every acre foot of water saved in California, the potential GHG savings is slightly more than 4.5 MTCO₂e per 100,000 tons of feedstock. These savings are probably underestimated at compost facilities, where water tends to be delivered via 400-500 hp, 4,000-gallon diesel water trucks. The savings rise, both in terms of water and GHG, when one considers the inefficiencies inherent in the water truck system, including water loss when filling the truck and water running off the sides of the windrows. The water at this composting site, and many others, is pumped from a well. GHG equivalents are generally higher for groundwater than the statewide average; however, this depends on the depth and flow of the well. If the well is powered by a diesel pump, criteria pollutants are reduced when less water is used.

The water use reductions provided in Table 1 are provided as an Excel Spreadsheet in Appendix H.



Photo 4: Irrigation sleds wetting top of prototype eASP. Note- test areas cordoned off for air emissions sampling.

Feedstock

Feedstock for this project consisted of municipally sourced greenwaste from the Visalia-Tulare area. Effort was made to get the freshest possible greenwaste feedstock for the project. The feedstock used

arrived at the facility the day before the pile-building events. After the materials were tipped, they were spread out and handpicked for large trash or hazardous materials, then brought to the grinding area. The same protocol is used for all feedstock at this site.

During pile construction, the team from O2 Compost measured bulk density and water-holding pore space using bucket tests which are standard in the composting business. Moisture percentage of the feedstock was measured using a simple postage scale and an electric heat gun to dry the materials. The materials are weighed wet, and then are dried and weighed until the sample weight stabilizes. The process takes more than one hour to complete. Composite grab samples were taken for each zone constructed, and sent to a laboratory to measure carbon-to-nitrogen ratio on a dry and wet basis.

The overall parameters of the starting feedstock mix for the three zones are as follows.

eASP FEEDSTOCK SUMMARY				
	Bulk Density wet	Free Air Space (FAS)	Moisture content	C/N
Zone 1 - Composite #1	828 lbs/cy	40.4%	45%	25.9
Zone 1 - Composite #2	822 lbs/cy	51.0%	50%	16.3
Zone 2 - North End	1004 lbs/cy	41.5%	46%	17.6
Zone 2 - South End				19.5
Zone 3 - North End	980 lbs/cy	44.20%		20.5
Zone 3 - South End				26.6

Table 2: Parameters for the starting eASP compost feedstock.

Laboratory tests for the initial C:N measurements are available in Appendix F.

Aeration System

Each of the three ASP zones had its own blower, manifold and pipes. The aeration piping was standard 4" drain pipes, such as can be purchased at any hardware store. These white PVC pipes come in standard 10' sections and are flanged on one end so they may easily be attached. There are two kinds of pipes, perforated and not perforated. Each aeration line starts and finishes with 10 feet of non-perforated pipe, so air does not leak out from the sides of the pipes. In between were seven sections of perforated pipe, with the holes pointed down. Each pipe section is tacked to the ones before and after using one screw, to ensure they are not pulled apart during pile construction. The aeration pipes were buried in a plenum of coarse-ground wood chips approximately 1 foot deep. The use of chips ensures the air coming out of the perforated pipes is not blocked by dense material compacted by the weight of the pile

The standard manifold for each ASP branches off to four 90' long aeration pipes, each five feet apart. The manifold was constructed of 6" diameter PVC sewer pipe, again, standard at most large hardware stores. These pipes are green and are also sold in 10' sections. For this project, the pipes were cut with a hand saw to construct the manifold. Standard T and elbow connections were used to assemble the pieces, and were tapped together using a rubber mallet. The 6" sewer pipe was stepped down to the 4" sewer pipe using standard connectors. The blower was connected to the manifold using a rubber fitting, which was purchased from the blower vendor.

With every Aerated Static Pile (ASP) Compost System, a key design objective is to provide uniform airflow across the base of the pile (side to side and end to end). The aeration zone is located beneath the core of the pile and consists of perforated pipe overlain by a layer of coarse woody material (referred to as the "plenum layer"). As the ASP System is constructed, the aeration zone is sealed on all sides by the overlying mix of materials to prevent short-circuiting of airflow to the atmosphere.

When the aeration blower turns on, the plenum layer pressurizes; the air first flows laterally across the base of the pile and then vertically up through the compost mix. By controlling the frequency and duration of airflow, the operator is able to maintain aerobic conditions throughout the pile and optimize the biology of the composting process.

For this project, each zone was aerated using independent solar powered blowers. Each system included a pair of photovoltaic panels, charge controller, inverter, batteries, and a 1.5 hp 3-phase blower).



Photo 5: Completed aeration manifold showing 6" pipes, connectors and step down to 4" pipes. The blower is protected inside the modified trash container.



Photo 6: View of project with completed eASP zone 1 on right, and aeration pipes in place for Zone 2. Zone 1 photovoltaic system is complete; panels are in place for Zone 2.

Two sets of field tests were conducted on each of the three aeration manifolds to confirm that: 1) the airflow was balanced within the aeration system; and 2) sufficient air volume was delivered to the compost mix. These tests evaluated static pressure and airflow velocity. For the two tests, 3/8-inch diameter holes were drilled into the PVC aeration manifold at five junctions (pressure and velocity) and at the down-stream ends of each of the four lateral aeration pipes (pressure only). Figure 1 provides a schematic drawing of one aeration system to illustrate the layout of the aeration pipes and the locations for the two sets of tests.

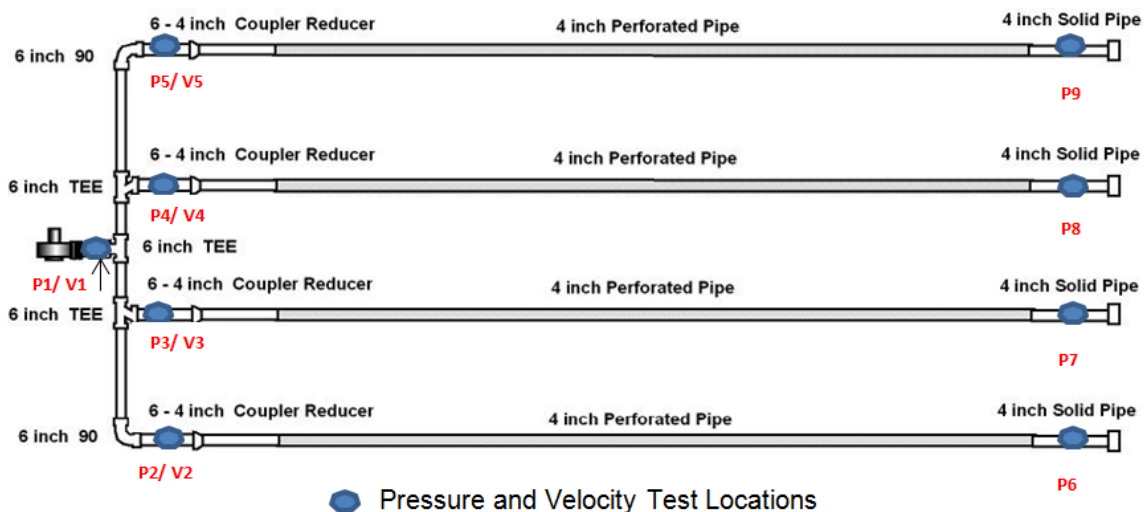


Figure 1: Schematic of an ASP manifold system, with the blower and manifold at the left and testing locations noted with blue dots and red numbers.

The pressure at nine different locations in each of the three aeration systems was determined using a magnehelic pressure gauge. The velocity of airflow was determined using a hot-wire anemometer. An example of each monitoring device is shown below.



Photo 7: Magnehelic pressure gauge and hot-wire anemometer.

Extended Aerated Static Pile			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Zone 1	Pressure	(in-sp)	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.3
	Velocity	(ft / min)	3200	2100	1950	1900	2200	--	--	--	--
Zone 2	Pressure	(in-sp)	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	0.7
	Velocity	(ft / min)	2600	2200	1850	2100	800	--	--	--	--
Zone 3	Pressure	(in-sp)	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
	Velocity	(ft / min)	3300	1700	1750	1800	2100	--	--	--	--

Table 3: Results of pressure and velocity tests for all 3 eASP zones. Velocity readings are not taken at the ends of the aeration lines (sites 6-9).

These test results confirmed that uniform airflow and sufficient air volume was delivered to the EASP System to meet the objectives of the project.

Photovoltaic System

Recent advances in photovoltaic (PV) technology make powering small motors at remote locations more feasible than ever before. The blower motors weigh about 90 pounds, and produce a maximum of 1.5 horsepower each. The blowers run directly from the four deep-cycle flooded lead acid batteries which

were placed inside the white cabinets. The PV panels charge the batteries. The white cabinets also contain the inverter, which converts the direct current power produced by the panel into alternating current, as well as the timers, switches and the wiring harness, which limited the electrical operations in the field to basically a plug-and-play situation.

Specifications of the major components of each individual PV system are as follows:

Item	Manufacturer	Model	Specification
Panels	Astroenergy	CHSM 6612-290 Crystalline PV module	290 watt, 24 volt DC panel; 2 per zone
Inverter	Samlex	Pure Sine Wave SA 2000K-124	Converts 24 Volts DC to 2000 watts AC power at 120 Volts, 60 Hz
Charge Controller	Samlex	PR 3030	30 amp, 12 or 24 volt, fully programmable with LCD display
Batteries	U.S. Battery	AGM L16	390 amp hour 6V; 4 per zone
Blower	New York Blower	Compact GI 105	1.5 max HP; 3500 max rpm.

Table 4: Major components of the photovoltaic array.

The full PV systems were specified by O2 Compost and shipped to the site by Automation Electric and Controls of Mt. Vernon, Washington. The arrays were assembled on site by the study team. The hard cost for the complete units, including panels, batteries, inverter, timers, switches and blowers, as well as all piping, was about \$10,000 each.

The PV panels were mounted on specially constructed aluminum frames. The frames were bolted to standard 4 x 4 wooden posts with lag screws. The posts were nailed to standard concrete/metal footings available at any hardware store. The panels were angled 45 degrees to the south. Because the summer sun in the SJV is so strong, and there was no shade at the site, it was not necessary for the panels to track the movement of the sun, or to match the angle of the panels with the angle of the sun. These steps may be necessary for winter operations.



Photo 8: Interior of the power array box. From bottom to top: batteries, inverter, timer and switches, and exhaust fan at very top. From left to right: Harold Ruppert and Peter Moon of 02 Compost, and Kevin Barnes, City of Bakersfield.

The blowers were cycled to operate 2 minutes out of every 20, easily achievable with summer sunlight in California. The only problem with the PV system concerned the small exhaust fan which was used to cool the components inside the white metal cabinet. August 2012 was an extremely hot month in the southern SJV, with nominal daytime temperatures above 100 degrees F nearly every day the project was in operation. This caused the exhaust fan to work overtime, drawing down the batteries. The thermostat on the exhaust fan ultimately had to be raised to its maximum level, potentially exposing the batteries and inverter to damaging heat buildup. Although the system continued to function throughout the life of the project, the batteries were degraded. For a permanent system, care should be given to place sensitive electronics in the shade.

Temperatures and pathogen reduction

Section 17868.3 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations sets minimum temperature standards for pathogens reductions during composting. These standards, known as PFRP, are as follows:

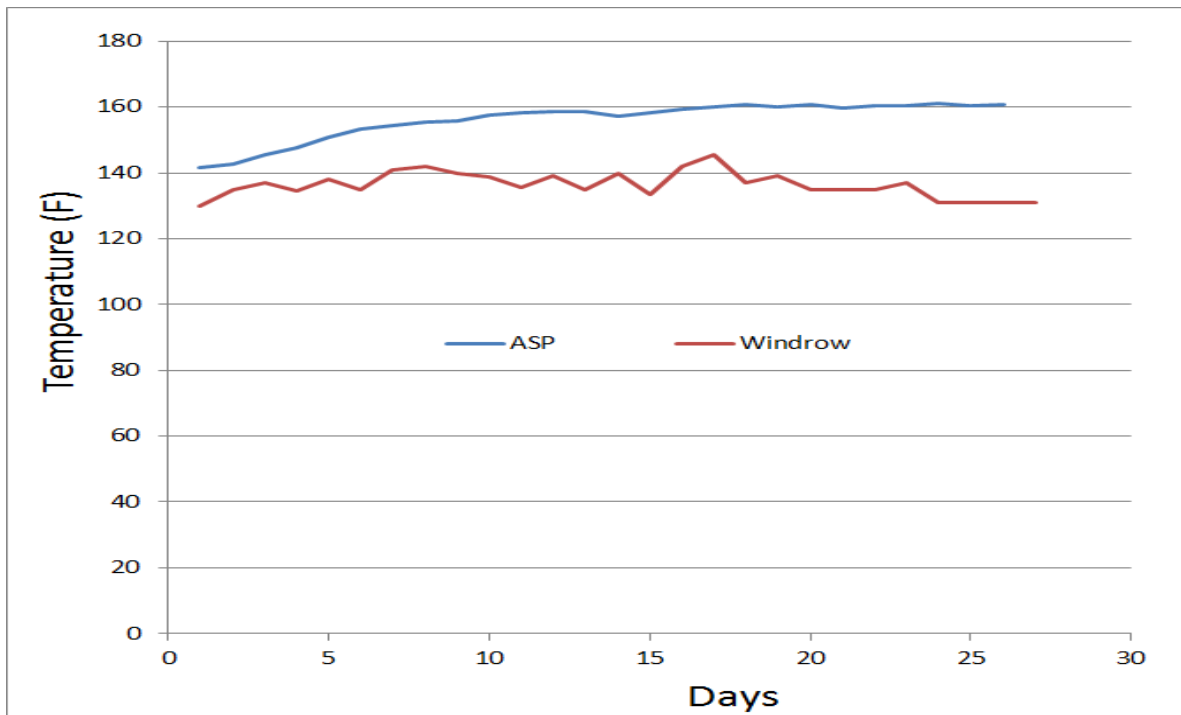
- If the operation or facility uses a windrow composting process, active compost shall be maintained under aerobic conditions at a temperature of 55 degrees Celsius (131 degrees Fahrenheit) or higher for a pathogen reduction period of 15 days or longer. During the period when the compost is maintained at 55 degrees Celsius or higher, there shall be a minimum of five (5) turnings of the windrow.
- If the operation or facility uses an aerated static pile composting process, all active compost shall be covered with 6 to 12 inches of insulating material, and the active compost shall be maintained at a

temperature of 55 degrees Celsius (131 degrees Fahrenheit) or higher for a pathogen reduction period of 3 days.

These temperature standards are backed up by pathogen testing at the end of the curing stage, before finished compost may be sold.

A five-foot long temperature probe was purchased in order to take temperature readings.

Temperatures for the eASP were taken at three different depths (2', 3' and 5' down) and at two locations on the pile. For control windrows, temperatures were taken at two locations per pile. Control windrows were turned on the operator's regular turning schedule, but were not turned on the basis of the age of any individual control.



Graph 1: Comparison of temperature readings between eASP and windrow over 22-day active composting period.

All eASP and control windrows met or exceeded state minimum temperature requirements for pathogen reduction. On average, eASPs ran hotter than windrows in this experiment. This is likely due to the larger pile size and the thick blanket of finished compost, both of which tend to hold in heat. Full temperature data is available in Appendix G.

Curing and testing

All eASP zones and windrows were allowed to compost for 30 days. At 30 days, composite samples were taken of each eASP zone and control windrow using the process described in California regulations (14 CCR, Section 17868.1) and were sent to Soil Control Laboratories in Watsonville, CA. Soil Control

Labs is one of two laboratories in California approved by the U.S. Compost Council’s Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) program. The program was created in 2000 by the leading compost research scientists in the United States. The science behind the development of the STA Program and the various tests that are used is contained in ‘Test Methods for the Examination of Composting & Compost’, a publication which includes a suite of physical, chemical and biological tests. STA testing can be performed by a group of independent, certified labs across the U.S. and Canada.

Results of the 30-day STA testing are below.

30 DAYS		Zone 1	Control 1		Zone 2	Control 2		Zone 3	Control 3
Sampled Date		9/7/2012			9/12/2012			9/17/2012	
Unit Measures									
Moisture Content	% Wet weight	43.3	42.3		37.8	39.8		38.5	43.3
Organic Matter	% Dry weight	43	44.9		46.5	42.6		42.9	46.5
C/N Ratio	Ratio	18	18		17	19		18	17
pH		5.37	5.72		6.2	6.32		6.28	5.03
Particle Size	Max aggregate size, Inches	0.38	0.64		0.64	0.64		0.64	0.64
Nitrogen - Total	Total N, % dry weight	1.3	1.4		1.6	1.3		1.4	1.5
Nitrogen - Organic	% dry weight	1.2	1.2		1.5	1.1		1.3	1.3
Maturity									
♦Ammonia	NH4-N, mg/kg dry weight	1300	1800		1200	1500		670	2000
♦Nitrate	NO3-N, mg/kg dry weight	33	16		38	9.6		10	51
♦Vigor (bio-assay)	Avg. % of Control	90	91.7		91.7	91.7		86.7	81.7
Stability									
♦CO2 Evolution	mg CO2-C/g OM/day	7.9	9.1		7.9	10		7.5	13
Potassium	K2O, % dry weight	1.2	1.2		1.4	1.3		1.3	1.4
Carbon - Organic	lb/ton	23	24		27	25		25	25
Soluble Salts	EC5, dS/m (mmhos/cm)	9.9	11		7.4	9.7		6.8	11
Safety									
♦Fecal Coliform	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass
♦Salmonella	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass
♦Trace Metals	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass
Iron	Fe, mg/kg dry weight	11,000	9000		9300	8600		9700	9300
Bulk Density	lbs/cu ft dry weight	25	22		22	22		25	22
AgIndex	Ratio	10	8		9	8		10	9

Table 5: Comparison of 30-day laboratory results for all three eASP zones and control windrows.

In order to reach maturity, the compost process generally needs to run 60 days or more. So it comes as no surprise that all 30-day-old samples show an immature product. In nearly all maturity measurements, however, the eASP appears to be slightly more mature or more stable than its windrow counterpart, despite the lack of turning. In terms of CO2 evolution--the stability measurement--the eASP is superior in all 3 pairings. Therefore, we may conclude that the eASP will have a beneficial impact for operators on compost production issues; that is; we see no evidence of a time penalty for switching to the no-turn active compost method.

We should note that starting C:N ratios were below what is considered optimum. Composting experts agree an ideal C:N ratio for initial feedstock is between 25 and 35 parts carbon to one part nitrogen. This is particularly important for small manure facilities. Practically speaking, it is very difficult for large-scale operators to change the C:N ratio of large volumes of material. Sampling bias in C:N

measurements is inherent because large particles are filtered out before final testing, and larger particles tend to be high in carbon, so actual stating C:N is likely higher than reported.

After 30 days, the control windrows moved into the regular composting operation on site. They were not sampled again. The three eASP zones were treated differently, as follows:

- Zone 1: Scooped up and placed into a windrow, treated the same as other curing piles on the site
- Zone 2: Flipped over onto Zone 1 and aerated for an additional 30 days
- Zone 3: Left in place and aerated for an additional 30 days

After 60 days, the three zones were again sampled, and the composite sample was sent to Soil Control Labs for a second round of STA testing.

Results of the 60-day STA testing are below.

60 DAYS		Zone 1 - Cure	Zone 2 - Cure	Zone 3 - Cure
Sampled Date				
Unit Measures				
Moisture Content	%, Wet weight	33.7	27.6	33.1
Organic Matter	%, Dry weight	37.3	32.9	53.8
C/N Ratio	Ratio	15	14	18
pH		6.12	7.33	4.71
Particle Size	Max aggregate size, Inches			
Nitrogen - Total	Total N, % dry weight	1.4	1.2	1.5
Nitrogen - Organic	%, dry weight	1.3	1.2	1.3
Maturity				
♦Ammonia	NH4-N, mg/kg dry weight	690	290	1,500
♦Nitrate	NO3-N, mg/kg dry weight	6.1	5.7	43
♦Vigor (bio-assay)	Avg. % of Control	100	100	88
Stability				
♦CO2 Evolution	mg CO2-C/g OM/day	7.5	6.2	23
Potassium	K2O, % dry weight	1.4	1.4	1.4
Carbon - Organic	lb/ton	21	17	28
Soluble Salts	EC5, dS/m (mmhos/cm)	7.5	4.2	10
Safety				
♦Fecal Coliform	Pass/Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass
♦Salmonella	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
♦Trace Metals	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Iron	Fe, mg/kg dry weight	11,000	12,000	8,000
Bulk Density	lbs/cu ft dry weight	22	28	18
AgIndex	Ratio	>10	>10	9

Table 6: 60-day laboratory results for three eASP zones.

The complete tests for 30 and 60 days are found in Appendix D. Zone 1 failed the pathogen test at 60 days, even though it passed a similar test at 30 days. Per state law, this material could not be sold until it was re-composted and passed a subsequent test. Contamination of previously pathogen reduced materials is not uncommon at large composting sites. It can come from many sources, including handling by equipment that comes into contact non-pathogen-reduced materials, as well as external sources such as birds. The failure to achieve criteria is not believed to be related to the eASP composting technology employed, as this pile did pass its pathogen test at 30 days.

The complete 30-day laboratory tests are available in Appendix D. The 60-day tests are available in Appendix E.

Diesel Emissions Reductions

Reducing diesel emissions are important for mitigating the air quality impacts of composting. The VOCs emitted from the degradation of organic materials are much more voluminous than equipment emissions, but are biogenic in nature and comprised primarily of light alcohols (Kumar et al 2009). Light alcohols are not strongly implicated in ozone or secondary aerosol formation. (Carter et al 1995). NOx from diesel engines is implicated in both. Any process changes which reduce overall diesel use on the compost site are real, permanent reductions which will lead to reduced criteria pollutant levels in the SJV.

The project resulted in an average reduction in diesel use per ton of feedstock of approximately 87%, with commensurate reductions in all criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases associated with diesel use. When compared against older equipment, this could result in a reduction of as much as 7.5 tons of NOx and 2.5 tons of non-methane hydrocarbons per year per 100,000 tons processed. Savings against newer equipment generally run less than one ton of pollutant per 100,000 tons. Based on the estimates, and assuming two cubic yards per ton, diesel savings are calculated to be 2,940 gallons per year for the theoretical 100,000-ton-per-year facility. Lower density materials actually increase the diesel savings.

Cleaner diesel engines, electrification of grinders and other diesel equipment on compost sites, and the potential future advent of hybrid diesel-electric or natural-gas-powered heavy duty equipment will all contribute to a gradual shift toward less diesel use. However, bringing three-phase power to remote composting sites can be very expensive; costs exceeded \$1 million for the Mt. Vernon composting site in Bakersfield. Newer loaders and trucks will be phased in under mobile source programs run by the SJV and the ARB, and are also expensive propositions for compost operators. Natural gas and hybrid loaders are still not commercially available, and will likely remain cost prohibitive for some time.

This project measures the reductions in diesel use from conveying materials directly from a grinder output to a pile. In a typical composting site, these tasks would be performed by diesel loaders, typically working in concert with diesel powered end-dump or side-dump trucks. For the purposes of this exercise, we measured only a short run covered by one telescopic-transfer conveyor that was available to rent for the project. However, a full scale production would realize much greater diesel reductions.

Facility-wide reductions could be estimated on a facility-by-facility basis, using a point half the distance from the site's grinder to the property line, as an average distance materials would need to be moved, and then calculate the amount of diesel hours needed to perform that operation.

We also measured the amount of time necessary to operate a water truck in order to maintain moisture in composting windrows. With the eASP, these functions were provided during pile build, and thereafter by a sprinkler system. One of the main drawbacks of using sprinklers on windrows is the potential for them to become ensnared in windrow turning equipment, resulting in their destruction and loss of valuable turner time. This is not a problem with the no-turn eASP system.

Even with extensive use of conveyors, loaders will remain indispensable equipment at compost site because of their speed, maneuverability and versatility. However, it may be possible to significantly reduce their use, which represents a cost savings and an air pollution benefit. Compared to grinders, conveyors use relatively little electricity, and can easily be powered by generators if necessary.

This project used a slow-speed shredder instead of a high speed grinder to prepare the feedstock for composting. The shredder uses an engine roughly half the size of a comparable grinder. It was also a newer model, with a Tier 4 compliant engine. The emissions reductions gained from this type of replacement are not considered as benefits from this project.

Overall, the eASP resulted in an 87% reduction in diesel fuel use per ton of production, and a corresponding reduction in the amount of criteria pollutants and GHGs from equipment use. The amount of actual pollutants reduced depends on the age of the diesel equipment in question. For the purposes of this project, pollutant reductions were calculated for both 1996 (Tier 0) engines and 2007 (Tier 3) engines.

The full diesel use calculations, and the calculations of reduced emissions from diesel use, are available in Appendix C.

Land Use Reductions

Taller, wider extended ASPs can process more materials per acre of land than traditional windrow. To the extent that many piles are laid parallel to one another, this advantage is increased. Larger piles can be moved or even cured using turner devices that rely on small conveyors rather than the spinning shaft typically used for windrows.

Land purchase is typically a concern when building a new compost site, but can also come into play if an existing operator was forced to construct a water-impermeable pad for active-phase composting. Based on the experiment, and compared to standard windrows at the Mt. Vernon compost facility in Bakersfield, the eASP can process approximately 3,552 tons per acre, while windrows (using some of the largest machines available) can process 1,580 tons per acre, an advantage of some 55.5% for the eASP.

For the theoretical 100,000 ton-per year-facility, the amount of acreage needed for active phase composting is also reduced by 55%. The amount of acreage necessary vary depending upon whether a

composter uses a 70-day compost period or allows materials to cure to 90 days without being moved off the pad. The full calculations are available in Appendix I.

	Low acreage estimate (70-day compost cycle, 5 cycles per year)	High acreage estimate (90-day compost cycle, 4 cycles per year)
Extended ASP	5.63	7.03
Windrow	12.65	15.8

Table 7: Calculation of acres needed for active composting for theoretical 100,000 tons per year composting facility with 70-day or 90-day compost cycle. These calculations do not include land needed for feedstock receiving, grinding, screening, mixing or finished product storage.

Discussion

Composting is widely viewed as an inherently sustainable activity. The process of recycling nutrients and organic matter back into the soil will grow in importance over the coming years as the world’s farmers struggle to feed billions of people. Composting is a critical part of California’s efforts to achieve 75% recycling and composting, as mandated by AB 341 (Chesbro, Statutes of 2011). In fact, attainment of the AB 341 standard is widely viewed as impossible without a rough doubling of composting capacity in California. This comes at a time when compost facilities are increasingly difficult and expensive to site, primarily due to air pollution issues.

The primary composting process used in California and much of North America, open windrows, may not be inherently sustainable. The process and profitability of operators heavily depends on the wide availability of relatively inexpensive diesel fuel. Composting facilities have little ability to raise their tipping fees or the prices for their finished product without losing market share to low-priced landfilling and relatively inexpensive manufactured fertilizer. If diesel fuel prices were to rise significantly in the future, compost facilities would find their profit margins squeezed and some may go out of business.

Composting facilities are difficult to site because of odor issues. Odor is most commonly associated with receiving and mechanical turning of relatively fresh feedstock. Rapid handling of fresh, odoriferous feedstock can be achieved by most operators; however, it is not always possible to reduce or alter turning schedules. Eliminating the need to turn during the odorous active composting phase may allow compost facilities to site closer to urban areas that generate feedstock, thus reducing diesel-intensive feedstock hauling.

As California increases its efforts to reduce landfilling and greenhouse gas generation, food waste composting will increase. Unlike green waste, food waste qualifies for GHG credits when composted. Food waste putrefies rapidly; however, often creating intense odors. No odorous emissions from the eASP built for this project were ever detected. Composting methods which reduce handling activities during the active phase seem likely to reduce odor issues, again, potentially allowing siting of composting facilities closer to the places where both food and green wastes are generated.

Previous emissions studies where foodwaste was a significant part of the feedstock suggest that VOC emissions could be significantly higher compared to green-waste -only piles, but this question has not been adequately researched. The South Coast AQMD already requires large foodwaste composting operators to install VOC capture systems. The high cost of these systems has limited food waste composting opportunities within the four counties of the SCQAMD.

Emissions reductions for VOCs (primarily non-methane, non-ethane organic compounds, or NMNEOC) from the eASP were expected in this study, but the measured reductions exceeded all expectations. In searching for potential explanations for the high rate of control, several factors come to the fore.

- EASPs reduce surface area. In a 2009 study for the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, very small windrows with high surface areas were shown to have higher emissions rates than the ordinary sized control windrow.
- The eASP surface was kept wet. In the same previous study for the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, wetting the surface of the windrow prior to turning reduced overall emissions by 19%. This study supports that finding and suggests that a consistently wet surface may produce even higher emissions control. With a smaller surface area, the eASP is less prone to drying out during hot SJV summers.
- The biofilter layer was 12" or more thick. In two previous studies, one by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the aforementioned 2009 air district study, 6" thick compost caps delivered emissions reductions of 75% and 53%, respectively. Commercial biofilters are commonly 3' thick or greater, depending on the application. This study suggests that thicker biofilter compost cap layers are more capable of degrading NMNEOCs and other undesirable compounds.
- More uniform air and water. Aeration is applied uniformly to the greenwaste, maximizing aerobic decomposition and reducing anaerobic pockets. The other primary ingredient, water, is also applied regularly so that overly dry conditions never suppress microbial activity, further enhancing rapid and efficient aerobic decomposition. Controlling the aerobic activity is a key ingredient in maintaining more efficient and favorable aerobic decomposition regarding both the type of compounds generated and the amount of compound air emissions released per ton of greenwaste.

The main component of the compost cap, unscreened finished compost, is available at all composting sites. Methods to apply the cap on conventional windrows tend to be diesel intensive; however, conveyerization can be used to apply the layer on static piles with set site configurations. SJVUAPCD Rule 4566 requires the biofilter compost cap to be replenished after windrow turning at the very largest facilities, increasing their diesel footprint. State regulations require windrows to be turned five times in 15 days for pathogen reduction. However, state regulation does not require static piles with a one-foot-thick insulation layer to be turned for pathogen reduction purposes. By using the eASP system, operators can apply just one cap for the entire active composting phase.

The solar powered eASP system reduces dependency on diesel, and reduces feedstock handling during the critical active composting period, when odor and emissions potential is at its highest. The use of

solar power means aeration systems can be located where they are needed, in remote locations, without expensive grid connections. In the SJV, available sunshine year-round is more than adequate for the relatively small motors needed for aeration, and with adequate battery backup such systems should be operable even during the rare prolonged foggy or rainy winter periods.

A drawback for the prototype eASP system was the, above-ground aeration pipes, which were destroyed during pile deconstruction. This problem can be overcome by substituting thick, durable pipes made of heavy plastic (typically used for water mains) in place of the thinner, low-cost pipes used in this project. Also, low-cost methods to embed aeration pipes in the ground should be technologically feasible for most operators, and are available commercially from some vendors.

Another challenge was setting proper moisture levels. Though the temporary eASP sprinkler system rigged for this project worked remarkably well, it was not as precise or as consistent as desirable. Once a compost operator configures an eASP site, designing a more effective, permanent system providing near-ideal moisture management should not prove a significant challenge. A similar situation occurred for the initial watering of the feedstock; the temporary system designed for this project proved adequate. However, permanent, engineered systems—perhaps integrated with the conveyor—would certainly provide more uniform feedstock moisture and would quite possibly save additional water.

A final drawback for larger pile sizes is the difficulty of monitoring conditions deep within the pile. The five-foot-long temperature probe purchased for this project is the longest readily available. However, it is not always possible or advisable to force the probe the full 5' into a pile. Also, this probe did not measure relative moisture. Technology is rapidly solving these problems. Low-cost remote data loggers are now available. These can be buried within piles, and can record a variety of parameters, including temperature and moisture, over the life of the project. Future projects should include the use of these devices.

Conclusions

This project compared standard windrow composting to an eASP design to compare emissions. The result of this project does establish that the eASP design tested reduces both water use and air emissions. The eASP was tested in a single selected configuration; therefore, the results of this project do not establish optimal blower speeds or water application rates. Additional testing would be required to establish a user guide to ensure minimum operating costs, best quality of product and minimum water use and air emissions.

The solar powered eASP with a biofilter compost cap appears to be a viable method for commercial-scale composting. The demonstrated NMNEOC, ammonia and GHG emissions reductions achieved in this project from the piles of decomposing organic materials were significant, in the range of 98%, 95% and 70% respectively. These levels of control match or exceed commercially available systems costing many times more. The practical effect of using electric conveyors instead of diesel-powered trucks and loaders to build the pile, and of using solar-powered aeration instead of diesel-powered windrow turners, creates additional emissions reductions of NO_x and other criteria pollutants which are

important in non-attainment air basins such as the San Joaquin Valley. The emission reductions cited are the result of a closely managed demonstration project and should not be considered as the expected performance of and “achieved in practice” permanent facility. Achieved in practice results might be less than the closely managed demonstration project; however additional reductions might be achieved by further work to establish optimal operating conditions.

In addition to the diesel reductions and the greatly reduced emissions from decomposing organic wastes, conversion to eASP systems has the potential to save operators money and reduce GHG impacts through process water savings and shrinking the amount of land needed to conduct active-phase composting.

In terms of product quality and maturity, the eASP appears to be at least as good as windrow systems.

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1. Summary

A prototype Aerated Static Pile (ASP) composting process was assembled and operated to test both ability to produce quality compost and to quantify air emissions. The ASP utilized ambient air blown into the pile from the bottom; the blowers were powered by photovoltaic panels and associated batteries. The ASP had a biofiltration layer added to the surface to reduce air emissions. A series of compost windrows were built concurrent with the ASP using the same materials. The air emissions from the ASP were compared to the on-site measured air emissions of the current industry-standard windrow composting method.

Emissions were measured using the standard methods and techniques used for San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) regulatory compliance. This includes the use of the USEPA flux chamber as modified under South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1133, and analysis using SCAQMD Method 25.3 for VOC and 207.1 for ammonia (NH₃). In addition to these traditional methods, nitrous oxide (N₂O) was measured using NIOSH 6600 and organic species were measured using USEPA TO-15.

Tables 1.1 and 1.2 provide the measured and extrapolated emissions for the ASP and windrow (respectively) for the cycle periods of 22 days (all measurements) as well as 30 days and 60 days (both measured and extrapolated). The units are pounds of emitted compound per ton of initial compost mix.

Table 1.1 ASP Air Emissions (pounds per ton compost mix) for a 22 day compost period with extrapolated estimates for 30 day and 60 day periods.

Cycle Length	VOC	NH ₃		Greenhouse Gas			
		Field	Lab	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂ e
22 Day	0.10	0.02	0.01	206	5.1	0.01	315
30 Day	0.13	0.02	0.01	271	5.2	0.02	387
60 Day	0.22	0.02	0.01	517	5.6	0.08	658

Table 1.2 Windrow Air Emissions (pounds per ton compost mix) for 22 day, 30 day, and 60 day periods.

Cycle Length	VOC	NH ₃		Greenhouse Gas			
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22 Day	8.6	0.10	0.01	732	5.8	0.09	883
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60 Day	19.9	0.38	0.11	1,816	12.4	0.26	2,158

Figure 1.1 and Table 1.3 provides a summary of the emissions reduction (ASP emissions as compared to the on-site measured windrow) for the measured emissions duration of the ASP of 22 days as well as extrapolated ASP emissions for 30 day and 60 day cycle periods.

Figure 1.1 Emissions Reduction Summary (as compared to tested control windrow).

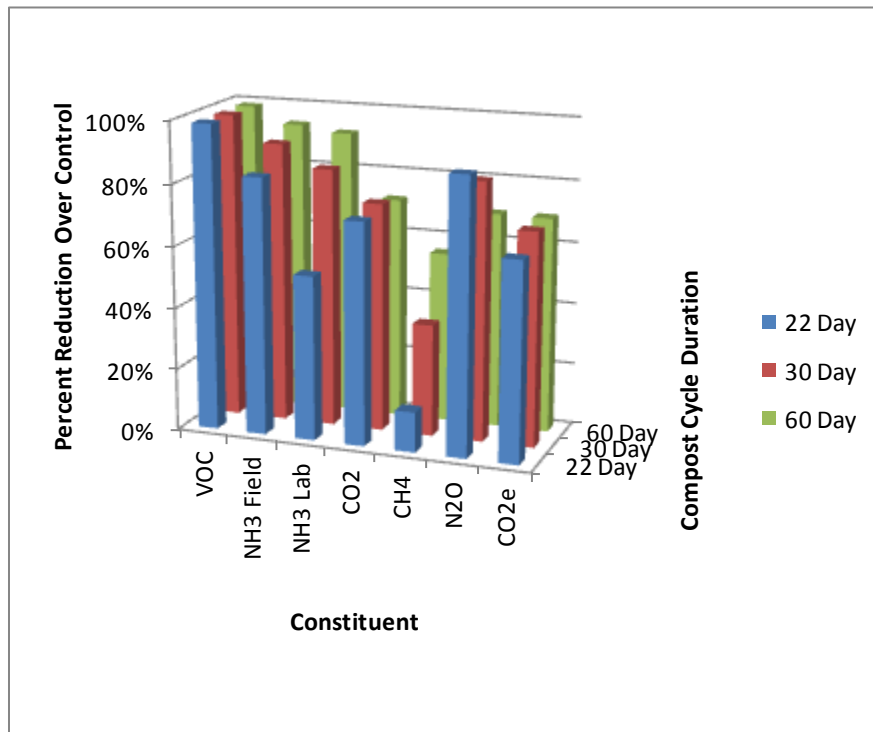


Table 1.3 Emissions Reduction Summary (as compared to tested control windrow).

Cycle Length	VOC	NH3		Greenhouse Gas			
		Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
22 Day	98.8%	83%	53%	72%	13%	89%	64%
30 Day	98.8%	91%	84%	74%	36%	83%	69%
60 Day	98.9%	94%	92%	72%	55%	70%	70%

Table 1.4 provides the measured emissions in a regulatory context. The measured 22 day ASP emissions were compared to regulatory emission factors (nominally for windrow composting) from SJVAPCD and SCAQMD.

Table 1.4 Emissions Reduction Summary (pounds per ton mix) in a Regulatory Context.

Test Condition	VOC	NH3	CH4
Prototype ASP (22 Days)	0.10	0.01	5.05
SCAQMD (full life cycle)	3.76	0.82	0.87
% Reduction from SCAQMD Factor	97%	99%	-481%
SJVUAPCD (22-day active phase)	5.14		
% Reduction from SJV active phase	98%		

The VOC reduction achieved was greater than 97% when compared to any benchmark, and equal to or better than all known commercial VOC reduction technologies regardless of price. The windrow (on-site control) emissions were higher than expected, but even using the SJVAPCD emission factor, the control was still and impressive 98%.

Ammonia emission reductions were also substantial. However these varied based on the compared cycle time. For the complete cycle the ASP ammonia emissions, based on laboratory measurement, showed a 92% reduction over the on-site windrow. Greenhouse gas emissions were also reduced, but not as significantly as VOC and ammonia

The documentation for the emissions measurement and analysis is contained in this report as well as the attached Data Validation Technical Memorandum. All field notes and laboratory reports are attached following the technical memorandum.

2. Project Overview

This project was funded by a grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) to demonstrate the feasibility of a commercial-scale positively aerated, ASP compost system. The project was co-managed by the Association of Compost Producers and CalRecycle, with help from the City of Bakersfield and O2 Compost.

There were several facets to this project, including diesel fuel reduction and renewable energy, which were met by the use of electric conveyors to form the pile and photovoltaic power to run the blowers aerating the ASP. Our team was retained to sample and calculate the air emissions from the ASP compost system, and compare those emissions with those emitted by industry-standard composting windrows which were built out of the same materials on the same day.

The ASP was covered by a biofiltration layer of finished compost to control air emissions. The ASP was operated in a positive ventilation mode, meaning that the air to supply cooling, moisture control, and metabolic oxygen was blown into the pile with exhaust leaving the pile surface. Emissions sampling occurred during one hour cycles. Blowers generally ran two minutes out of every 20, meaning that one emissions sampling event would capture three full blower cycles.

3. Process Description

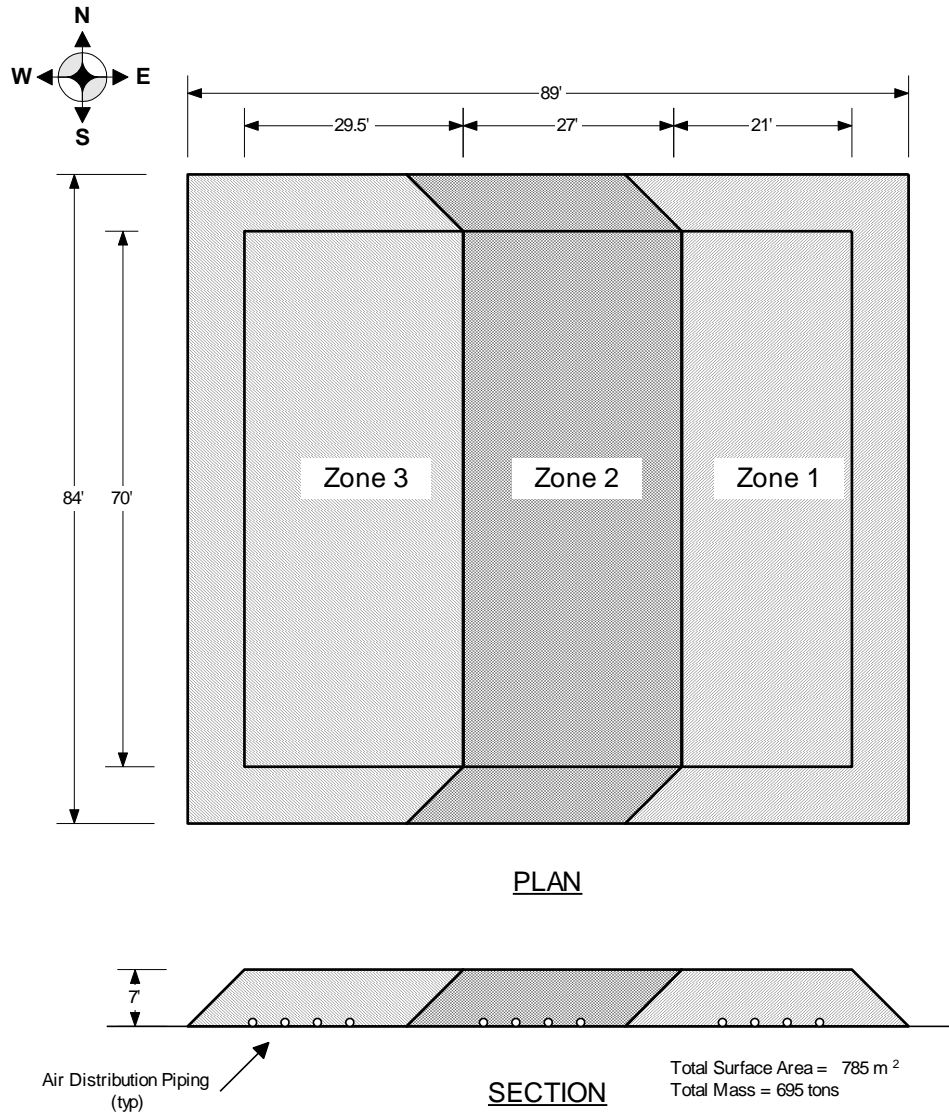
Prototype ASP

Figure 3.1 shows a plan and section of the prototype ASPs. There were three separate zones constructed to represent three different ages of compost. The starting feedstock was placed on top of previously installed air distribution piping and a plenum of large nominal diameter wood chips roughly one foot deep. After the compost was placed to approximately 8 feet of average depth, a nominal 12 inches of finished, unscreened compost was placed on the top of the pile as a biofilter compost cap. The cap acts much like a biofilter, reducing pollutants as they migrate up to the surface of the pile.

Photo 3.1 Compost Pile Configuration.



Figure 3.1 Plan and Section of ASP Piles.



The compost pile with biofilter was used to calculate total surface area. The mass of biofilter material was not used in the compost mix mass calculation.

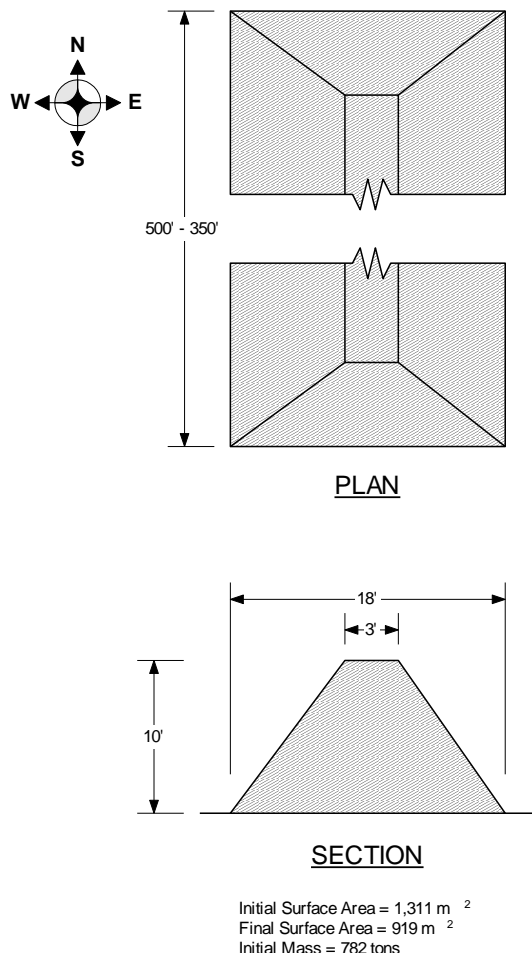
The total surface area of the ASP was 785 m² and the total mass of compost mix in the cells was 695 tons. The mass value of the compost cells was supplied by O2Compost. For emissions calculation purposes the ASP pile was assumed to be operational for a 21 day compost cycle.

Windrow

The host site normally composts in windrows. Windrows are the standard technology currently used in the United States to compost greenwaste. Figure 3.2 shows the layout of the windrows being tested for this study. The windrows shrink significantly during the compost duration. The initial area of a windrow was calculated to be 1,311 m². At the end of cycle, this shrinks to 919 m². For emissions calculation purposes it was assumed the shrinkage occurred linearly over the compost cycle. The site operator, Harvest Power, provided the mass of typical windrow as 782 tons of compost. Photo 3.2 shows a typical windrow on the site. The normal operating cycle for windrows at this site is 65 days or longer. The windrows are turned using a specialized mechanical device approximately eight times during the process cycle.



Figure 3.2 Plan and Section of Typical Site Windrows.



4. Emissions Measurement

All emissions measurements were made using USEPA validated flux chamber technology modified per SCAQMD Rule 1133 for measurement of composting air emissions. Photo 4.1 shows a typical measurement. The testing was conducted at pre-determined locations per zone (up to four measurements per zone and test condition) as a function of process day in the life cycle of the composting technology.

Emissions were sampled and analyzed per SCAQMD Method 25.3 for VOC (total non-methane, non-ethane hydrocarbon), carbon dioxide (CO₂), and methane (CH₄). Ammonia (NH₃) was sampled and analyzed using SCAQMD Method 207.1. Nitrous oxide (N₂O) was sampled and analyzed using NIOSH Method 6600 (FTIR). Speciated organics were sampled and analyzed using USEPA Method TO-15.

Every test location completed measurements for Method 25.3. Only 25% of the test locations had the analysis completed for Method 207.1 (NH₃), NIOSH 6600 (N₂O), and TO-15.

For the ASPs, samples were taken on process days 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, and 23. For the windrows, samples were taken on process days 0 (feed stock), 2, 3, 9, 11, 15, 29, and 63.

In general samples were taken in clusters of four representing near-field spatial variability for the ASPs and top/sides for the windrows. Far-field spatial measurements, that is measurements on the opposite end of the pile/windrow were taken on process day 4 for the ASPs and process day 15 for the windrows. These measurements were taken to determine if there were differences in emissions in different parts of the pile. In addition, a mixing event for the windrows was measured on process day 11.

A summary of the data is provided (in flux units) for the ASP (Table 4.1) and windrows/feedstock (Table 4.2). Complete data is provided in the Appendix. The accompanying Data Validation Technical Memorandum contains the complete data set, including QA/QC.

For emissions reporting purposes, only the laboratory ammonia data was used.

Photo 4.1 Typical Emissions Measurement.



Table 4.1 Summary ASP Emission Measurement Data (flux in mg/m-m2).

SOURCE	DAY	LOCATION	Methane Flux	CO2 Flux	NH3/Tube Flux	NH3/Lab Flux	TNMNEOC Flux	N2O Flux		
ASP ZONE 3	3	NW	2.49	2126	1.67	NA	3.00	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	3	SW	0.827	0.226	0.283	NA	0.485	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	3	NE	7.22	3644	0.485	0.439	1.06	0.201		
ASP ZONE 3	3	SE	1.97	2794	1.39		3.37	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	4	NW	2.76	3173	0.858	NA	14.2	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	4	SW	1.58	2256	0.436	NA	3.31	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	4	NE	9.18	3122	0.603	0.118	2.02	0.0520 <		
ASP ZONE 3	4	SE	1.90	1918	0.741	NA	2.50	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	4	Top NW- Spatial	16.6	3768	1.73	NA	3.25	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	4	Side SE- Spatial	3.49	4174	1.01	NA	18.9	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	4	QC- Replicate	3.05	4.39	0.847	NA	16.6	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	5	NW	2.50	2031	0.0872	0.0318 <	0.333	0.0767		
ASP ZONE 3	5	SW	1.94	1888	0.0561	NA	0.270	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	5	NE	11.8	3537	0.0569	NA	0.939	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	5	SE	2.17	2279	0.3302	NA	0.726	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	6	NW	1.68	2115	0.00272 <	0.0378	0.708	0.0141 <		
ASP ZONE 3	6	SW	1.31	1530	0.0845	NA	0.339	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	6	NE	8.39	2877	0.00556 <	NA	0.458	NA		
ASP ZONE 3	6	SE	1.80	2708	0.262	NA	1.17	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	10	NW	297	6329	0.371	0.0377 <	2.50	0.0192 <		
ASP ZONE 2	10	SW	5.53	846	0.418	NA	0.415	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	10	NE	382	4360	0.257	NA	0.821	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	10	SE	20.7	0.290	0.317	NA	0.838	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	12	NW	489	6608	0.00580 <	0.0386 <	2.15	0.0751		
ASP ZONE 2	12	SW	16.06	740	0.00477 <	NA	0.345	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	12	NE	275	3892	0.0313	NA	0.439	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	12	SE	11.7	1721	0.133	NA	0.429	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	13	NW	369	10633	0.0158	0.0801	6.36	0.0204 <		
ASP ZONE 2	13	SW	85.1	1515	0.0780	NA	0.351	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	13	NE	405	6452	0.00499 <	NA	1.22	NA		
ASP ZONE 2	13	SE	134	3935	0.00507 <	NA	0.318	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	15	NW	3.80	672	0.0450	0.023 <	0.0846 <	0.133		
ASP ZONE 1	15	SW	12.6	791	0.220	NA	0.0518 <			
ASP ZONE 1	15	NE	2.13	497	0.00414 <	NA	0.0779 <	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	15	SE	20.3	1669	0.0948	NA	0.0973	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	17	NW	39.6	2725	0.0877	0.0322 <	0.747	0.288		
ASP ZONE 1	17	SW	62.7	1784	0.0313	NA	0.288	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	17	NE	28.0	2144	0.00414 <	NA	0.561	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	17	SE	133	5274	0.0926	NA	1.39	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	18	NW	13.4	3067	0.00237 <	0.0985	1.11	0.151		
ASP ZONE 1	18	SW	20.7	2323	0.00499 <	NA	0.871	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	18	NE	4.94	2004	0.00553 <	NA	1.09	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	18	SE	42.2	4659	0.00321 <	NA	1.17	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	23	NW	3.67	2725	0.00229 <	0.0140 <	1.05	0.500		
ASP ZONE 1	23	SW	5.13	2279	0.00550	NA	0.792	NA		
ASP ZONE 1	23	NE	2.41	1847	0.143	NA	0.918	NA		
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	0.888	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	NA
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	#####	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	NA
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0951		2.38	NA	0.00769 <	0.0367		NA
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	1340	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	0.00705 <
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank				NA				NA

Table 4.2 Summary Windrow Emission Measurement Data (flux in mg/m-m2).

SOURCE	DAY	LOCATION	Methan Flux	CO2 Flux	NH3/Tu Flux	NH3/La Flux	TNMN Flux	N2O Flux		
ESH DAY OLD CH	1	Top	0.0895	3012	0.0242	NA	35.4	NA		
FRESH CHOP	0	Top	0.0916	5145	0.00262 <	NA	81.7	NA		
FRESH CHOP	0	QC- Replicate	0.0906	5157	0.00256 <	NA	75.3	NA		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Top- West	0.448	3534	0.0975	0.0320 <	54.1	0.548		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Top- East	0.527	4699	0.107	NA	56.8	NA		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Side- North	0.495	5644	0.379	NA	44.9	NA		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Side- South	0.689	6267	0.110	NA	83.4	NA		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Top- West	3.02	7566	0.00504 <	0.0300 <	167	0.324		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Top- East	0.519	4823	0.155	NA	204	NA		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Side- North	3.57	4363	0.00496 <	NA	135	NA		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Side- South	0.469	3204	2.01	NA	143	NA		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Top- West	48.9	1264	0.00349 <	0.0206 <	77.7	0.616		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Top- East	65.0	2320	0.640	NA	76.5	NA		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Side- North	15.1	1199	0.463	NA	15.9	NA		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Side- South	4.68	2712	0.632	NA	5.29	NA		
WINDROW WR-2	11	Top	63.8	8834	0.0379	0.0595	105	0.422		
WINDROW WR-2	11	Side- South	15.3	7687	0.387	NA	48.0	NA		
WR-2 POST MIX	11	Top	36.6	4062	0.0314	NA	165	NA		
WR-2 POST MIX	11	QC-Replicate	31.2	4011	0.0258	0.0467 <	163	0.255		
WR-2 POST MIX	11	Side- South	11.5	5686	0.0183	NA	110	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- East	63.1	6383	4.38	NA	47.4	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- West	70.0	7075	0.371	0.0692 <	27.5	1.05		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- North	104	11061	0.845	NA	51.3	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- South	206	14227	0.680	NA	62.1	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- N. Spat.	158	6725	0.616	NA	13.6	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- Spatial	43.8	4582	0.714	NA	64.0	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	15	QC-Replicate	45.0	4931	0.768	NA	71.0	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	29	Top- West	44.2	8529	4.88	0.853	50.2	1.50		
WINDROW WR-3	29	Top- East	58.0	7108	0.00381 <	NA	53.4	NA		
WINDROW WR-3	29	Side- South	39.4	6871	2.84	NA	22.8	NA		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Top- North	22.8	3349	0.0341	0.0347 <	76.9	0.0176	<	
WINDROW WR-4	63	Top- South	16.1	5420	0.0499	NA	76.0	NA		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Side- West	4.80	1396	0.216	NA	96.4	NA		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Side- East	2.89	1625	0.105	NA	67.9	NA		
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	0.888	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	NA
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	0.0282	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	NA
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0951		2.38	NA	NA	0.0367		NA
Medial Blank	NA	QC- Blank	0.0256	ND	1340	NA	0.00769 <	0.0256	ND	0.00705 <
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank				NA				NA

5. Emissions Calculations

In order to calculate emissions for the complete process cycle, a process cycle was simulated using the data collected on the specific process days. The process cycle days that were not tested had the emissions estimated based on linear interpolation of the test data.

ASP Emissions

The simulated emissions in pounds per ton per day for each cycle day are provided in Attachment 1. The program design for the ASP anticipated that the primary composting process would take 22 days. However emissions estimates were extrapolated to both a 30 day period and a 60 day period. Table 5.1 presents the results of the 22 day measured period as well as the extrapolated longer periods.

Table 5.1 ASP Air Emissions (pounds per ton compost mix) for a 22 day compost period with extrapolated estimates for 30 day and 60 day periods.

Cycle Length	VOC	NH3		Greenhouse Gas			
		Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
22 Day	0.10	0.02	0.01	206	5.1	0.01	315
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Windrow Emissions

The windrow emissions were calculated in the same manner as the ASP emissions. The only exception is that windrow emissions included mixing events. The measured mixing event data showed that mixing increased the daily emissions by 8% on the mix day. Therefore, for the simulated emissions profile, each mix day emissions were multiplied by a factor of 1.08.

Windrow emissions estimates were calculated for a 22 day period, a 30 day period and a 60 day period. Table 5.2 presents the results of the windrow emissions calculations

Table 5.2 Windrow Air Emissions (pounds per ton compost mix) for 22 day, 30 day, and 60 day periods.

Cycle Length	VOC	NH3		Greenhouse Gas			
		Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
22 Day	8.6	0.10	0.01	732	5.8	0.09	883
30 Day	10.4	0.19	0.04	1,036	8.1	0.15	1,253
60 Day	19.9	0.38	0.11	1,816	12.4	0.26	2,158

6. Data Analysis and Discussion

Comparative Emissions

Figures 6.1 through 6.5 shows how each emissions species compares for ASPs and windrows. The emissions beyond Day 22 for the ASP were extrapolated based on the last measurement.

Figure 6.1 VOC Emissions (#/ton mix) for Each Process Day.

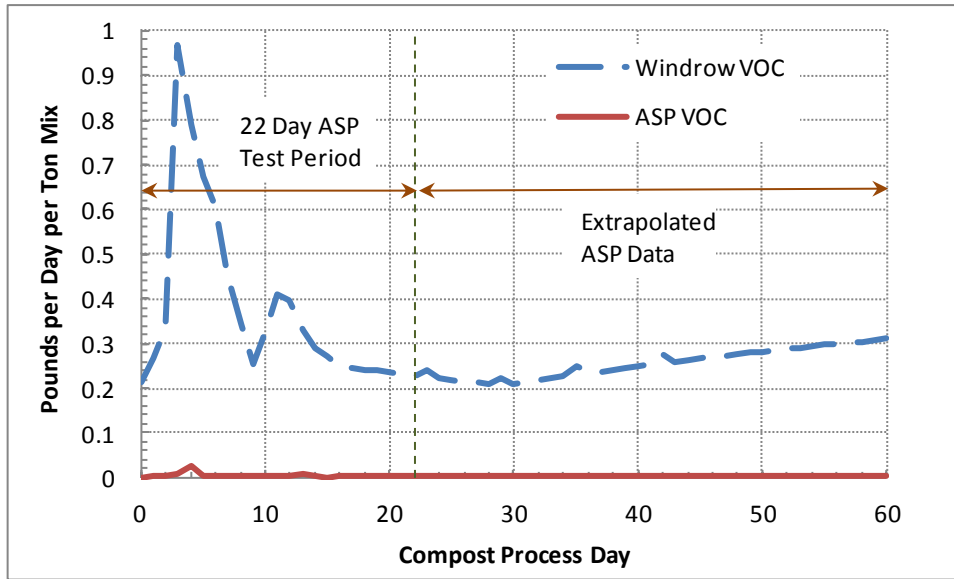


Figure 6.2 NH3 (Laboratory Data Only) Emissions (#/ton mix) for Each Process Day.

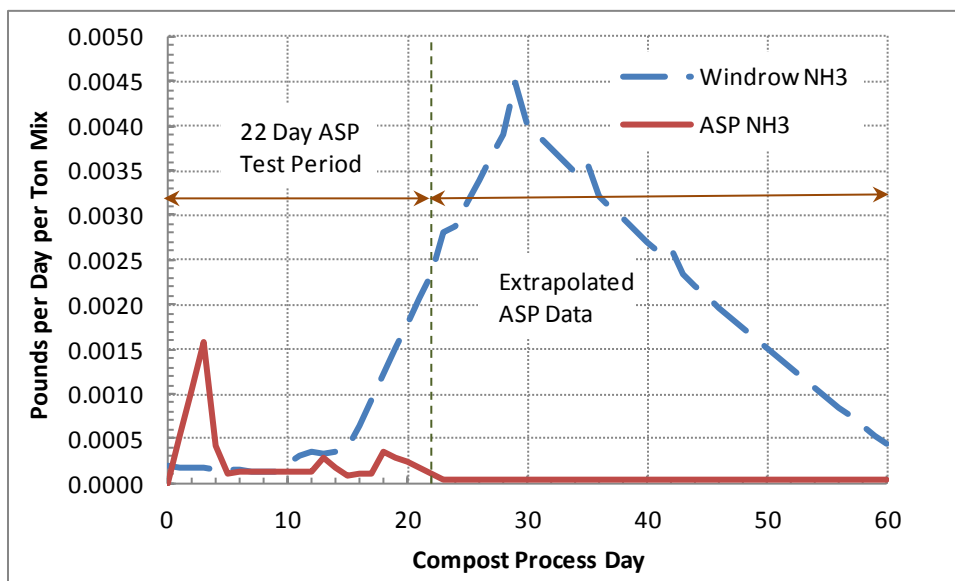


Figure 6.3 CO₂ Emissions (#/ton mix) for Each Process Day.

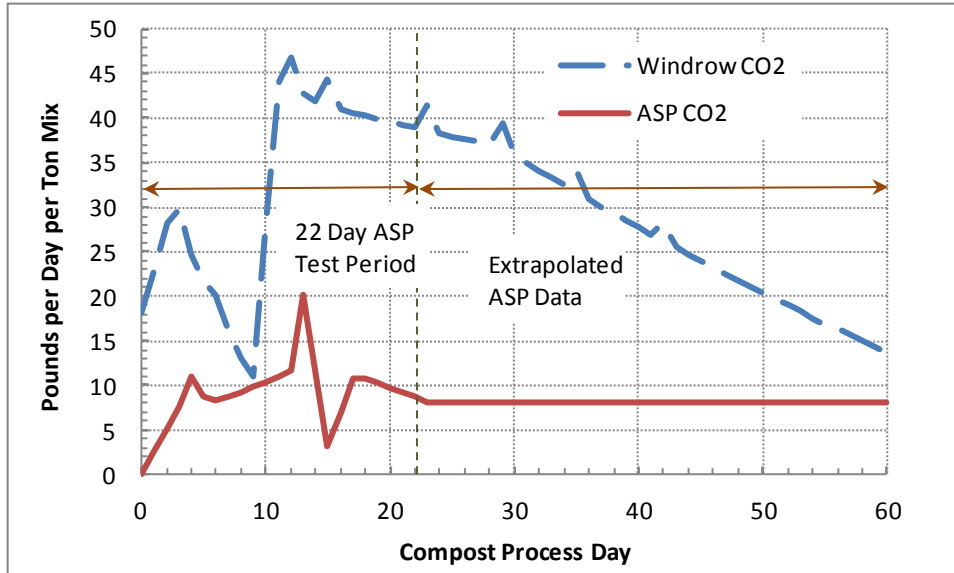


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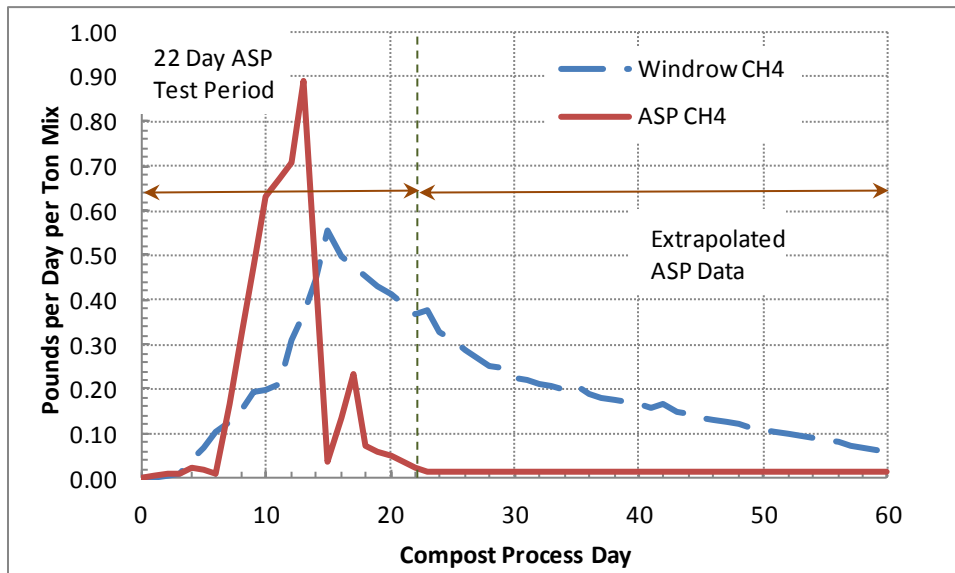
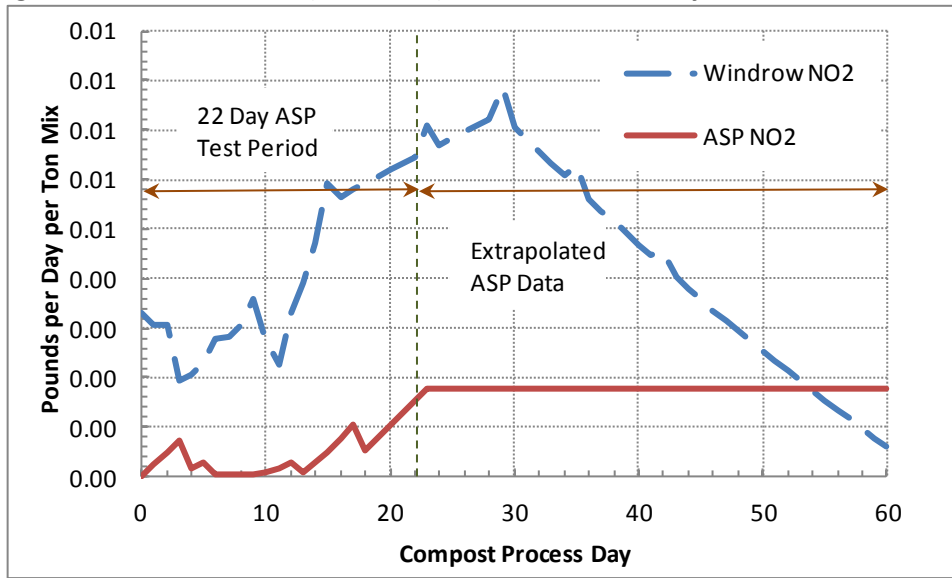


Figure 6.5 N2O Emissions (#/ton mix) for Each Process Day.



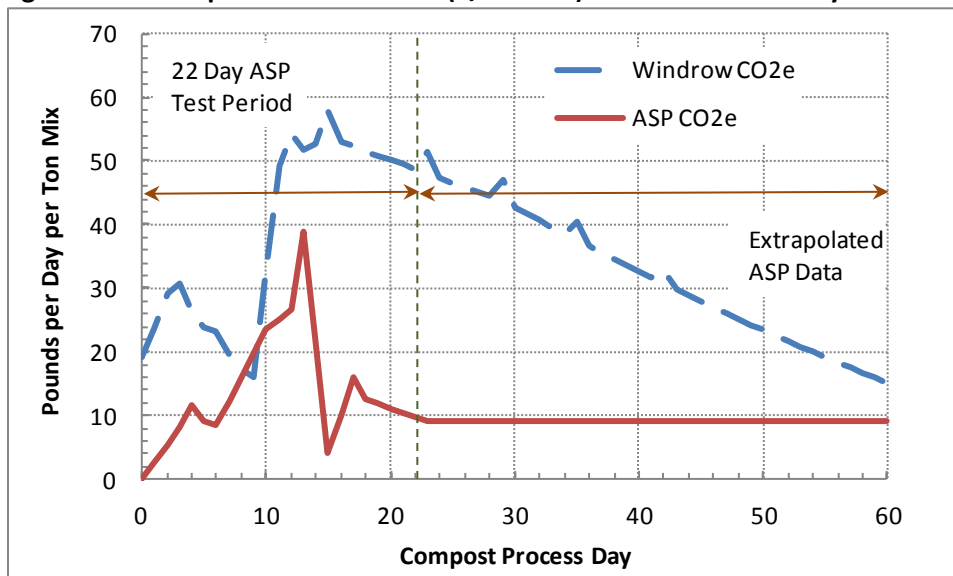
Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Using the CARB (40 CFR Part 98) CO₂ equivalency factors for the 100 yr planning horizon of

Methane 21
 Nitrous Oxide 310

the CO₂ equivalency of the all the greenhouse gases were calculated as are shown as a comparison of windrow to ASP in Figure 6.6. The ASP is shown to be significantly lower than windrow composting using this metric.

Figure 6.6 CO₂ Equivalent Emissions (#/ton mix) for Each Process Day.



Emissions Reductions by ASP Technology

Figure 6.7 shows the emissions reductions for the ASP technology as compared to the control windrow technology. The calculation was made for the 22 day design period as well as extrapolated to 30 day and 60 day periods. Table 6.1 provides the quantitative data used to generate Figure 6.7.

Figure 6.7 Emissions Reduction Summary (as compared to tested control windrow).

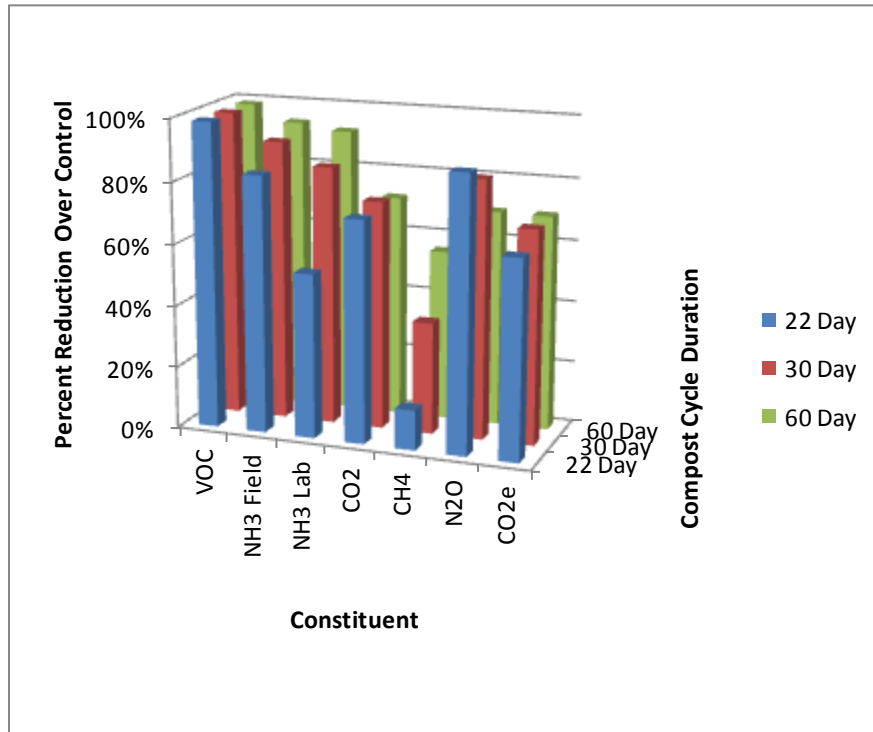


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		Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
22 Day	98.8%	83%	53%	72%	13%	89%	64%
30 Day	98.8%	91%	84%	74%	36%	83%	69%
60 Day	98.9%	94%	92%	72%	55%	70%	70%

VOC emission reduction from ASP composting was nearly 99% based on the control windrows for all the cycle periods evaluated. The cycle period did affect both ammonia emissions reduction and methane emissions significantly. This is because the windrow ammonia emissions occurred late in the cycle and the ASP methane emissions occurred early in the cycle.

Table 6.2 presents the emissions reductions as compared to current regulatory emission factors from SJVAPCD and SCAQMD. VOC and ammonia emission reductions were ranged from 97% to 99%. The methane emissions from the ASP prototype were significantly higher than the current SCAQMD emission factor.

Table 6.2 Emissions Reduction Summary (pounds per ton mix) in a Regulatory Context.

Test Condition	VOC	NH3	CH4
Prototype ASP (22 Days)	0.10	0.01	5.05
SCAQMD (full life cycle)	3.76	0.82	0.87
% Reduction from SCAQMD Factor	97%	99%	-481%
SJVUAPCD (22-day active phase)	5.14		
% Reduction from SJV active phase	98%		

Discussion

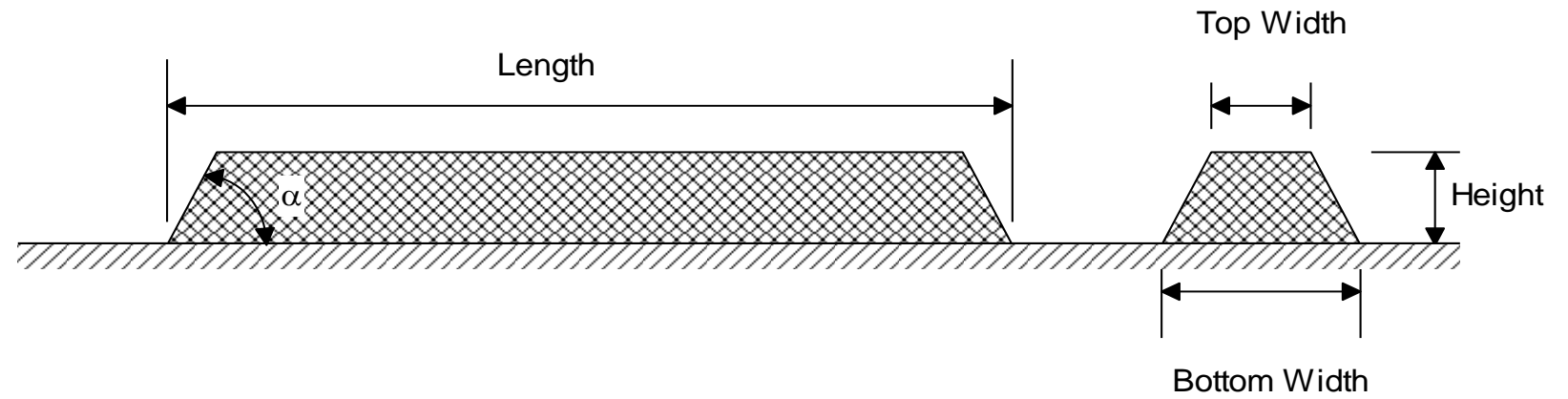
The combination of better process control and the surface biofilter layer produced far lower emissions from the ASP as compared to the current industry-standard windrow. The degree of control for both VOCs and windrows exceeded that expected with even synthetic cover technologies. The relatively high level of control of greenhouse gas emissions was a surprise. It is important to note that this is the first thorough test of this technology, and further testing and evaluation should be completed before these high levels of control can be assured on an industry-wide basis.

Appendix 1

Detailed Calculation Spreadsheets

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Property	Units	Value
Length	ft	84
Height	ft	7.0
Bottom Width	ft	89
Top Width	ft	75.0
Top Length	ft	70
alpha	R	0.79
	o	45
Top Perimeter	ft	290
Top Area	ft ²	5,250
Bottom Perimeter	ft	346
Bottom Area	ft ²	7,476
Slant height	ft	9.9
Surface Area	ft ² m ²	8,398 785
Volume	ft ³ yd ³	44,312 1,641
Conversion Factors	ft ² /m ² ft ³ /yd ³	10.7 27
Top Area Ratio		0.625146
Density	#/yd	900
Weight	pounds tons	1477070 738.5351



Mensuration formulas

$$S = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{2} s + A_2$$

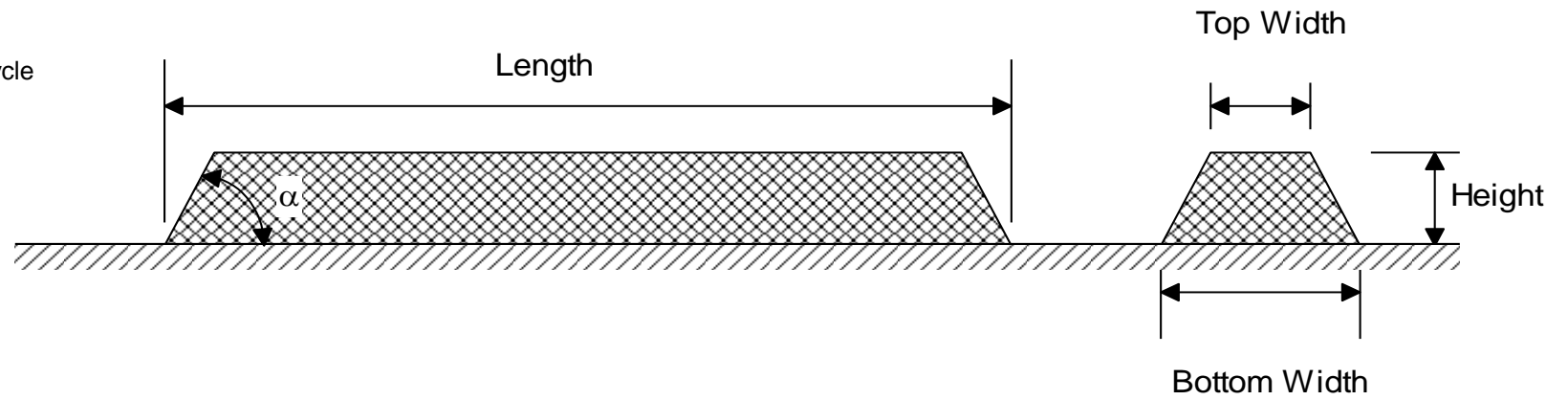
$$V = \frac{h(A_1 + A_2 + \sqrt{A_1 A_2})}{3}$$

$$s = \sqrt{h^2 + ((W_B - W_T) / 2)^2}$$

w here S = total surface area, p₁ = bottom perimeter, p₂ = top perimeter, s = slant height, V=volume, h=vertical height, A₁ = bottom area, A₂ = top area, α = bottom angle

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Property	Units	Value	Value at the end of the cycle
Length	ft	500	350
Height	ft	10.0	10.0
Bottom Width	ft	18	18
Top Width	ft	3.0	3.0
Top Length	ft	485	335
alpha	R	0.93	0.93
	o	53	53
Top Perimeter	ft	976	676
Top Area	ft ²	1,455	1,005
Bottom Perimeter	ft	1,036	736
Bottom Area	ft ²	9,000	6,300
Slant height	ft	12.5	12.5
Surface Area	ft ²	14,030	9,830
	m ²	1,311	919
Volume	ft ³	46,912	32,737
	yd ³	1,737	1,212
Conversion Factors	ft ² /m ²	10.7	10.7
	ft ³ /yd ³	27	27
Top Area Ratio		0.103706	0.102238
Density	#/yd	900	
Weight	pounds	1563745	
	tons	781.8723	



Mensuration formulas

$$S = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{2} s + A_2$$

$$V = \frac{h(A_1 + A_2 + \sqrt{A_1 A_2})}{3}$$

$$s = \sqrt{h^2 + ((W_B - W_T) / 2)^2}$$

w here S = total surface area, p₁ = bottom perimeter, p₂ = top perimeter, s = slant height, V=volume, h=vertical height, A₁ = bottom area, A₂ = top area, α = bottom angle

Table 1. Summary of Field Sample Collection Information and Field Data for ACP Valley Air TAP Compost Research Program; August 2012.

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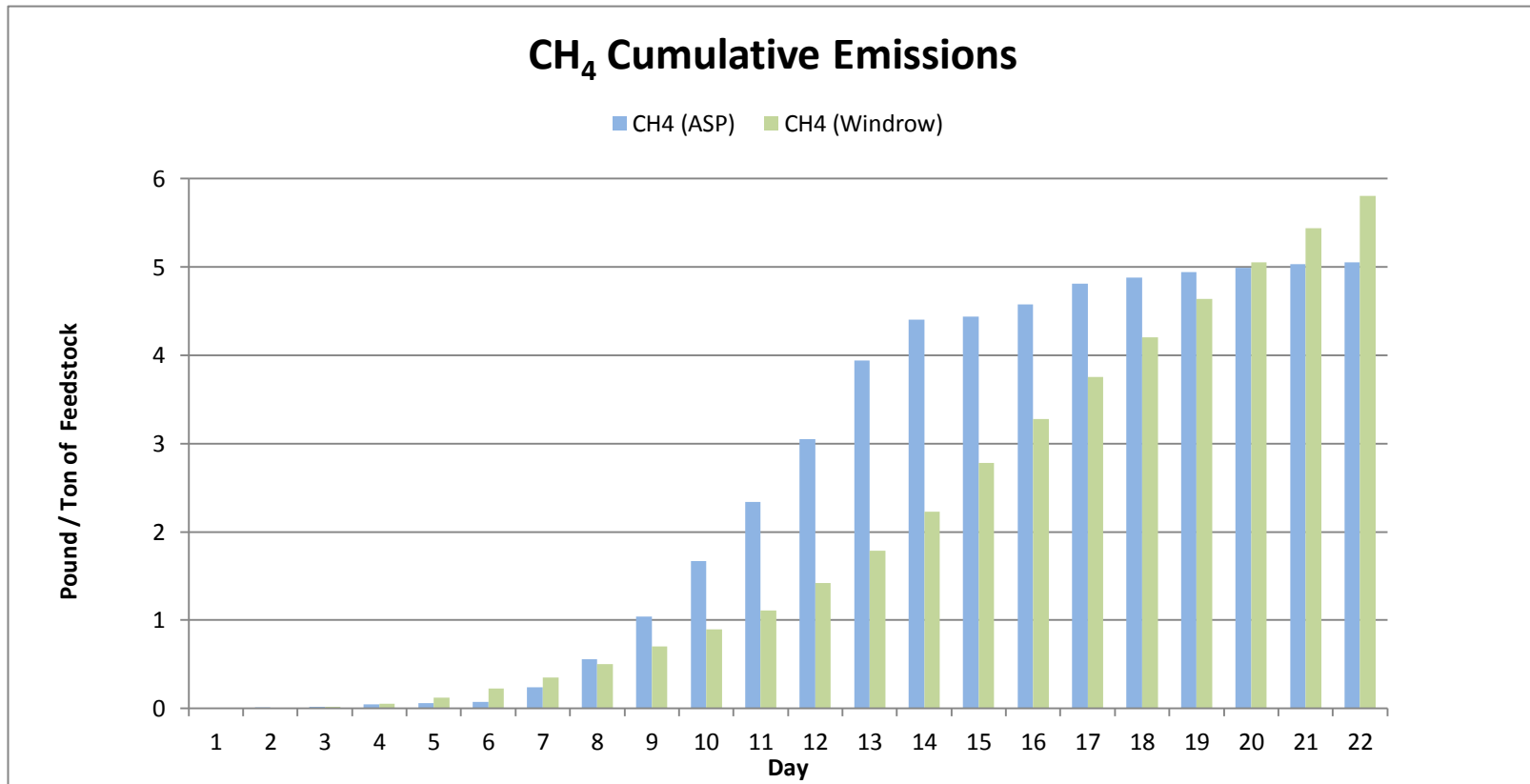
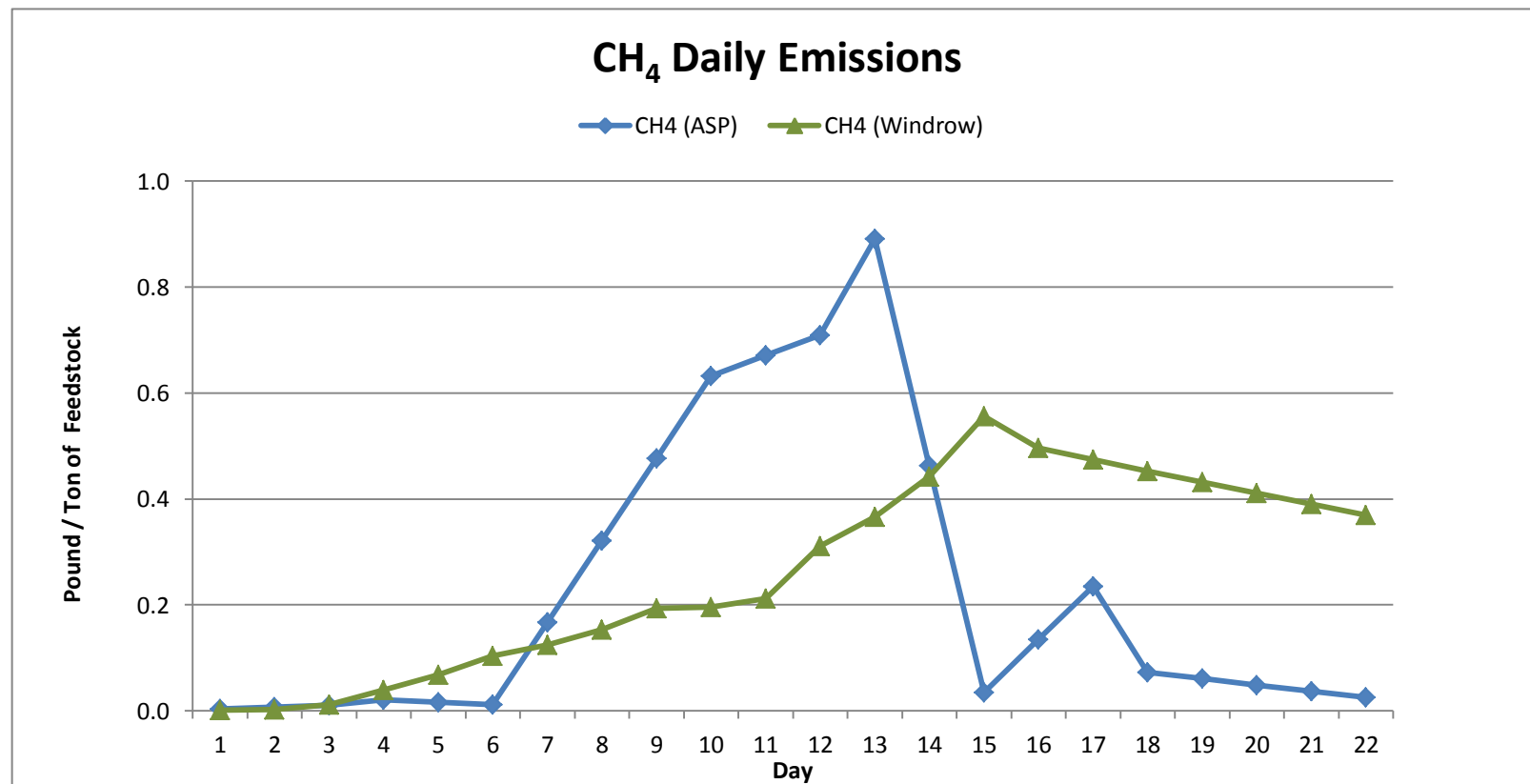
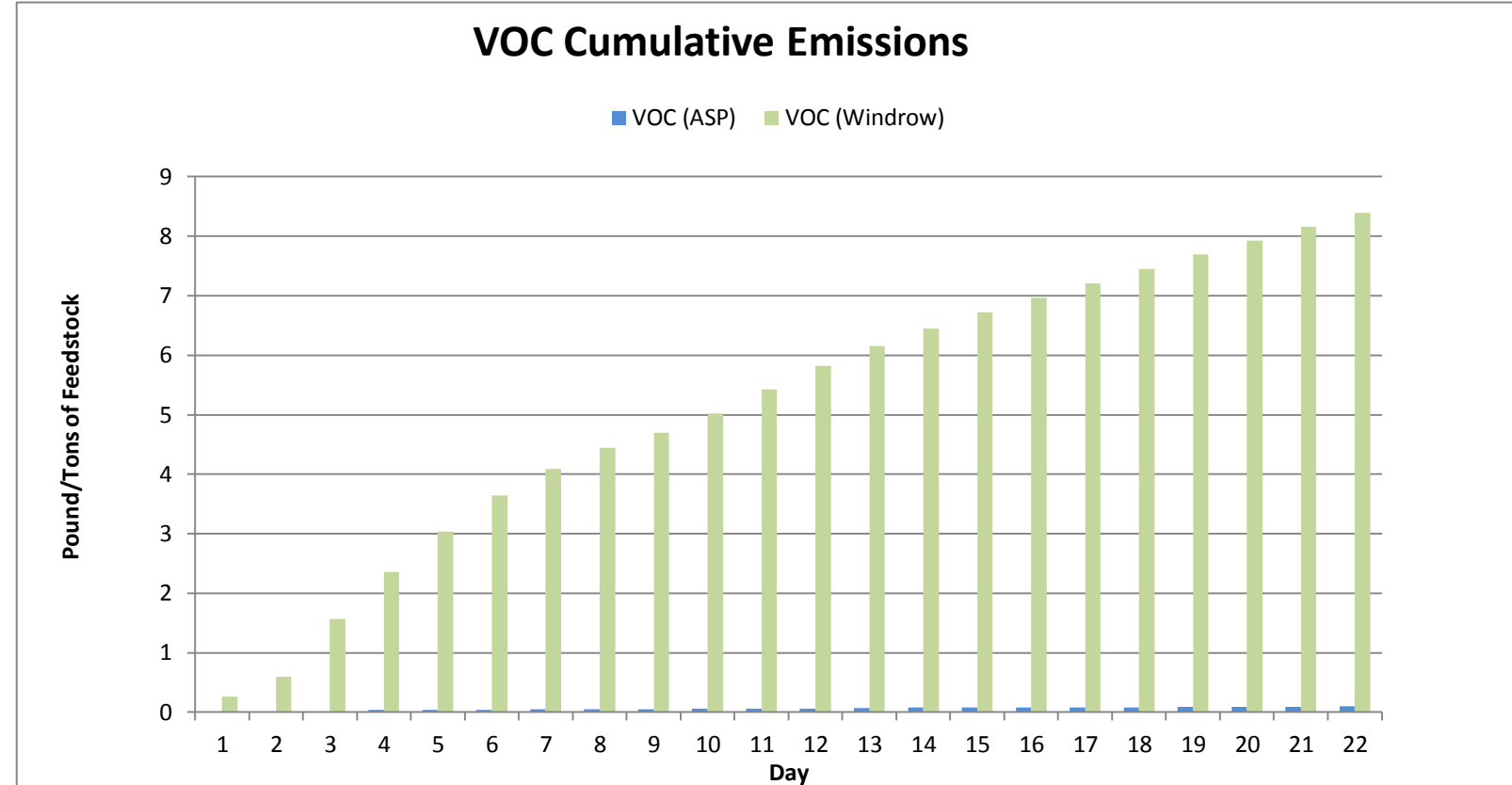
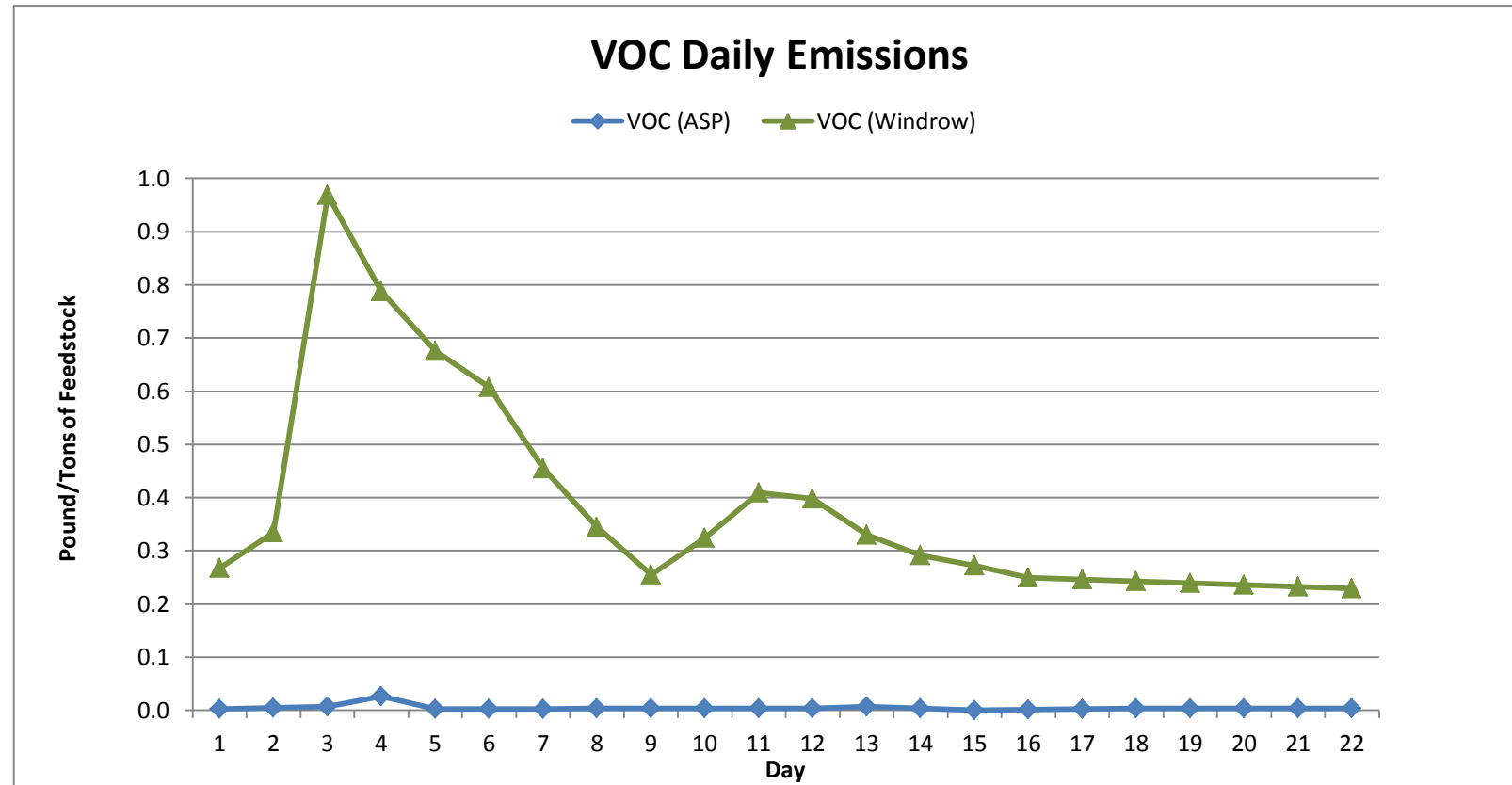
DATE	TIME	SOURCE	DAY	LOCATION	NH3 (ppmv)	25.3 ID	207.1 ID	TO-15 ID	N-6600 ID	FLOW (ft/min)	HELIUM ADDED (%)	HELIUM REC (%)	HELIUM RATIO	FLOW (m3/min)	IN SURF	STACK	IN AIR	OUT SURF	OUT AIR	COMMENT
8202012	916	ASP ZONE 1	15	NW	0.5	G-101	A-101	T-101	N-101	63	10.09	3.06	0.303	0.0165	98	87	90	91	79	ASP Zone 1 constructed on 08/05/2012
8202012	916	ASP ZONE 1	15	SW	4	G-102	NA	NA	NA	42	10.09	5.01	0.497	0.0101	94	88	90	91	84	
8202012	915	ASP ZONE 1	15	NE	<0.05	G-103	NA	NA	N	50	10.07	3.32	0.330	0.0152	91	85	87	91	80	
8202012	915	ASP ZONE 1	15	SE	1	G-104	NA	NA	N	61	10.07	2.90	0.288	0.0174	94	88	90	87	82	
8202012	1105	ASP ZONE 2	10	NW	5	G-105	A-102	T-102	N-102	48	10.09	3.70	0.367	0.0136	109	97	99	93	88	ASP Zone 2 constructed on 08/10/2012
8202012	1105	ASP ZONE 2	10	SW	3	G-106	NA	NA	NA	63	10.09	1.97	0.195	0.0256	108	95	94	97	88	
8202012	1105	ASP ZONE 2	10	NE	2	G-107	NA	NA	NA	99	10.07	2.13	0.212	0.0236	109	97	100	97	89	
8202012	1105	ASP ZONE 2	10	SE	3	G-108	NA	NA	NA	69	10.07	2.60	0.258	0.0194	105	97	98	97	88	
8202012	1244	ASP ZONE 3	3	NW	6.5	G-109	NA	NA	NA	92	10.07	1.07	0.106	0.0471	121	102	105	101	93	ASP Zone 3 constructed on 08/17/2012
8202012	1245	ASP ZONE 3	3	SW	4.0	G-110	NA	NA	NA	41	10.07	3.87	0.384	0.0130	115	103	107	96	92	
8202012	1245	ASP ZONE 3	3	NE	3	G-111	A-103	T-103	N-103	75	10.09	1.70	0.168	0.0297	116	103	103	99	92	
8202012	1245	ASP ZONE 3	3	SE	9	G-112	NA	NA	NA	65	10.09	1.78	0.176	0.0283	121	105	108	123	94	
8202012	1453	WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- East	22	G-113	NA	NA	NA	112	9.70	1.33	0.137	0.0365	131	107	109	112	98	Windrow WR-3 constructed on 08/05/2012
8202012	1454	WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- West	3	G-114	A-104	T-104	N-104	94	9.70	2.14	0.221	0.0227	133	108	111	112	97	
8202012	1459	WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- North	5	G-115	NA	NA	NA	80	9.72	1.57	0.162	0.0310	152	112	122	115	99	
8202012	1506	WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- South	6	G-116	NA	NA	NA	81	10.09	2.43	0.241	0.0208	140	131	134	123	103	
8202012	1634	WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- N- Spatial	5	G-117	NA	NA	NA	88	9.72	2.15	0.221	0.0226	117	107	110	107	96	Spatial test: One side test and one top test
8202012	1630	WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- Spatial	5	G-118	NA	NA	NA	79	9.70	1.85	0.191	0.0262	116	107	108	101	100	Spatial test: One side test and one top test
8202012	1630	WINDROW WR-3	15	QC-Replicate	5	G-119	NA	NA	NA	79	9.70	1.72	0.177	0.0282	116	107	108	101	100	Replicate sample
8202012	1755	Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	NA	G-120	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.07	9.86	0.979	98%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	UHP air in clean canister- media blank sample
8212012	752	WINDROW WR-2	9	Top- West	<0.05	G-201	A-201	T-201	N-201	34	9.72	3.81	0.392	0.0128	123	89	97	91	75	Windrow WR-2 constructed on 08/12/2012
8212012	752	WINDROW WR-2	9	Top- East	5	G-202	NA	NA	NA	53	9.72	2.07	0.213	0.0235	119	93	101	109	75	
8212012	754	WINDROW WR-2	9	Side- North	5	G-203	NA	NA	NA	71	9.70	2.85	0.294	0.0170	131	100	110	91	76	
8212012	756	WINDROW WR-2	9	Side- South	5	G-204	NA	NA	NA	65	10.09	2.17	0.215	0.0232	96	90	96	89	63	
8212012	941	WINDROW WR-1	2	Top- West	1	G-205	A-202	T-202	N-202	36	9.72	2.72	0.280	0.0179	100	89	89	91	84	Windrow WR-1 constructed on 08/20/2012
8212012	941	WINDROW WR-1	2	Top- East	1	G-206	NA	NA	NA	53	9.72	2.48	0.255	0.0196	106	91	94	93	89	
8212012	942	WINDROW WR-1	2	Side- North	4	G-207	NA	NA	NA	55	10.09	2.90	0.287	0.0174	97	88	90	96	81	
8212012	942	WINDROW WR-1	2	Side- South	1	G-208	NA	NA	NA	49	9.70	2.40	0.247	0.0202	103	92	96	86	85	
8212012	1200	WINDROW WR-4	63	Top- North	0.5	G-209	A-203	T-203	N-203	42	9.72	3.90	0.401	0.0125	115	110	115	110	89	Windrow WR-4 constructed on 06/19/12
8212012	1211	WINDROW WR-4	63	Top- South	0.5	G-210	NA	NA	NA	65	9.72	2.65	0.273	0.0183	120	105	110	109	95	
8212012	1217	WINDROW WR-4	63	Side- West	2	G-211	NA	NA	NA	68	9.70	2.45	0.253	0.0198	117	99	111	110	100	
8212012	1220	WINDROW WR-4	63	Side- East	1.0	G-212	NA	NA	NA	71	10.12	2.63	0.260	0.0192	114	113	114	107	91	
8212012	1402	ASP ZONE 3	4	NW	7	G-213	NA	NA	NA	63	9.70	2.16	0.223	0.0225	108	NA	107	108	98	
8212012	1402	ASP ZONE 3	4	SW	5	G-214	NA	NA	NA	56	9.70	3.04	0.313	0.0160	113	109	114	107	99	
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8212012	1404	ASP ZONE 3	4	SE	5	G-216	NA	NA	NA	90	10.12	1.86	0.184	0.0272	117	103	107	106	97	
8212012	1537	ASP ZONE 3	4	Top NW- Spatial	19	G-217	NA	NA	NA	73	9.70	2.90	0.299	0.0167	112	106	106	102	99	Spatial test: One side test and one top test
8212012	1537	ASP ZONE 3	4	Side SE- Spatial	5	G-218	NA	NA	NA	90	9.70	1.31	0.135	0.0370	110	107	109	105	100	Spatial test: One side test and one top test
8212012	1537	ASP ZONE 3	4	QC- Replicate	5	G-219	NA	NA	NA	90	9.70	1.56	0.161	0.0311	110	107	109	105	100	Replicate sample
8212012	1645	Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	NA	G-220	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.12	10.2	1.008	101%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	UHP air in clean canister- media blank sample
8222012	745	ASP ZONE 1	17	NW	1	G-301	A-301	T-301	N-301	51	10.12	3.15	0.311	0.0161	92	80	79	82	76	
8222012	745	ASP ZONE 1	17	SW	0.5	G-302	NA	NA	NA	64	10.12	4.40	0.435	0.0115	82	77	79	78	76	
8222012	745	ASP ZONE 1	17	NE	<0.05	G-303	NA	NA	NA	51	9.72	3.20	0.329	0.0152	86	80	84	88	76	
8222012	745	ASP ZONE 1	17	SE	0.5	G-304	NA	NA	N	112	9.72	1.43	0.147	0.0340	85	80	80	80	77	
8222012	918	ASP ZONE 2	12	NW	<0.05	G-305	A-302	T-302	N-302	81	10.12	2.38	0.235	0.0213	94	88	90	88	78	Blower fan not functioning properly
8222012	918	ASP ZONE 2	12	SW	<0.05	G-306	NA	NA	NA	58	10.12	2.89	0.286	0.0175	94	91	91	88	83	
8222012	918	ASP ZONE 2	12	NE	0.5	G-307	NA	NA	NA	66	9.92	4.33	0.436	0.0115	92	88	87	83	83	
8222012	918	ASP ZONE 2	12	SE	1	G-308	NA	NA	NA	74	9.92	2.03	0.205	0.0244	87	86	86	87	81	
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8222012	1104	ASP ZONE 3	5	NE	0.5	G-311	NA	NA	NA	62	9.92	2.37	0.239	0.0209	109	104	106	108	93	
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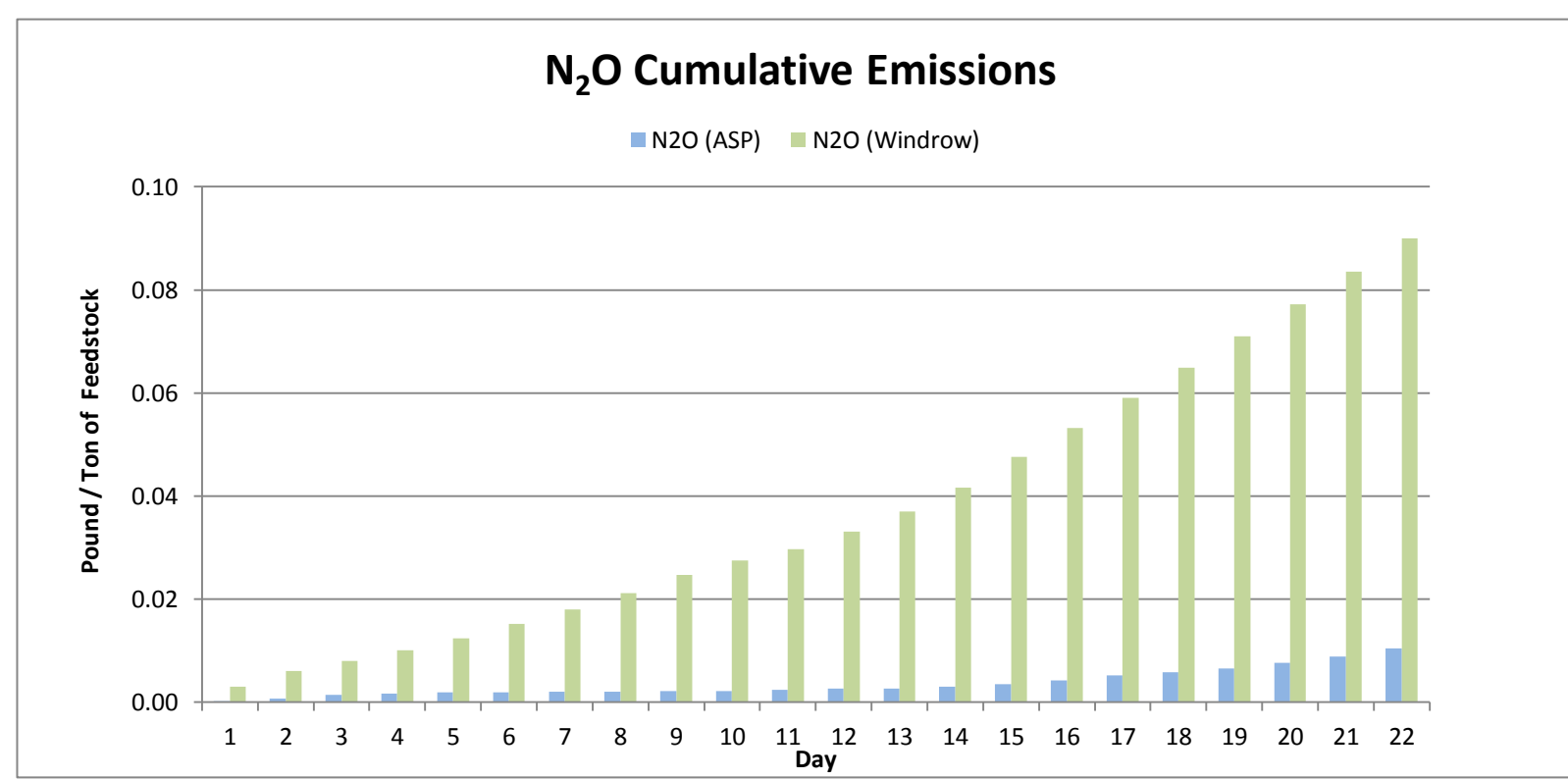
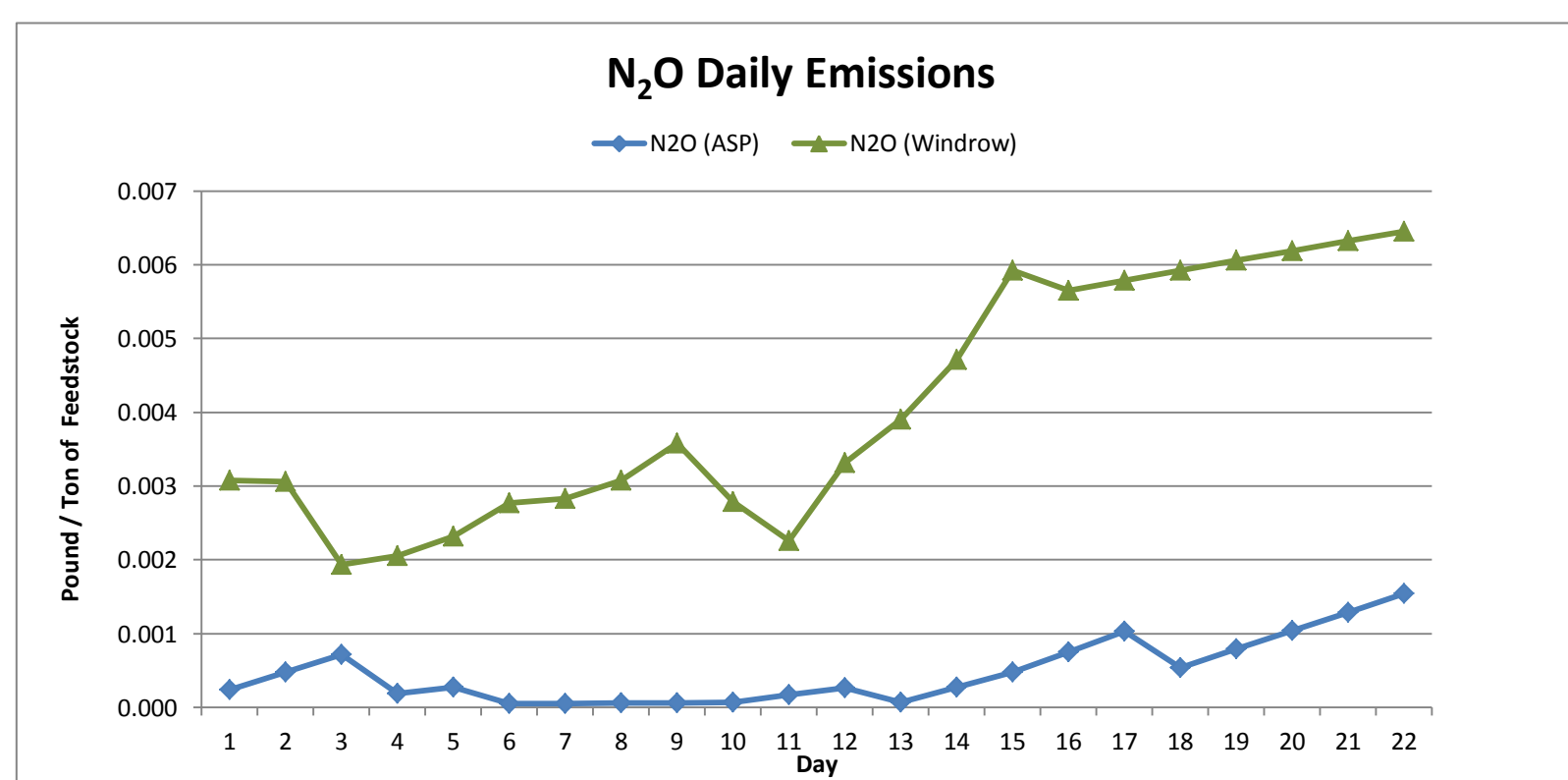
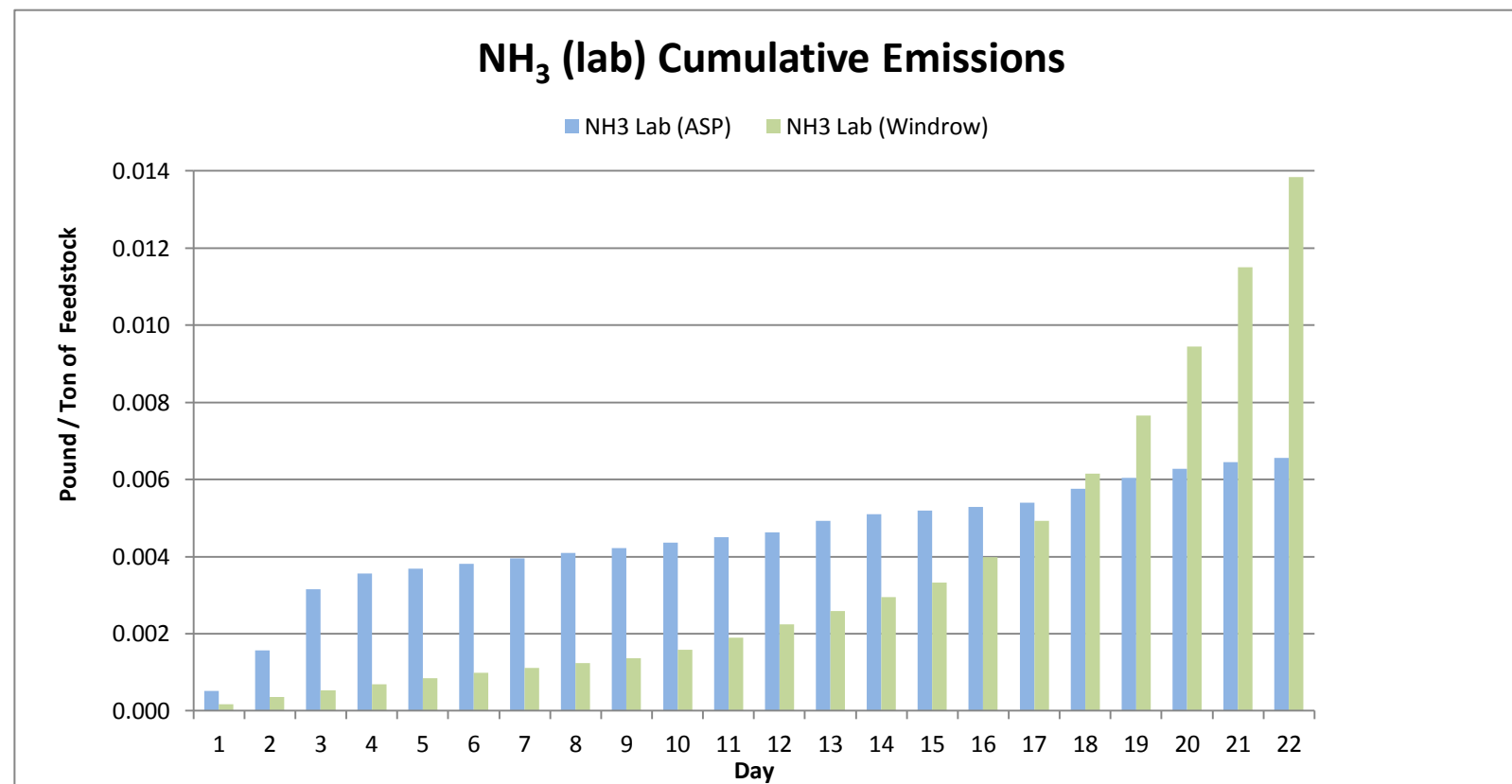
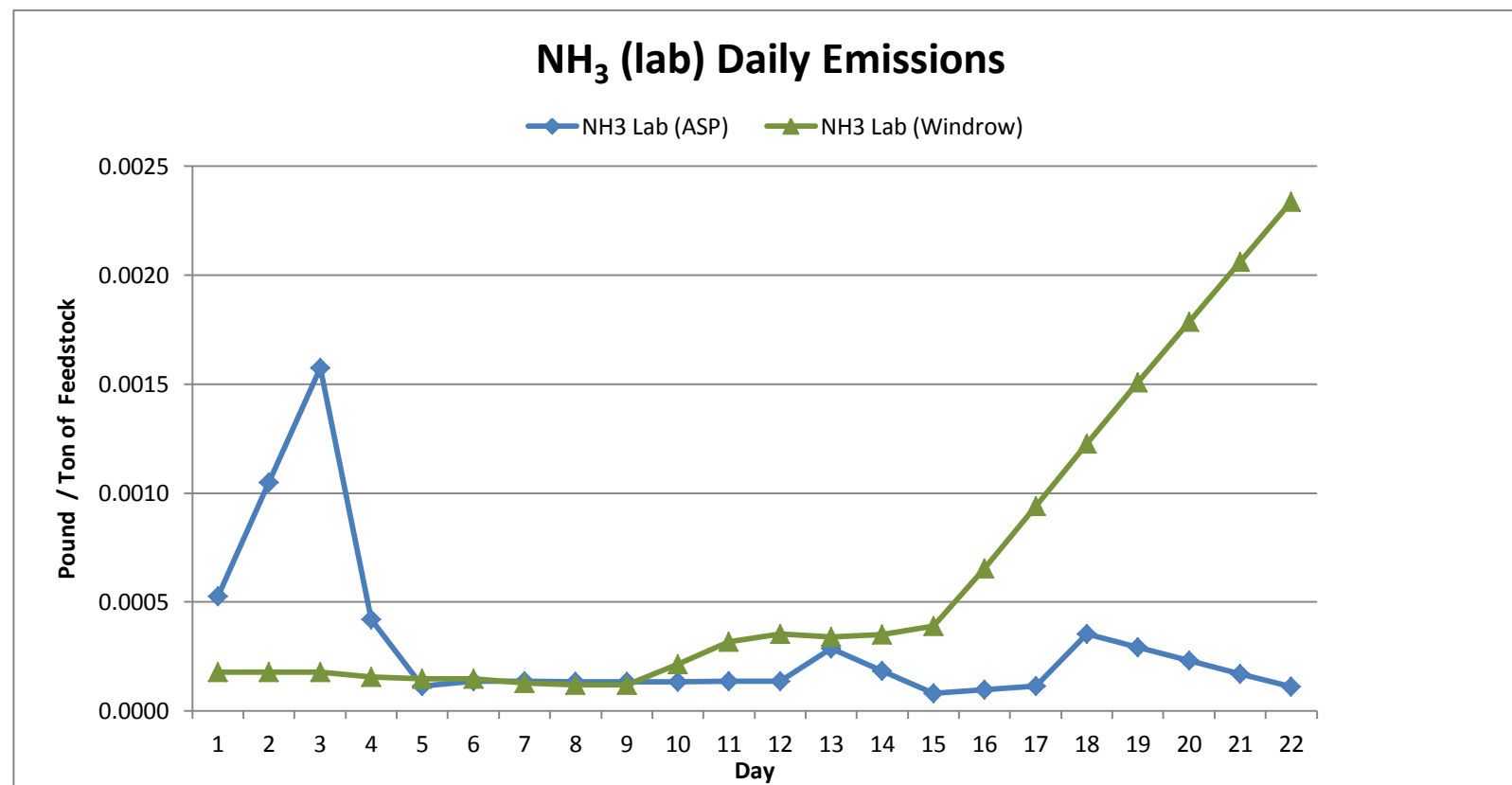
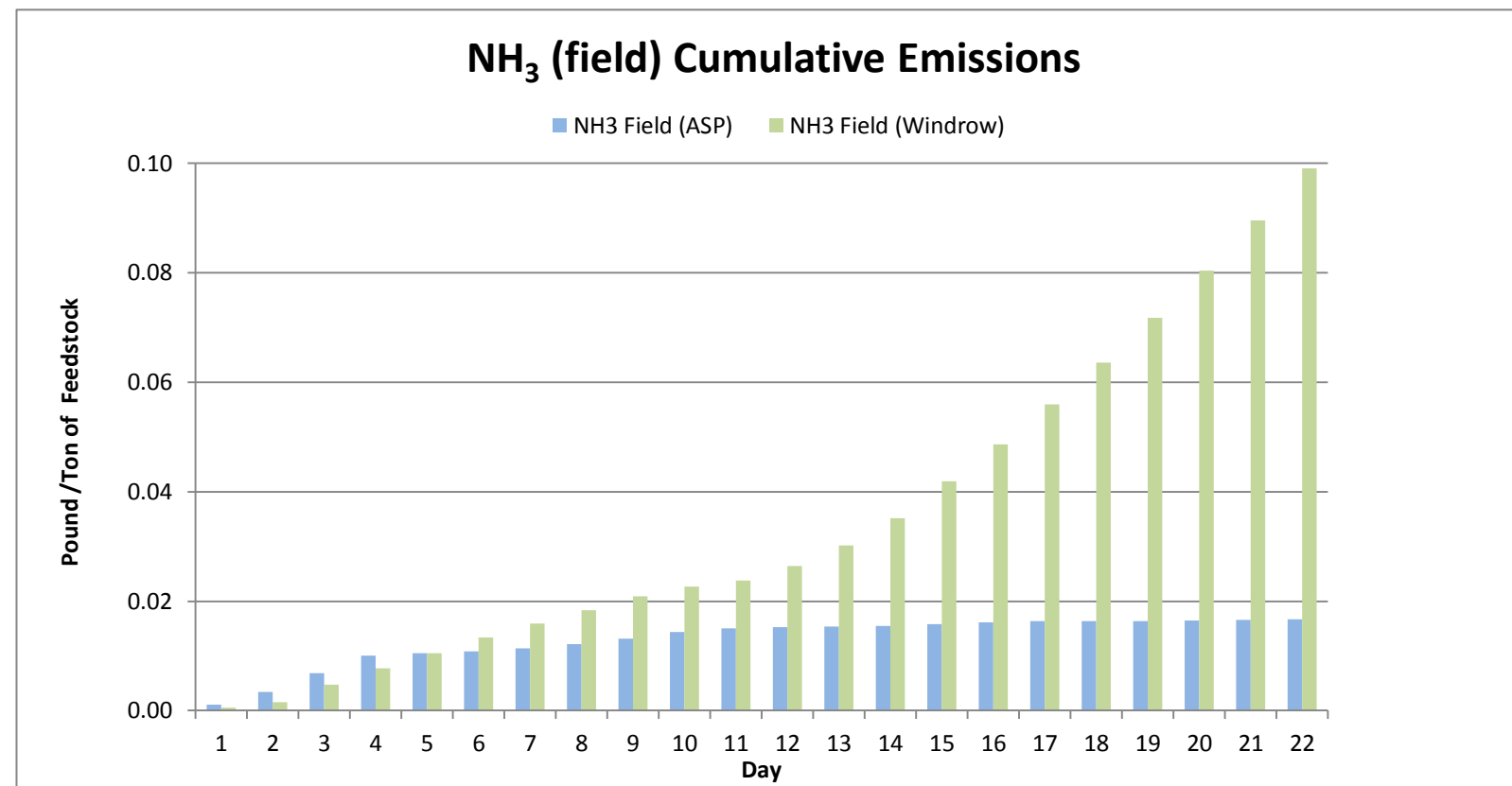
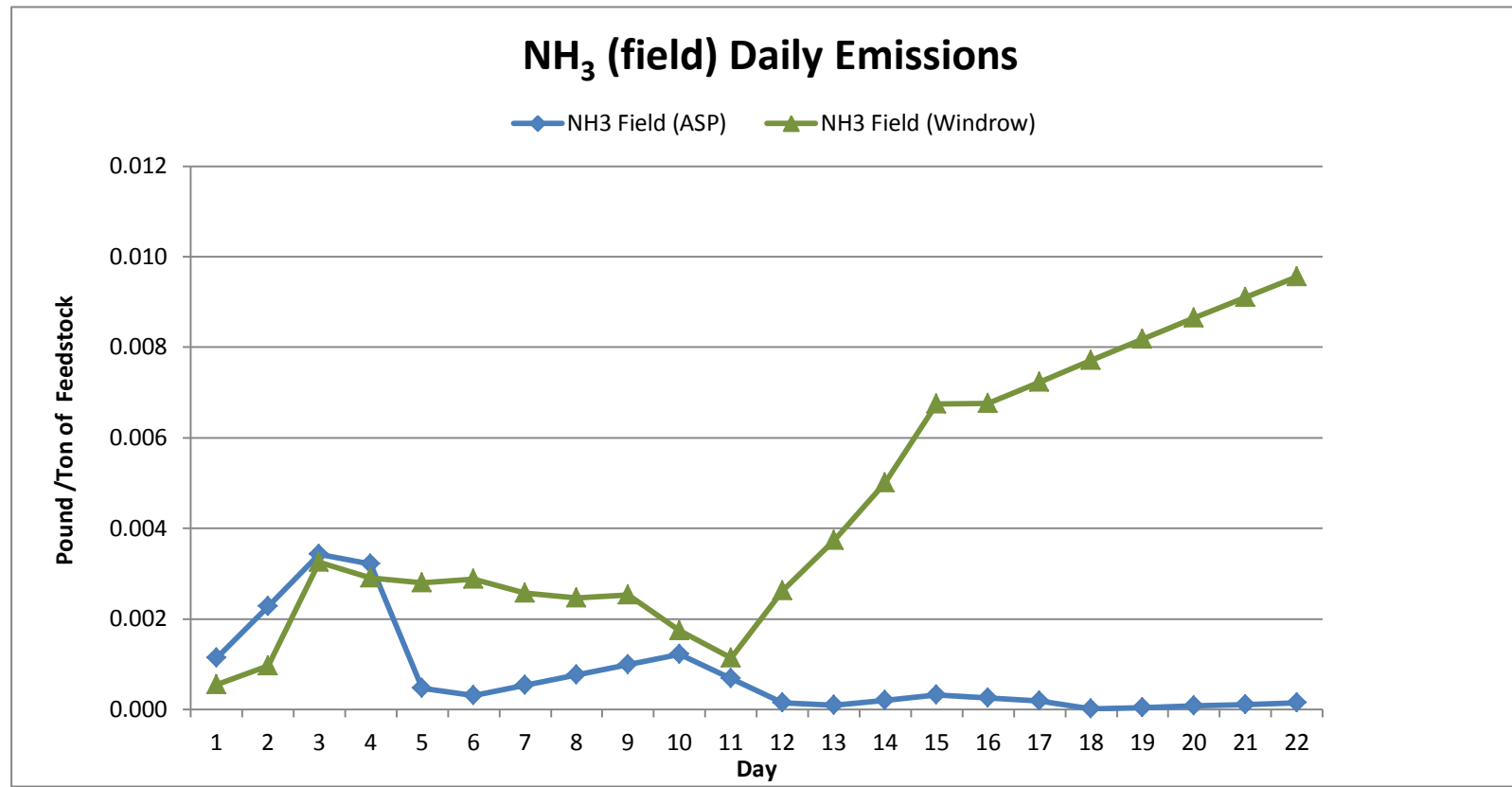
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8222012	1315	WINDROW WR-1	3	Top- West	<0.05	G-313	A-304	T-304	N-304	60	9.91	2.68	0.270	0.0185	116	106	108	105	95	
8222012	1318	WINDROW WR-1	3	Top- East	1	G-314	NA	NA	NA	88	9.91	1.74	0.176	0.0285	111	101	103	101	90	
8222012	1322	WINDROW WR-1	3	Side- North	<0.05	G-315	NA	NA	NA	89	9.89	2.71	0.274	0.0182	112	106	106	93	96	
8222012	1333	WINDROW WR-1	3	Side- South	13	G-316	NA	NA	NA	88	9.93	1.75	0.176	0.0284	120	102	112	117	97	
8222012	1028	FRESH DAY OLD CHO	1	Top	0.5	G-317	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.89	5.55	0.561	0.0089	98	NA	99	102	86	Representative of fresh chop used to build piles, about 1 day old
8222012	1230	FRESH CHOP	0	Top	NA	G-318	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.92	5.18	0.522	0.0096	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Representative of fresh chop, about 2 hours old
8222012	1230	FRESH CHOP	0	QC- Replicate	NA	G-319	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.92	5.30	0.534	0.0094	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Replicate sample
8222012	1437	Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	NA	G-320	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.92	3.41	0.344	34%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	UHP air in clean canister- media blank sample
8232012	747	ASP ZONE 1	18	NW	<0.05	G-401	A-401	T-401	N-401	42	9.93	5.71	0.575	0.0087	81	74	76	78	70	Blower cycle is short due to power level
8232012	749	ASP ZONE 1	18	SW	<0.05	G-402	NA	NA	NA	61	9.93	2.72	0.274	0.0183	84	74	74	82	70	
8232012	730	ASP ZONE 1	18	NE	<0.05	G-403	NA	NA	NA	63	9.89	2.43	0.246	0.0203	79	75	75	80	71	
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8232012	907	ASP ZONE 2	13	NW	0.2	G-405	A-402	T-402	N-402	47	9.89	3.41	0.345	0.0145	85	83	87	85	74	
8232012	907	ASP ZONE 2	13	SW	0.8	G-406	NA	NA	NA	89	9.89	2.76	0.279	0.0179	81	85	82	80	84	
8232012	907	ASP ZONE 2	13	NE	<0.05	G-407	NA	NA	NA	60	9.93	2.72	0.274	0.0183	95	87	90	85	80	
8232012	907	ASP ZONE 2	13	SE	<0.05	G-408	NA	NA	NA	63	9.93	2.67	0.269	0.0186	90	89	93	92	81	
8232012	1037	ASP ZONE 3	6	NW	<0.05	G-409	A-403	T-403	N-403	37	9.93	4.98	0.502	0.0100	110	96	104	100	88	
8232012	1037	ASP ZONE 3	6	SW	1	G-410	NA	NA	NA	51	9.93	3.21	0.323	0.0155	113	97	101	119	90	
8232012	1037	ASP ZONE 3	6	NE	<0.05	G-411	NA	NA	NA	67	9.89	2.42	0.245	0.0204	103	100	102	105	90	
8232012	1037	ASP ZONE 3	6	SE	4	G-412	NA	NA	NA	37	9.89	4.11	0.416	0.0120	122	104	107	110	90	
8232012	1235	WINDROW WR-2	11	Top	0.3	G-413	A-404	T-404	N-404	71	9.92	2.14	0.216	0.0232	127	110	112	109	95	Pile watered on site schedule (08/23/2012, 1015); A/T/N replicate '405'
8232012	1235	WINDROW WR-2	11	Side- South	3	G-414	NA	NA	NA	81	9.91	2.09	0.211	0.0237	143	122	128	110	95	
8232012	1409	WR-2 POST MIX	11	Top	0.2	G-415	NA	NA	NA	60	9.92	1.72	0.173	0.0288	138	111	116	126	98	Scarab mixing at 1325-1335; test started 4 minutes post mixing
8232012	1409	WR-2 POST MIX	11	QC-Replicate	0.2	G-416	A-405	T-405	N-405	60	9.92	2.09	0.211	0.0237	138	111	116	126	98	Ammonia, VOCs, and nitrogen oxide replicates of '404' series
8232012	1412	WR-2 POST MIX	11	Side- South	0.2	G-417	NA	NA	NA	65	9.91	2.95	0.298	0.0168	137	123	126	119	97	Scarab mixing at 1325-1335; test started 4 minutes post mixing
8232012	1512	Media Blank	NA	QC- Blank	NA	G-418	A-406	T-406	N-406	NA	10.07	10.02	0.995	100%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	UHP air in clean canister- media blank sample
8282012	808	ASP ZONE 1	23	NW	<0.05	G-501	A-501	T-501	N-501	26	9.76	5.80	0.594	0.0084	91	81	89	93	78	
8282012	808	ASP ZONE 1	23	SW	0.1	G-502	NA	NA	NA	37	9.91	4.89	0.493	0.0101	96	84	92	97	73	
8282012	808	ASP ZONE 1	23	NE	1	G-503	NA	NA	NA	61	9.91	1.89	0.191	0.0262	95	84	87	93	74	
8282012	1030	WINDROW WR-3	29	Top- West	40	G-504	A-502	T-502	N-502	60	9.76	2.18	0.223	0.0224	146	107	112	118	89	
8282012	1030	WINDROW WR-3	29	Top- East	<0.05	G-505	NA	NA	NA	51	9.76	3.49	0.358	0.0140	119	103	110	115	86	
8282012	1030	WINDROW WR-3	29	Side- South	30	G-506	NA	NA	NA	47	9.91	2.84	0.287	0.0174	140	114	120	122	84	
8292012	1154	Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	NA	G-605	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.91		0.000		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Media blank in BOC testing data set for the batch

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Day	CH4				VOC				NH3 Field				NH3 Lab				N2O			
	Daily		Cumulative		Daily		Cumulative		Daily		Cumulative		Daily		Cumulative		Daily		Cumulative	
	CH4 (ASP)	CH4 (Windrow)	CH4 (ASP)	CH4 (Windrow)	VOC (ASP)	VOC (Windrow)	VOC (ASP)	VOC (Windrow)	NH3 Field (ASP)	NH3 Field (Windrow)	NH3 Field (ASP)	NH3 Field (Windrow)	NH3 Lab (ASP)	NH3 Lab (Windrow)	NH3 Lab (ASP)	NH3 Lab (Windrow)	N2O (ASP)	N2O (Windrow)	N2O (ASP)	N2O (Windrow)
1	0.0037	0.002	0.0037	0.002	0.0024	0.267	0.0024	0.267	0.0011	0.001	0.0011	0.001	0.0005	0.000	0.0005	0.000	0.0002	0.003	0.0002	0.003
2	0.0075	0.003	0.0112	0.005	0.0047	0.334	0.0071	0.601	0.0023	0.001	0.0034	0.002	0.0010	0.000	0.0016	0.000	0.0005	0.003	0.0007	0.006
3	0.0112	0.011	0.0224	0.016	0.0071	0.969	0.0142	1.570	0.0034	0.003	0.0069	0.005	0.0016	0.000	0.0031	0.001	0.0007	0.002	0.0014	0.008
4	0.0212	0.040	0.0436	0.056	0.0264	0.788	0.0406	2.358	0.0032	0.003	0.0101	0.008	0.0004	0.000	0.0036	0.001	0.0002	0.002	0.0016	0.010
5	0.0165	0.068	0.0601	0.124	0.0020	0.676	0.0426	3.033	0.0005	0.003	0.0105	0.010	0.0001	0.000	0.0037	0.001	0.0003	0.002	0.0019	0.012
6	0.0118	0.104	0.0719	0.228	0.0024	0.607	0.0450	3.640	0.0003	0.003	0.0109	0.013	0.0001	0.000	0.0038	0.001	0.0001	0.003	0.0020	0.015
7	0.1668	0.125	0.2387	0.353	0.0028	0.454	0.0478	4.095	0.0005	0.003	0.0114	0.016	0.0001	0.000	0.0040	0.001	0.0001	0.003	0.0020	0.018
8	0.3219	0.153	0.5606	0.506	0.0032	0.345	0.0511	4.440	0.0008	0.002	0.0122	0.018	0.0001	0.000	0.0041	0.001	0.0001	0.003	0.0021	0.021
9	0.4769	0.194	1.0375	0.700	0.0037	0.255	0.0547	4.695	0.0010	0.003	0.0132	0.021	0.0001	0.000	0.0042	0.001	0.0001	0.004	0.0021	0.025
10	0.6319	0.196	1.6694	0.896	0.0041	0.324	0.0588	5.018	0.0012	0.002	0.0144	0.023	0.0001	0.000	0.0044	0.002	0.0001	0.003	0.0022	0.027
11	0.6706	0.212	2.3400	1.108	0.0036	0.410	0.0624	5.428	0.0007	0.001	0.0151	0.024	0.0001	0.000	0.0045	0.002	0.0002	0.002	0.0024	0.030
12	0.7093	0.311	3.0493	1.419	0.0030	0.398	0.0654	5.825	0.0002	0.003	0.0152	0.026	0.0001	0.000	0.0046	0.002	0.0003	0.003	0.0026	0.033
13	0.8903	0.366	3.9396	1.785	0.0074	0.330	0.0728	6.156	0.0001	0.004	0.0153	0.030	0.0003	0.000	0.0049	0.003	0.0001	0.004	0.0027	0.037
14	0.4626	0.442	4.4022	2.227	0.0038	0.291	0.0766	6.447	0.0002	0.005	0.0155	0.035	0.0002	0.000	0.0051	0.003	0.0003	0.005	0.0030	0.042
15	0.0348	0.556	4.4370	2.783	0.0003	0.272	0.0769	6.718	0.0003	0.007	0.0159	0.042	0.0001	0.000	0.0052	0.003	0.0005	0.006	0.0035	0.048
16	0.1351	0.496	4.5721	3.279	0.0015	0.249	0.0784	6.967	0.0003	0.007	0.0161	0.049	0.0001	0.001	0.0053	0.004	0.0008	0.006	0.0042	0.053
17	0.2354	0.474	4.8076	3.753	0.0027	0.246	0.0810	7.213	0.0002	0.007	0.0163	0.056	0.0001	0.001	0.0054	0.005	0.0010	0.006	0.0052	0.059
18	0.0728	0.453	4.8803	4.206	0.0038	0.242	0.0848	7.455	0.0000	0.008	0.0163	0.064	0.0004	0.001	0.0058	0.006	0.0005	0.006	0.0058	0.065
19	0.0609	0.432	4.9412	4.637	0.0037	0.239	0.0885	7.694	0.0000	0.008	0.0164	0.072	0.0003	0.002	0.0060	0.008	0.0008	0.006	0.0066	0.071
20	0.0490	0.411	4.9903	5.048	0.0036	0.235	0.0921	7.929	0.0001	0.009	0.0165	0.080	0.0002	0.002	0.0063	0.009	0.0010	0.006	0.0076	0.077
21	0.0371	0.390	5.0274	5.438	0.0035	0.232	0.0956	8.161	0.0001	0.009	0.0166	0.090	0.0002	0.002	0.0065	0.012	0.0013	0.006	0.0089	0.084
22	0.0253	0.369	5.0526	5.807	0.0034	0.229	0.0990	8.389	0.0001	0.010	0.0167	0.099	0.0001	0.002	0.0066	0.014	0.0015	0.006	0.0105	0.090

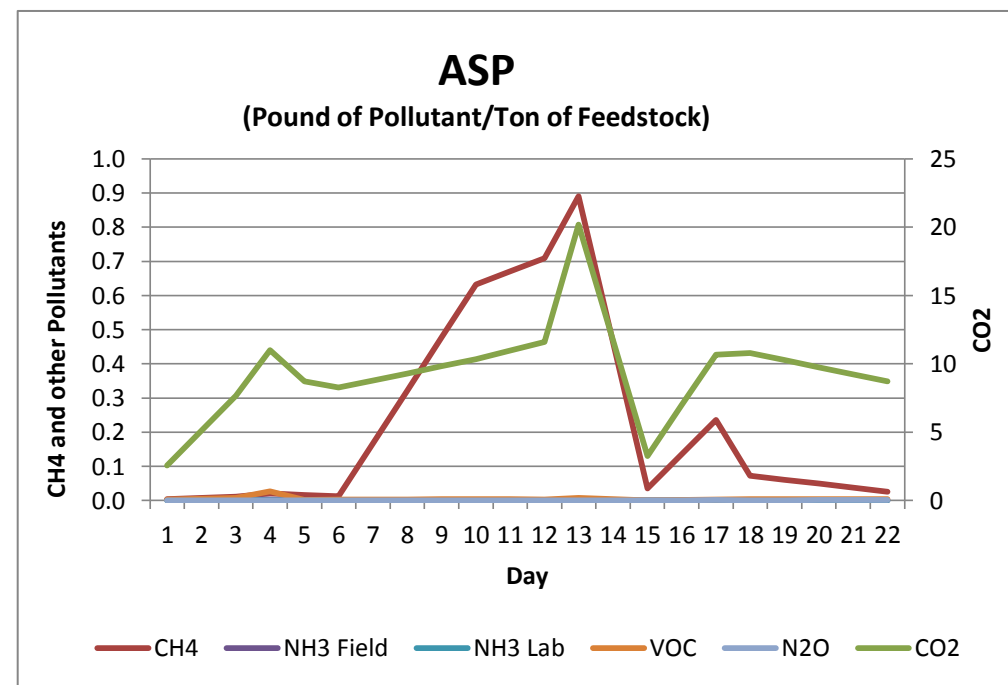
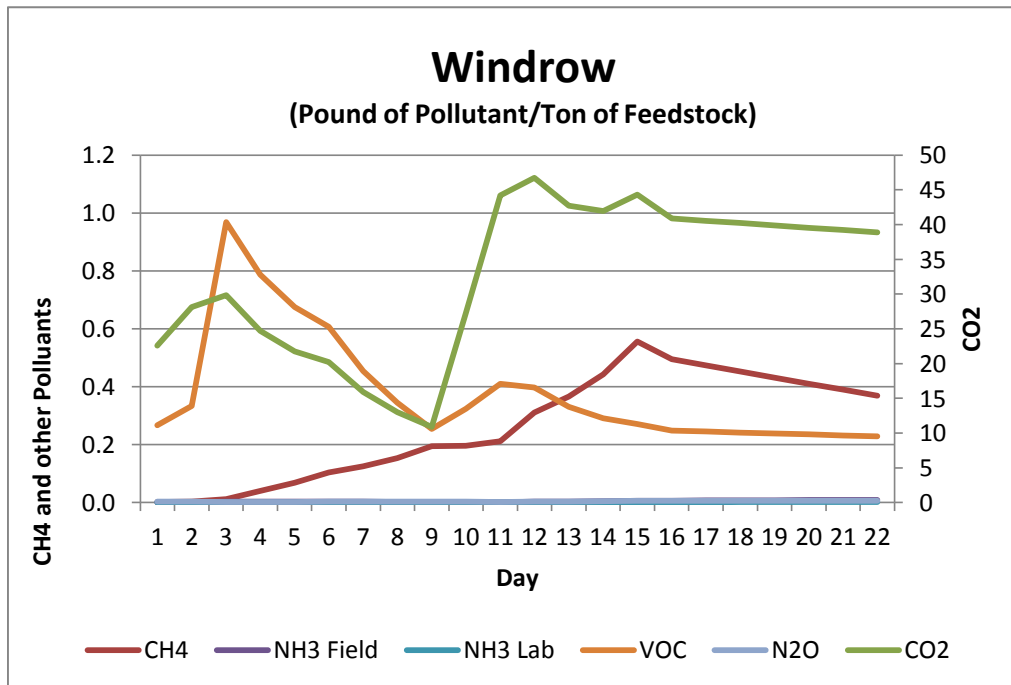




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Emissions (pounds/ton)

Day	ASP						Windrow					
	CH4	CO2	NH3 Field	NH3 Lab	VOC	N2O	CH4	CO2	NH3 Field	NH3 Lab	VOC	N2O
1	0.0037	2.56	0.0011	0.0005	0.0024	0.0002	0.002	22.579	0.001	0.000	0.267	0.003
2	0.0075	5.11	0.0023	0.0010	0.0047	0.0005	0.003	28.125	0.001	0.000	0.334	0.003
3	0.0112	7.67	0.0034	0.0016	0.0071	0.0007	0.011	29.827	0.003	0.000	0.969	0.002
4	0.0212	11.00	0.0032	0.0004	0.0264	0.0002	0.040	24.731	0.003	0.000	0.788	0.002
5	0.0165	8.72	0.0005	0.0001	0.0020	0.0003	0.068	21.756	0.003	0.000	0.676	0.002
6	0.0118	8.27	0.0003	0.0001	0.0024	0.0001	0.104	20.226	0.003	0.000	0.607	0.003
7	0.1668	8.78	0.0005	0.0001	0.0028	0.0001	0.125	15.885	0.003	0.000	0.454	0.003
8	0.3219	9.30	0.0008	0.0001	0.0032	0.0001	0.153	12.990	0.002	0.000	0.345	0.003
9	0.4769	9.82	0.0010	0.0001	0.0037	0.0001	0.194	10.886	0.003	0.000	0.255	0.004
10	0.6319	10.33	0.0012	0.0001	0.0041	0.0001	0.196	27.246	0.002	0.000	0.324	0.003
11	0.6706	10.97	0.0007	0.0001	0.0036	0.0002	0.212	44.204	0.001	0.000	0.410	0.002
12	0.7093	11.61	0.0002	0.0001	0.0030	0.0003	0.311	46.728	0.003	0.000	0.398	0.003
13	0.8903	20.19	0.0001	0.0003	0.0074	0.0001	0.366	42.700	0.004	0.000	0.330	0.004
14	0.4626	11.72	0.0002	0.0002	0.0038	0.0003	0.442	41.956	0.005	0.000	0.291	0.005
15	0.0348	3.25	0.0003	0.0001	0.0003	0.0005	0.556	44.327	0.007	0.000	0.272	0.006
16	0.1351	6.97	0.0003	0.0001	0.0015	0.0008	0.496	40.881	0.007	0.001	0.249	0.006
17	0.2354	10.68	0.0002	0.0001	0.0027	0.0010	0.474	40.547	0.007	0.001	0.246	0.006
18	0.0728	10.80	0.0000	0.0004	0.0038	0.0005	0.453	40.215	0.008	0.001	0.242	0.006
19	0.0609	10.27	0.0000	0.0003	0.0037	0.0008	0.432	39.883	0.008	0.002	0.239	0.006
20	0.0490	9.75	0.0001	0.0002	0.0036	0.0010	0.411	39.553	0.009	0.002	0.235	0.006
21	0.0371	9.23	0.0001	0.0002	0.0035	0.0013	0.390	39.225	0.009	0.002	0.232	0.006
22	0.0253	8.71	0.0001	0.0001	0.0034	0.0015	0.37	38.8973	0.0096	0.0023	0.2285	0.0065



Process Day	CH4	CO2	NH3 T	NH3 L	VOC	N2O
3	3	2,141	0.96	0.44	1.98	0.20
4	6	3,069	0.90	0.12	7.37	0.05
5	5	2,434	0.13	0.03	0.57	0.08
6	3	2,308	0.09	0.04	0.67	0.01
10	176	2,884	0.341	0.038	1.142	0.019
12	198	3,240	0.044	0.039	0.841	0.075
13	248	5,634	0.026	0.080	2.061	0.020
15	10	907	0.091	0.023	0.078	0.133
17	66	2,982	0.054	0.032	0.747	0.288
18	20	3,013	0.004	0.099	1.061	0.151
23	4	2,284	0.050	0.014	0.920	0.500

Prototype Cell Dimensions	
Total Cell Area	785 m2
Zone 1 Mass	405,000 Pounds
Zone 2 Mass	490,000 Pounds
Zone 3 Mass	495,924 Pounds
Total	1,390,924 Pounds
	695.462 tons

Cycle Len	VOC	NH3		Greenhouse Gas			
		Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
22 Day	0.10	0.017	0.007	206	5.1	0.01	335
30 Day	0.13	0.018	0.007	271	5.2	0.02	407
60 Day	0.22	0.024	0.008	517	5.6	0.08	679

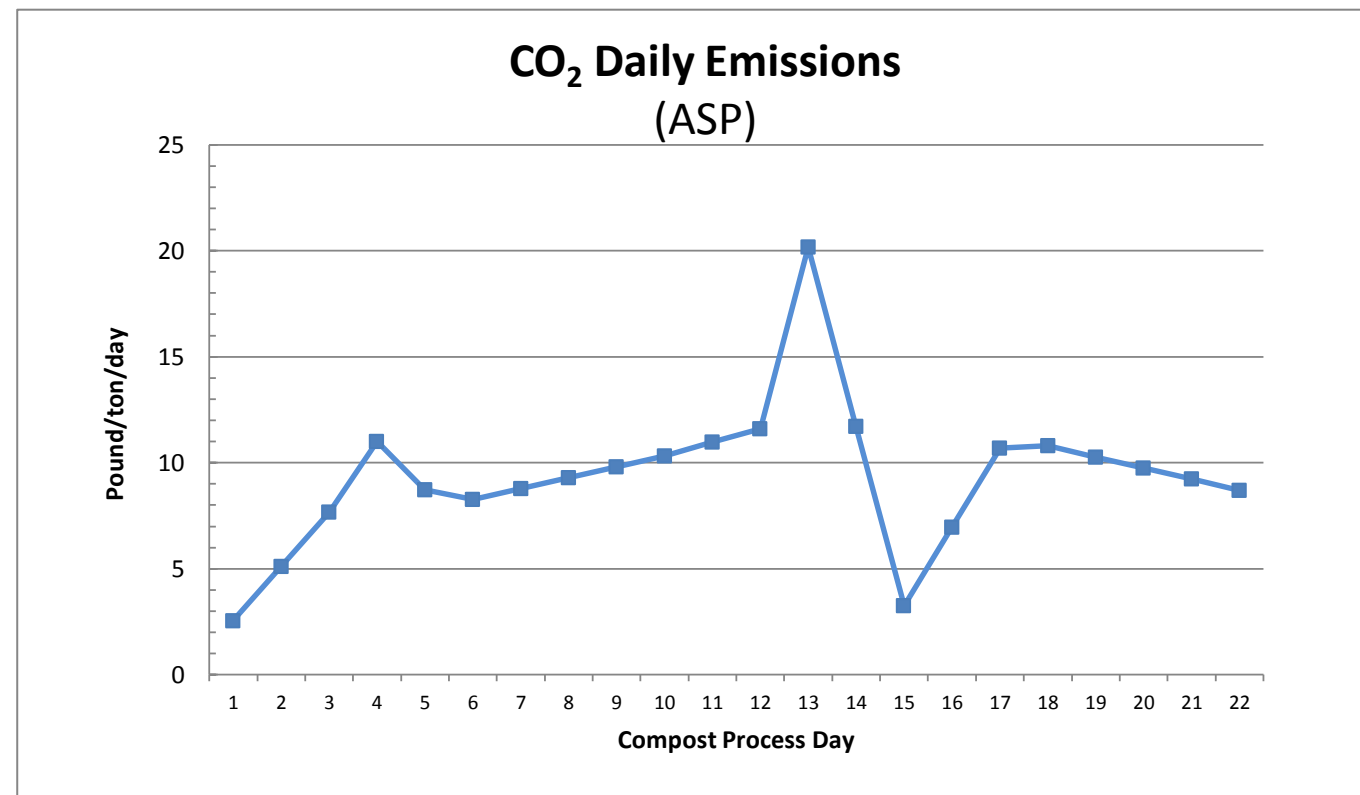
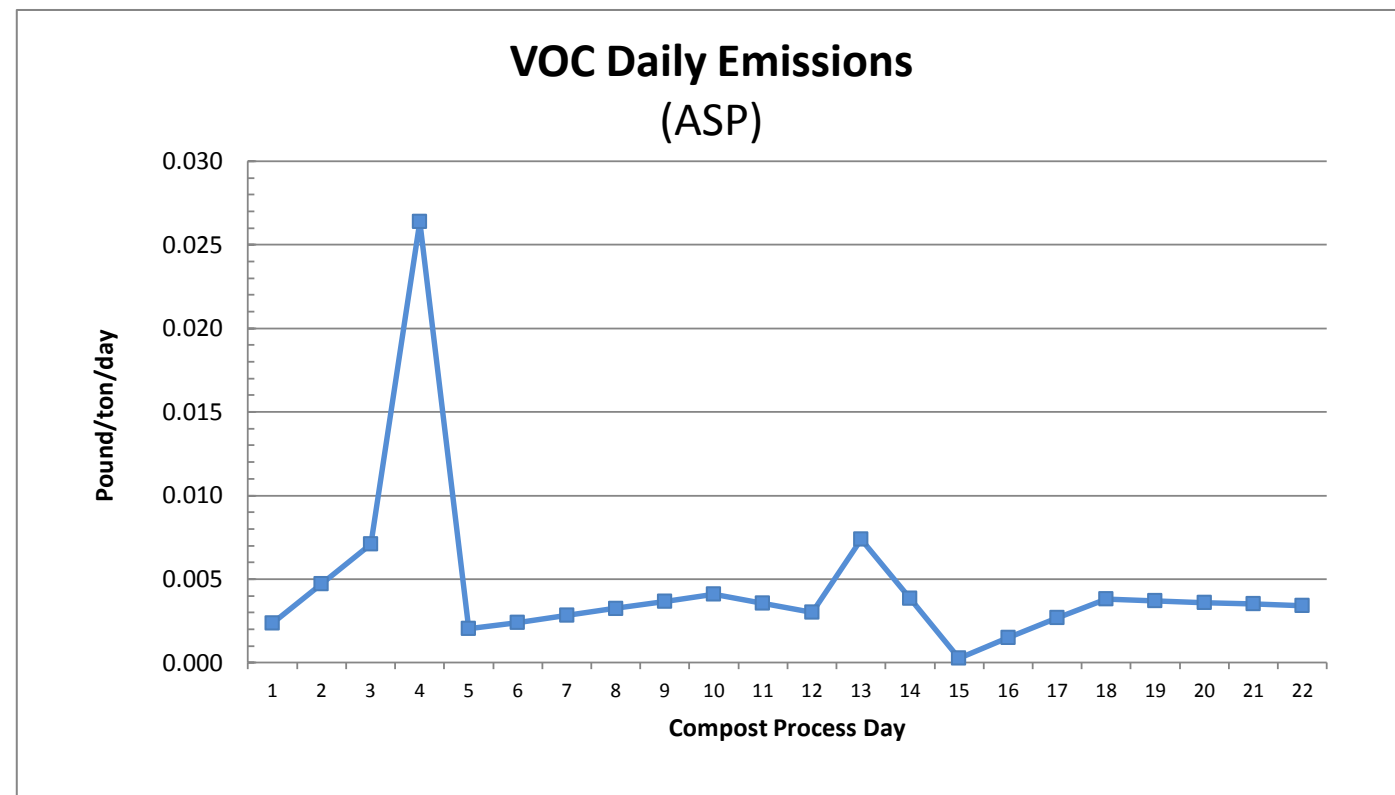


Table 3. Summary of Windrow Data; Concentration Data (ppmvC, mg/m3) and Flux Data (mg/m2,min-1).

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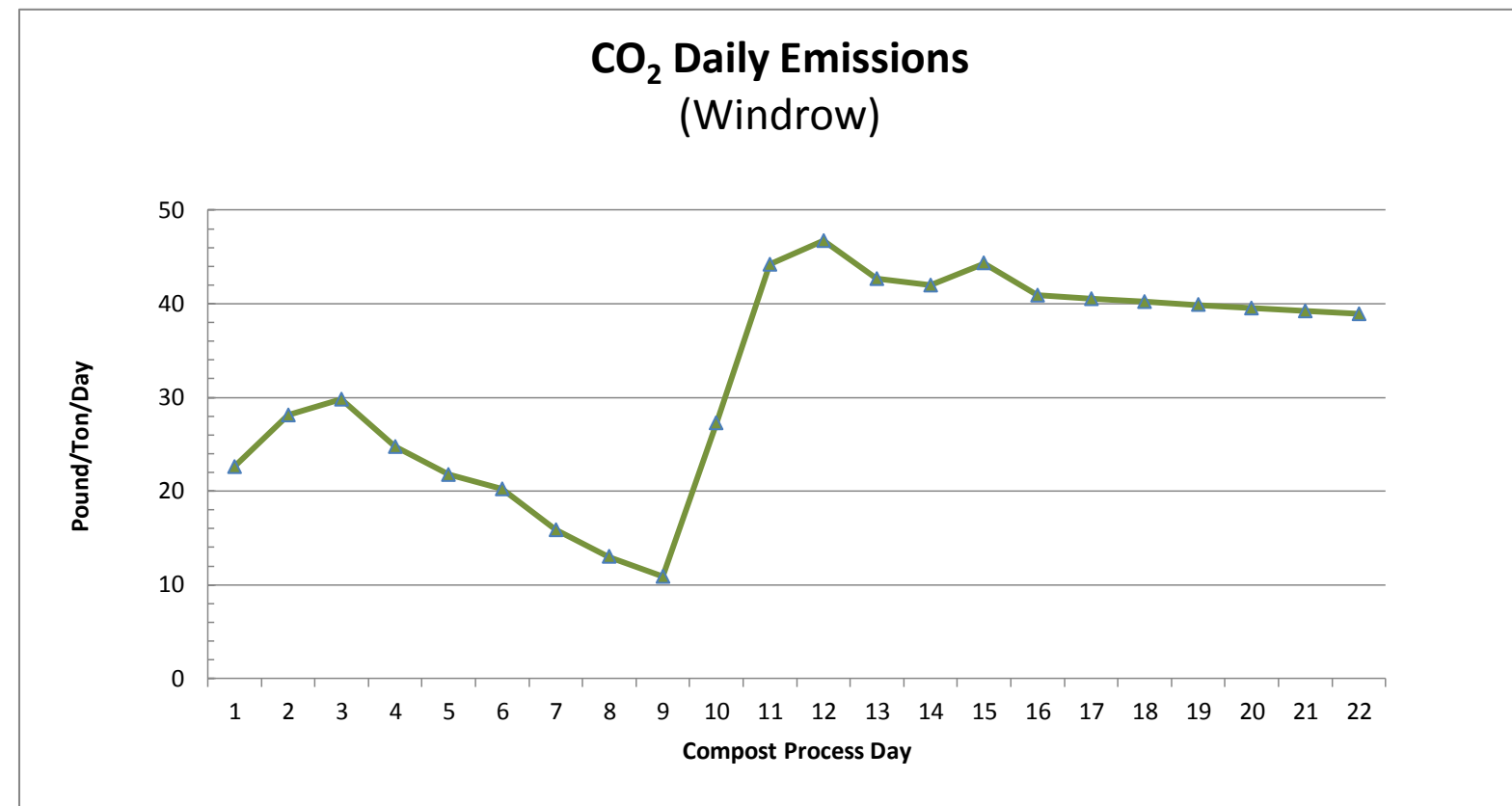
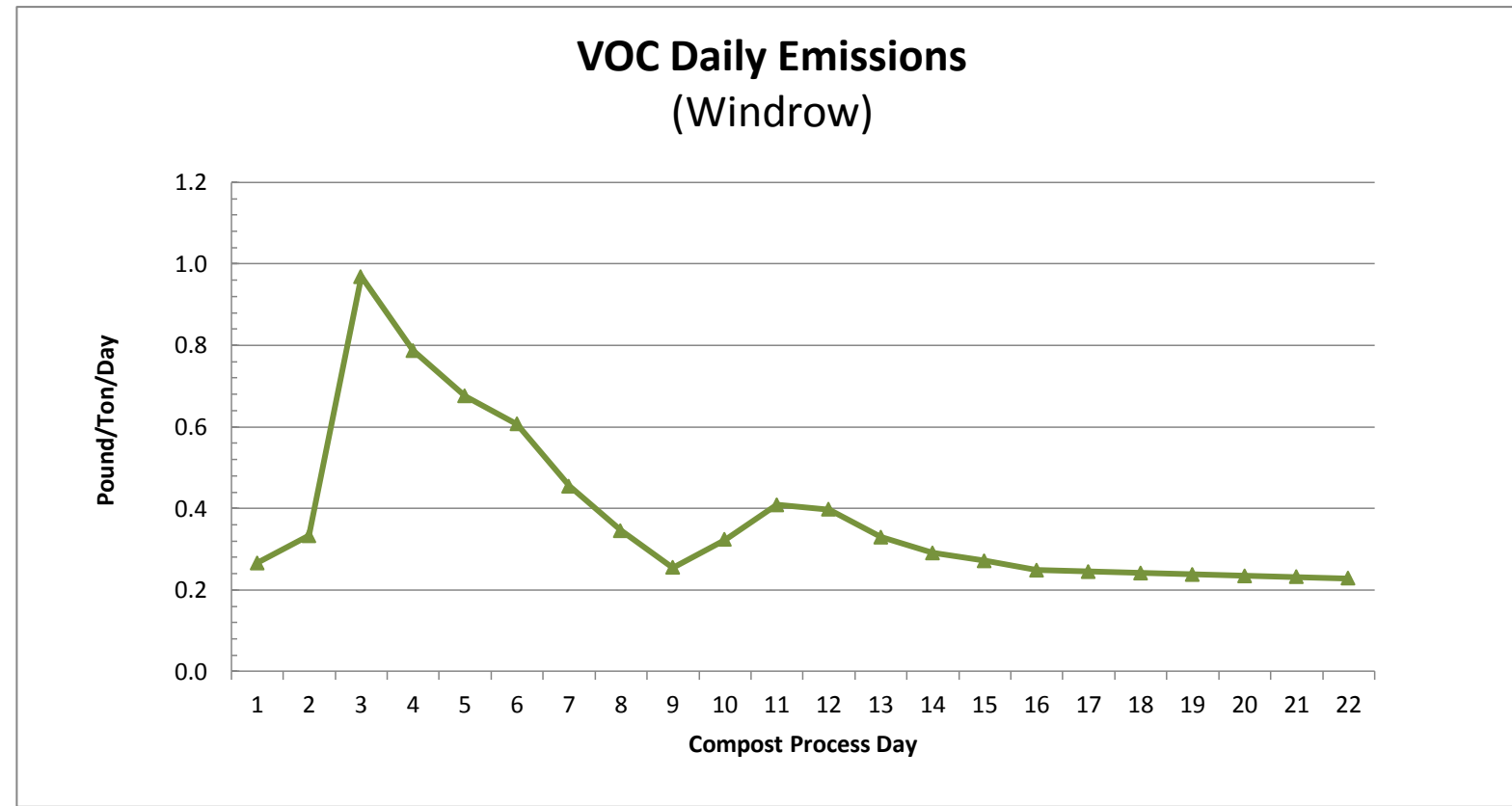
SOURCE	DAY	LOCATION	Methane Flux	CO2 Flux	NH3/Tub Flux	NH3/La Flux	TNMN Flux	N2O Flux		SOURCE	DAY	COMMENT	
ESH DAY OLD CHOP	1	Top	0.0895	3012	0.0242	NA	35.4	NA		FRESH DAY OLD CHOP	1	Less than 24 hours old	
FRESH CHOP	0	Top	0.0916	5145	0.00262	< NA	81.7	NA		FRESH CHOP	0	About 2 hours old post chop	
FRESH CHOP	0	QC- Replicate	0.0906	5157	0.00256	< NA	75.3	NA		FRESH CHOP	0	QC- Replicate	
WINDROW WR-1	2	Top- West	0.448	3534	0.0975	0.0320 <	54.1	0.548		WINDROW WR-1	2		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Top- East	0.527	4699	0.107	NA	56.8	NA		WINDROW WR-1	2		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Side- North	0.495	5644	0.379	NA	44.9	NA		WINDROW WR-1	2		
WINDROW WR-1	2	Side- South	0.689	6267	0.110	NA	83.4	NA		WINDROW WR-1	2		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Top- West	3.02	7566	0.00504	< 0.0300 <	167	0.324		WINDROW WR-1	3		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Top- East	0.519	4823	0.155	NA	204	NA		WINDROW WR-1	3		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Side- North	3.57	4363	0.00496	< NA	135	NA		WINDROW WR-1	3		
WINDROW WR-1	3	Side- South	0.469	3204	2.01	NA	143	NA		WINDROW WR-1	3		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Top- West	48.9	1264	0.00349	< 0.0206 <	77.7	0.616		WINDROW WR-2	9		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Top- East	65.0	2320	0.640	NA	76.5	NA		WINDROW WR-2	9		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Side- North	15.1	1199	0.463	NA	15.9	NA		WINDROW WR-2	9		
WINDROW WR-2	9	Side- South	4.68	2712	0.632	NA	5.29	NA		WINDROW WR-2	9		
WINDROW WR-2	11	Top	63.8	8834	0.0379	0.0595	105	0.422		WINDROW WR-2	11		
WINDROW WR-2	11	Side- South	15.3	7687	0.387	NA	48.0	NA		WINDROW WR-2	11		
WR-2 POST MIX	11	Top	36.6	4062	0.0314	NA	165	NA		WR-2 POST MIX	11		
WR-2 POST MIX	11	QC-Replicate	31.2	4011	0.0258	0.0467 <	163	0.255		WR-2 POST MIX	11	QC- Replicate	
WR-2 POST MIX	11	Side- South	11.5	5686	0.0183	NA	110	NA		WR-2 POST MIX	11		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- East	63.1	6383	4.38	NA	47.4	NA		WINDROW WR-3	15		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- West	70.0	7075	0.371	0.0692 <	27.5	1.05		WINDROW WR-3	15		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- North	104	11061	0.845	NA	51.3	NA		WINDROW WR-3	15		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- South	206	14227	0.680	NA	62.1	NA		WINDROW WR-3	15		
WINDROW WR-3	15	Side- N. Spat.	158	6725	0.616	NA	13.6	NA		WINDROW WR-3	15	Spatial variability test	
WINDROW WR-3	15	Top- Spatial	43.8	4582	0.714	NA	64.0	NA		WINDROW WR-3	15	Spatial variability test	
WINDROW WR-3	15	QC-Replicate	45.0	4931	0.768	NA	71.0	NA		WINDROW WR-3	15	QC-Replicate	
WINDROW WR-3	29	Top- West	44.2	8529	4.88	0.853	50.2	1.50		WINDROW WR-3	29		
WINDROW WR-3	29	Top- East	58.0	7108	0.00381	< NA	53.4	NA		WINDROW WR-3	29		
WINDROW WR-3	29	Side- South	39.4	6871	2.84	NA	22.8	NA		WINDROW WR-3	29		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Top- North	22.8	3349	0.0341	0.0347 <	76.9	0.0176	<	WINDROW WR-4	63		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Top- South	16.1	5420	0.0499	NA	76.0	NA		WINDROW WR-4	63		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Side- West	4.80	1396	0.216	NA	96.4	NA		WINDROW WR-4	63		
WINDROW WR-4	63	Side- East	2.89	1625	0.105	NA	67.9	NA		WINDROW WR-4	63		
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	0.888	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	NA	NA	QC-Blank	
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	0.0282	NA	NA	0.0256	ND	NA	NA	QC-Blank	
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0951		2.38	NA	NA	0.0367		NA	NA	QC-Blank	
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank	0.0256	ND	1340	NA	0.00769	<	0.0256	ND	0.00705	<	QC-Blank
Media Blank	NA	QC-Blank				NA				NA		QC-Blank	

TNMNEO- Total non-methane non-ethane organic carbon reported as methane (carbon # = 1)
 Flux = (concentration, mg/m3)(total flow, m3/min)/(surface area, 0.13 m2) = mg/m2,min-1

Process Day	CH4	CO2	NH3 T	NH3 L	VOC	N2O
0	0	3012	0	0	35	0.55
2	1	5036	0	0	60	0.55
3	2	4989	1	0	162	0.32
9	33	1873	0	0	44	0.62
11	40	8261	0	0	77	0.42
15	99	7855	1	0	48	1.05
29	47	7503	3	1	42	1.50
63	12	2947	0	0	79	0.02

Cycle Length	VOC	NH3		Greenhouse Gas		
		Field	Lab	CO2	CH4	CO2e
22 Day	8.60	0.099	0.014	732	5.8	883
30 Day	10.35	0.192	0.042	1,036	8.1	1253
60 Day	19.94	0.385	0.106	1,816	12.4	2158

Mixing Event
 Pre-Mix 77
 Post Mix 146
 Est Decay Perod 2 hours
 Estimated Daily Imp 8%
 Mix Factor 108%



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California Emissions Standard for Heavy Duty Diesel Engines	NMHC	NOx	PM
1996 Emission Standard in grams/bhp/hour	1.2	4	0.05
2007 Emission Standard in grams/bhp/hour	0.14	0.2	0.01

Table One - Conventional Windrow Operation

(operation begins at grinder discharge point)

Task Performed	Equipment Type	Hrs Oper per Pile	Average bhp	Pollution production in pounds					
				1996	1996	1996	2007	2007	2007
				NMHC	Nox	PM	NMHC	Nox	PM
1. Push ground feedstock from grinder output into stockpile	Loader	5.2	250	3.4	11	0.14	0.4	0.6	0.03
2. Load feedstock from stockpile into dump truck	Loader	10.5	250	6.9	23	0.29	0.8	1.2	0.06
3. Truck feedstock from stockpile to windrow space	Truck	12.6	450	15.0	50	0.63	1.8	2.5	0.13
4. Push up feedstock to shape and size windrow	Loader	0.5	250	0.3	1	0.01	0.0	0.1	0.00
5. Drive water truck during windrow formation	Truck	0.3	450	0.4	1	0.01	0.0	0.1	0.00
6. Drive water truck to re-water windrow prior to turning	Truck	3.5	450	4.2	14	0.17	0.5	0.7	0.03
7. Turn windrow (7 turns: 1 mixing, 5 for PFRP in 15 days, 1 at day 22)	Turner	1.7	500	2.2	7	0.09	0.3	0.4	0.02
Total pounds of pollutant for 1260 cy windrow/22 day active phase:				32.49	108.29	1.35	3.79	5.41	0.27
Total pounds of pollutant per ton of feedstock @ 2cy/ton				0.052	0.172	0.002	0.006	0.009	0.000
Tons of pollutant for 100,000 tons per year/22 day active phase				2.58	8.59	0.11	0.30	0.43	0.02

Table Two - Extended Aerated Static Pile Operation

(operation begins at grinder discharge point)

Task Performed	Equipment Type	Hrs Oper per Pile	Average bhp	Pollution production in pounds					
				1996	1996	1996	2007	2007	2007
				NMHC	Nox	PM	NMHC	Nox	PM
1. Place wood chip plenum layer on ASP bed	Loader	0.3	250	0.20	0.66	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00
2. Convey ground feedstock from grinder to ASP	Conveyor	6.7	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Load finished compost from stockpile into dump truck	Loader	0.3	250	0.20	0.66	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00
4. Truck finished compost from stockpile to conveyor station	Truck	0.6	450	0.71	2.38	0.03	0.08	0.12	0.01
5. Load finished compost into conveyor	Loader	0.8	250	0.53	1.76	0.02	0.06	0.09	0.00
6. Convey finished compost to ASP	Conveyor	0.8	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals pounds of pollutants for 506 cy eASP / 22 day active phase:				1.640	5.467	0.068	0.191	0.273	0.014
Total pounds of pollutant per ton of feedstock @ 2cy/ton				0.006	0.022	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000
Tons of pollutant for 100,000 tons per year/22 day active phase				0.324	1.081	0.014	0.038	0.054	0.003
Percent reduction over windrow system				-87%	-87%	-87%	-87%	-87%	-87%
Tons saved				2.25	7.51	0.09	0.26	0.38	0.02

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Composting in Extended Aerated Static Piles vs. Windrows

Table One - Conventional Windrow Operation		Windrow Dimensions:		425 feet long	20 feet wide	8 feet high		
(operation begins at grinder discharge point)		Windrow Volume:		1,260 cubic yards per pile				
<u>Task Performed</u>	<u>Equipment Type</u>	<u>Diesel Gal/Hr</u>	<u>Cubic Yd Per Hr</u>	<u>Cubic Yd Per Pile</u>	<u>Hrs Oper per Task</u>	<u>Number of Reps</u>	<u>Hrs Oper per Pile</u>	<u>Fuel Use per Pile</u>
1. Push ground feedstock from grinder output into stockpile	Loader	3.9	240	1,260	5.2	1	5.2	20.2
2. Load feedstock from stockpile into dump truck	Loader	3.9	120	1,260	10.5	1	10.5	40.4
3. Truck feedstock from stockpile to windrow space	Truck	1.6	100	1,260	12.6	1	12.6	19.8
4. Push up feedstock to shape and size windrow	Loader	3.9	200	100	0.5	1	0.5	1.9
5. Drive water truck during windrow formation	Truck	1.6	NA	NA	0.25	1	0.3	0.4
6. Drive water truck to re-water windrow prior to turning	Truck	1.6	NA	NA	0.5	7	3.5	5.5
7. Turn windrow (7 turns: 1 mixing, 5 for PFRP in 15 days, 1 at day 22)	Turner	20.3	5,040	1,260	0.2	7	<u>1.7</u>	<u>35.5</u>
Totals for 22 day active phase:							34.3	123.7
Averages for 22 day active phase:		37 Cubic Yards per Operator Hour			10 Cubic Yards per Gallon of Fuel			

Table Two - Extended Aerated Static Pile Operation		Pile Dimensions: Test piles averaged 85' long x 35' wide x approx 8' high.						
(operation begins at grinder discharge point)		Pile Volume: 506 average cubic yards of feedstock per test pile						
<u>Task Performed</u>	<u>Equipment Type</u>	<u>Diesel Gal/Hr</u>	<u>Cubic Yd Per Hr</u>	<u>Cubic Yd Per Pile</u>	<u>Hrs Oper per Task</u>	<u>Number of Reps</u>	<u>Hrs Oper per Pile</u>	<u>Fuel Use per Pile</u>
1. Place wood chip plenum layer on ASP bed	Loader	3.9	120	40	0.33	1	0.3	1.3
2. Convey ground feedstock from grinder to ASP	Conveyor	0.0	75	506	6.75	1	6.7	0.0
3. Load finished compost from stockpile into dump truck	Loader	3.9	200	60	0.30	1	0.3	1.2
4. Truck finished compost from stockpile to conveyor station	Truck	1.6	100	60	0.60	1	0.6	0.9
5. Load finished compost into conveyor	Loader	3.9	75	60	0.80	1	0.8	3.1
6. Convey finished compost to ASP	Conveyor	0	75	60	0.80	1	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Totals for 22 day active phase:							9.6	6.5
Averages for 22 day active phase:		53 Cubic Yards per Operator Hour			78 Cubic Yards per Gallon of Fuel			

-87%

34 Tons per gallon extra using ASP
 2941.176 gallons saved per 100,000 tons
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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Test Results</i>
Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	Not reported	Not reported
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	43.3	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	43.0	
pH	units	5.37	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	9.9	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	maxium aggregate size, inches	0.38	
Stability Indicator (<i>respirometry</i>)		Stability Rating:	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.9	Moderately Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.4	
Maturity Indicator (bioassay)			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
Relative Seedling Vigor	average % of control	90.0	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
		Pass	<i>Salmonella</i>
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.	Pass	<i>As,Cd,Cr,Cu,Pb,Hg</i>
			<i>Mo,Ni,Se,Zn</i>

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Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	%, wet weight basis	%, dry weight basis
Nitrogen	Total N	0.75	1.3
Phosphorus	P ₂ O ₅	0.32	0.57
Potassium	K ₂ O	0.69	1.2
Calcium	Ca	1.1	2.0
Magnesium	Mg	0.24	0.42
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	43.3	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	43.0	
pH	units	5.37	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	9.9	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	% under 9.5 mm, dw basis	100.0	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.9	Moderately Un-Stable
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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>TMECC Test Method</i>
pH	5.37	Unitless	04.11-A 1:5 Slurry pH
Soluble Salts (electrical conductivity)	9.9	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	04.10-A 1:5 Slurry Method Mass Basis
Moisture content	43.3	%, wet weight basis	03.09-A - Total Solids and Moisture
Organic Matter Content	43.0	%, dry weight basis	05.07-A Loss-on-Ignition Organic Matter Method (LOI)
Maturity Indicator (bioassay) Percent Emergence	100.0	average % of control	05.05-A Germination and vigor
Relative Seedling Vigor	90.0	average % of control	
Stability Indicator	7.9	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	05.08-B Carbon Dioxide Evolution Rate
Particle Size	100.0	%, dry weight passing through 9.5 mm	02.02-B Sample Sieving for Aggregate Size Classification
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.01-B Fecal coliforms
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.02 Salmonella
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Total content
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Sharps content
Heavy Metals Content	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A 40 CFR 503.13, tables 1 and 3.	04.06-Heavy Metals standard, and Hazardous Elements

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This compost product has been sampled and tested as required by the Seal of Testing assurance Program on the United States Composting Council (USCC), using certain methods from the "Test Methods for the Examination of Compost and Composting" manual. Test results are available upon request by contacting the compost producer (address at top of page). The USCC makes no warranties regarding this product or its content, quality, or suitability for any particular use.

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Group: Sep.12 B #27
Reporting Date: September 26, 2012

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Date Received: 14 Sep. 12
Sample Identification: Zone 1
Sample ID #: 2090380 - 1/2

Nutrients				Stability Indicator:			Biologically
	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry	Available C	
Total Nitrogen:	1.3	0.75	%	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.9	10	
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	1300	760	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.4	4.4	
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	33	18	mg/kg	<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>	<i>unstable</i>	
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.2	0.68	%	Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay			
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.57	0.32	%	Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3	
Phosphorus (P):	2500	1400	mg/kg	Emergence (%)	100	100	
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.2	0.68	%	Seedling Vigor (%)	90	93	
Potassium (K):	10000	5700	mg/kg	<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>fungus</i>	<i>fungus</i>	
Calcium (Ca):	2.0	1.1	%	Pathogens	Results	Units	Rating
Magnesium (Mg):	0.42	0.24	%	Fecal Coliform	< 2.0	MPN/g	<i>pass</i>
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	1900	1100	mg/kg	Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>
Boron (Total B):	27	15	mg/kg	Date Tested: 14 Sep. 12			
Moisture:	0	43.3	%	Inerts	% by weight		
Sodium (Na):	0.11	0.063	%	Plastic	< 0.5		
Chloride (Cl):	0.21	0.12	%	Glass	< 0.5		
pH Value:	NA	5.37	unit	Metal	< 0.5		
Bulk Density :	25	44	lb/cu ft	Sharps	ND		
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	<0.1	<0.1	lb/ton	Size & Volume Distribution			
Conductivity (EC5):	9.9	NA	mmhos/cm	MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc
Organic Matter:	43.0	24.4	%	> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Organic Carbon:	23.0	13.0	%	25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Ash:	57.0	32.3	%	16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00
C/N Ratio	18	18	ratio	9.5 to 16	0.0	0.0	0.00
AgIndex	10	10	ratio	6.3 to 9.5	2.7	2.6	0.41
Metals				4.0 to 6.3	6.0	6.2	0.39
Aluminum (Al)	6700	-	mg/kg	2.0 to 4.0	13.7	17.0	0.32
Arsenic (As):	3.4	41	mg/kg	< 2.0	77.6	74.2	0.42
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg	Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials			
Chromium (Cr):	14	1200	mg/kg	Analyst: Assaf Sadeh			
Cobalt (Co)	3.7	-	mg/kg				
Copper (Cu):	60	1500	mg/kg				
Iron (Fe):	11000	-	mg/kg				
Lead (Pb):	25	300	mg/kg				
Manganese (Mn):	200	-	mg/kg				
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg				
Molybdenum (Mo):	1.8	75	mg/kg				
Nickel (Ni):	10	420	mg/kg				
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg				
Zinc (Zn):	160	2800	mg/kg				

*Sample was received and handled in accordance with TMECC procedures.

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Group: Sep.12 B No. 27

Date Received: 14 Sep. 12
Sample i.d.: Zone 1
Sample I.d. No.: 1/2 2090380

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile
7.9 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC)	Optimum Degradation Rate
10 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio	
39 Ratio	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm	
1300 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm	
33 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ < Immature > < Mature
pH value	
5.37 units	+++++ < Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence	
100.0 percent	+++++ < Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform	
< 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++ < Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella	
Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++ <Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals	US EPA 503
Pass dry wt.	+++++ <All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O)	
3.1 Percent dry wt.	+++++ <Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts)	((N+P2O5+K2O) / (Na + Cl))
10 Ratio	+++++ Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	Estimated release for first season
6 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++ Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio	
18 Ratio	+++++ < Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw)	
9.9 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++ SloRelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3)	
0 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+ < Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash	
57.0 Percent dry wt.	+++++ < High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")	
2.7 Percent dry wt.	+++++ All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

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Respiration Rate

7.9 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

The respiration rate is a measurement of the biodegradation rate of the organic matter in the sample (as received). The respiration rate is determined by measuring the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture and temperature conditions.

Biologically Available Carbon

10 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) is a measurement of the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture, temperature, porosity, nutrients, pH and microbial conditions. If both the RR and the BAC test values are close to the same value, the pile is optimized for composting. If both values are high the compost pile just needs more time. If both values are low the compost has stabilized and should be moved to curing. BAC test values that are higher than RR indicate that the compost pile has stalled. This could be due to anaerobic conditions, lack of available nitrogen due to excessive air converting ammonia to the unavailable nitrate form, lack of nitrogen or other nutrients due to poor choice of feedstock, pH value out of range, or microbes rendered non-active.

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

39 immature

Composting to stabilize carbon can occur at such a rapid rate that sometimes phytotoxins remain in the compost and must be neutralized before using in high concentrations or in high-end uses. This step is called curing. Typically ammonia is in excess with the break-down of organic materials resulting in an increase in pH. This combination results in a loss of volatile ammonia (it smells). Once this toxic ammonia has been reduced and the pH drops, the microbes convert the ammonia to nitrates. A low ammonia + high nitrate score is indicative of a mature compost, however there are many exceptions. For example, a compost with a low pH (<7) will retain ammonia, while a compost with high lime content can lose ammonia before the organic fraction becomes stable. Composts must first be stable before curing indicators apply.

Ammonia N ppm

1300 immature

Nitrate N ppm

33 immature

pH value

5.37 immature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

Cucumbers are chosen for this test because they are salt tolerant and very sensitive to ammonia and organic acid toxicity. Therefore, we can germinate seeds in high concentrations of compost to measure phytotoxic effects without soluble salts being the limiting factor. Values above 80% for both percent emergence and vigor are indicative of a well-cured compost. Exceptions include very high salts that affect the cucumbers, excessive concentrations of nitrates and other nutrients that will be in range when formulated to make a growing media. In addition to testing a 1:1 compost: vermiculite blend, we also test a diluted 1:3 blend to indicate a more sensitive toxicity level.

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform

< 1000 / g dry wt.

Fecal coliforms can survive in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions and is common in all initial compost piles. Most human pathogens occur from fecal matter and all fecal matter is loaded in fecal coliforms. Therefore fecal coliforms are used as an indicator to determine if the chosen method for pathogen reduction (heat for compost) has met the requirements of sufficient temperature, time and mixing. If the fecal coliforms are reduced to below 1000 per gram dry wt. it is assumed all other pathogens are eliminated. Potential problems are that fecal coliform can regrow during the curing phase or during shipping. This is because the conditions are now more favorable for growth than during the composting process.

Salmonella Bacteria

Less than 3 3 / 4g dry wt. Salmonella is not only another indicator organism but also a toxic microbe. It has been used in the case of biosolids industry to determine adequate pathogen reduction.

Metals

Pass

The ten heavy metals listed in the EPA 503 regulations are chosen to determine if compost can be applied to ag land and handled without toxic effects. Most high concentrations of heavy metals are derived from woodwaste feedstock such as chrome-arsenic treated or lead painted demolition wood. Biosolids are rarely a problem.

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P₂O₅+K₂O)

3.1 Average nutrient content

This value is the sum of the primary nutrients Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Reported units are consistent with those found on fertilizer formulations. A sum greater than 5 is indicative of a compost with high nutrient content, and best used to supply nutrients to a receiving soil. A sum below 2 indicates low nutrient content, and is best-used to improve soil structure via the addition of organic matter. Most compost falls between 2 and 5.

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AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

10 Average nutrient ratio Composts with low AgIndex values have high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride compared to nutrients. Repeated use of a compost with a low AgIndex (< 2) may result in sodium and/or chloride acting as the limiting factor compared to nutrients, governing application rates. These composts may be used on well-draining soils and/or with salt-tolerant plants. Additional nutrients from another source may be needed if the application rate is limited by sodium or chloride. If the AgIndex is above 10, nutrients optimal for plant growth will be available without concern of sodium and/or chloride toxicity. Composts with an AgIndex of above 10 are good for increasing nutrient levels for all soils. Most composts score between 2 and 10. Concentrations of nutrients, sodium, and chloride in the receiving soil should be considered when determining compost application rates. The AgIndex is a product of feedstock quality. Feedstock from dairy manure, marine waste, industrial wastes, and halophytic plants are likely to produce a finished compost with a low AgIndex.

Plant Available Nitrogen (lbs/ton)

6 Average N Provider Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) is calculated by estimating the release rate of Nitrogen from the organic fraction of the compost. This estimate is based on information gathered from the BAC test and measured ammonia and nitrate values. Despite the PAN value of the compost, additional sources of Nitrogen may be needed during the growing season to offset the Nitrogen demand of the microbes present in the compost. With ample nutrients these microbes can further breakdown organic matter in the compost and release bound Nitrogen. Nitrogen demand based on a high C/N ratio is not considered in the PAN calculation because additional Nitrogen should always be supplemented to the receiving soil when composts with a high C/N ratio are applied.

C/N Ratio

18 Indicates immaturity As a guiding principal, a C/N ratio below 14 indicates maturity and above 14 indicates immaturity, however, there are many exceptions. Large woodchips (>6.3mm), bark, and redwood are slow to breakdown and therefore can result in a relatively stable product while the C/N ratio value is high. Additionally, some composts with chicken manure and/or green grass feedstocks can start with a C/N ratio below 15 and are very unstable. A C/N ratio below 10 supplies Nitrogen, while a ratio above 20 can deplete Nitrogen from the soil. The rate at which Nitrogen will be released or used by the microbes is indicated by the respiration rate (BAC). If the respiration rate is too high the transfer of Nitrogen will not be controllable.

Soluble Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw - mmhos/cm)

9.9 High salts This value refers to all soluble ions including nutrients, sodium, chloride and some soluble organic compounds. The concentration of salts will change due to the release of salts from the organic matter as it degrades, volatilization of ammonia, decomposition of soluble organics, and conversion of molecular structure. High salts + high AgIndex is indicative of a compost high in readily available nutrients. The application rate of these composts should be limited by the optimum nutrient value based on soil analysis of the receiving soil. High Salts + low AgIndex is indicative of a compost low in nutrients with high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride. Limit the application rate according to the toxicity level of the sodium and/or chloride. Low salts indicates that the compost can be applied without risking salt toxicity, is likely a good source of organic matter, and that nutrients will release slowly over time.

Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

0 Low lime content Compost high in lime or carbonates are often those produced from chicken manure (layers) ash materials, and lime products. These are excellent products to use on a receiving soil where lime has been recommended by soil analysis to raise the pH. Composts with a high lime content should be closely considered for pH requirements when formulating potting mixes.

Physical Properties

Percent Ash

57.0 Average ash content Ash is the non-organic fraction of a compost. Most composts contain approximately 50% ash (dry weight basis). Compost can be high in ash content for many reasons including: excess mineralization (old compost), contamination with soil base material during turning, poor quality feedstock, and soil or mineral products added. Finding the source and reducing high ash content is often the fastest means to increasing nutrient quality of a compost.

Particle Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")

2.7 May restrict use Large particles may restrict use for potting soils, golf course topdressings, seed-starter mixes, and where a fine size distribution is required. Composts with large particles can still be used as excellent additions to field soils, shrub mixes and mulches.

Particle Size Distribution

Each size fraction is measured by weight, volume and bulk density. These results are particularly relevant with decisions to screen or not, and if screening, which size screen to use. The bulk density indicates if the fraction screened is made of light weight organic material or heavy mineral material. Removing large mineral material can greatly improve compost quality by increasing nutrient and organic concentrations.

Appendix:	Estimated available nutrients for use when calculating application rates	
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) calculations:	lbs/ton (As Rcvd.)	
PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	6.4
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Ammonia (NH4-N)	1.52
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Nitrate (NO3-N)	0.04
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64)	4.1
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Potassium (K2O)	13.7
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.		



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Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	42.3	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	44.9	
pH	units	5.72	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	11	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	maxium aggregate size, inches	0.64	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	9.1	Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	4.1	
<i>Maturity Indicator (bioassay)</i>			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
Relative Seedling Vigor	average % of control	91.7	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
		Pass	<i>Salmonella</i>
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.	Pass	<i>As,Cd,Cr,Cu,Pb,Hg</i> <i>Mo,Ni,Se,Zn</i>

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CA 93274

Date Sampled/Received: 07 Sep. 12 / 14 Sep. 12

Product Identification Compost
Zone 1 Control

COMPOST TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

LABORATORY: Soil Control Lab; 42 Hangar Way; Watsonville, CA 95076 tel: 831.724.5422 fax: 831.724.3188

<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Test Results</i>
Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	%, wet weight basis	%, dry weight basis
Nitrogen	Total N	0.78	1.4
Phosphorus	P ₂ O ₅	0.32	0.57
Potassium	K ₂ O	0.71	1.2
Calcium	Ca	1.2	2.0
Magnesium	Mg	0.24	0.42
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	42.3	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	44.9	
pH	units	5.72	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	11	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	% under 9.5 mm, dw basis	97.8	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	9.1	Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	4.1	
<i>Maturity Indicator (bioassay)</i>			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
Relative Seedling Vigor	average % of control	91.7	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>TMECC Test Method</i>
pH	5.72	Unitless	04.11-A 1:5 Slurry pH
Soluble Salts (electrical conductivity)	11	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	04.10-A 1:5 Slurry Method Mass Basis
Moisture content	42.3	%, wet weight basis	03.09-A - Total Solids and Moisture
Organic Matter Content	44.9	%, dry weight basis	05.07-A Loss-on-Ignition Organic Matter Method (LOI)
Maturity Indicator (bioassay) Percent Emergence	100.0	average % of control	05.05-A Germination and vigor
Relative Seedling Vigor	91.7	average % of control	
Stability Indicator	9.1	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	05.08-B Carbon Dioxide Evolution Rate
Particle Size	97.8	%, dry weight passing through 9.5 mm	02.02-B Sample Sieving for Aggregate Size Classification
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.01-B Fecal coliforms
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.02 Salmonella
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Total content
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Sharps content
Heavy Metals Content	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A 40 CFR 503.13, tables 1 and 3.	04.06-Heavy Metals standard, and Hazardous Elements

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Group: Sep.12 B #28
Reporting Date: September 26, 2012

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Attn: John Jones

Date Received: 14 Sep. 12
Sample Identification: Zone 1 Control
Sample ID #: 2090380 - 2/2

Nutrients				Stability Indicator:			Biologically	
	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry	Available C		
Total Nitrogen:	1.4	0.78	%	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	9.1	12		
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	1800	1100	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	4.1	5.3		
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	16	9.3	mg/kg	<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>unstable</i>	<i>unstable</i>		
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.2	0.69	%					
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.57	0.33	%					
Phosphorus (P):	2500	1400	mg/kg					
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.2	0.70	%					
Potassium (K):	10000	5900	mg/kg					
Calcium (Ca):	2.0	1.2	%					
Magnesium (Mg):	0.42	0.24	%					
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	2500	1400	mg/kg					
Boron (Total B):	32	18	mg/kg					
Moisture:	0	42.3	%					
Sodium (Na):	0.12	0.067	%					
Chloride (Cl):	0.27	0.15	%					
pH Value:	NA	5.72	unit					
Bulk Density :	22	38	lb/cu ft					
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	<0.1	<0.1	lb/ton					
Conductivity (EC5):	11	NA	mmhos/cm					
Organic Matter:	44.9	25.9	%					
Organic Carbon:	24.0	14.0	%					
Ash:	55.1	31.8	%					
C/N Ratio	18	18	ratio					
AgIndex	8	8	ratio					
				Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay				
				Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3		
				Emergence (%)	100	100		
				Seedling Vigor (%)	92	93		
				<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>fungus</i>	<i>fungus</i>		
				Pathogens	Results	Units	Rating	
				Fecal Coliform	< 2.0	MPN/g	<i>pass</i>	
				Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>	
				Date Tested: 14 Sep. 12				
				Inerts	% by weight			
				Plastic	< 0.5			
				Glass	< 0.5			
				Metal	< 0.5			
				Sharps	ND			
				Size & Volume Distribution				
				MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc	
				> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00	
				25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00	
				16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00	
				9.5 to 16	2.2	1.6	0.47	
				6.3 to 9.5	3.9	4.6	0.29	
				4.0 to 6.3	9.3	11.7	0.27	
				2.0 to 4.0	18.3	24.8	0.25	
				< 2.0	66.3	57.4	0.39	
				Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials				
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Metals								
	Dry wt.	EPA Limit	units					
Aluminum (Al)	6600	-	mg/kg					
Arsenic (As):	3.6	41	mg/kg					
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg					
Chromium (Cr):	15	1200	mg/kg					
Cobalt (Co)	3.5	-	mg/kg					
Copper (Cu):	53	1500	mg/kg					
Iron (Fe):	9000	-	mg/kg					
Lead (Pb):	22	300	mg/kg					
Manganese (Mn):	210	-	mg/kg					
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg					
Molybdenum (Mo):	2.3	75	mg/kg					
Nickel (Ni):	10	420	mg/kg					
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg					
Zinc (Zn):	170	2800	mg/kg					

*Sample was received and handled in accordance with TMECC procedures.

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 Group: Sep.12 B No. 28

Date Received
 Sample i.d.
 Sample I.d. No.

14 Sep. 12
 Zone 1 Control
 2/2 2090380

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate 9.1 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile +++++	< Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) 12 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	Optimum Degradation Rate +++++	< Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio 110 Ratio	+++++	VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm 1800 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++	VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm 16 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++	< Immature > < Mature >
pH value 5.72 units	+++++	< Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence 100.0 percent	+++++	< Immature > < Mature >

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform < 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++	< Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++	<Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals US EPA 503 Pass dry wt.	+++++	<All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O) 3.2 Percent dry wt.	+++++	<Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts) 8 Ratio	+++++	Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) 8 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++	Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio 18 Ratio	+++++	< Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw) 11 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++	SloRelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3) 0 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+	< Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash 55.1 Percent dry wt.	+++++	< High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25") 6.1 Percent dry wt.	+++++	All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

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Respiration Rate

9.1 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

The respiration rate is a measurement of the biodegradation rate of the organic matter in the sample (as received). The respiration rate is determined by measuring the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture and temperature conditions.

Biologically Available Carbon

12 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) is a measurement of the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture, temperature, porosity, nutrients, pH and microbial conditions. If both the RR and the BAC test values are close to the same value, the pile is optimized for composting. If both values are high the compost pile just needs more time. If both values are low the compost has stabilized and should be moved to curing. BAC test values that are higher than RR indicate that the compost pile has stalled. This could be due to anaerobic conditions, lack of available nitrogen due to excessive air converting ammonia to the unavailable nitrate form, lack of nitrogen or other nutrients due to poor choice of feedstock, pH value out of range, or microbes rendered non-active.

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

110 immature

Composting to stabilize carbon can occur at such a rapid rate that sometimes phytotoxins remain in the compost and must be neutralized before using in high concentrations or in high-end uses. This step is called curing. Typically ammonia is in excess with the break-down of organic materials resulting in an increase in pH. This combination results in a loss of volatile ammonia (it smells). Once this toxic ammonia has been reduced and the pH drops, the microbes convert the ammonia to nitrates. A low ammonia + high nitrate score is indicative of a mature compost, however there are many exceptions. For example, a compost with a low pH (<7) will retain ammonia, while a compost with high lime content can lose ammonia before the organic fraction becomes stable. Composts must first be stable before curing indicators apply.

Ammonia N ppm

1800 immature

Nitrate N ppm

16 immature

pH value

5.72 immature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

Cucumbers are chosen for this test because they are salt tolerant and very sensitive to ammonia and organic acid toxicity. Therefore, we can germinate seeds in high concentrations of compost to measure phytotoxic effects without soluble salts being the limiting factor. Values above 80% for both percent emergence and vigor are indicative of a well-cured compost. Exceptions include very high salts that affect the cucumbers, excessive concentrations of nitrates and other nutrients that will be in range when formulated to make a growing media. In addition to testing a 1:1 compost: vermiculite blend, we also test a diluted 1:3 blend to indicate a more sensitive toxicity level.

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform

< 1000 / g dry wt.

Fecal coliforms can survive in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions and is common in all initial compost piles. Most human pathogens occur from fecal matter and all fecal matter is loaded in fecal coliforms. Therefore fecal coliforms are used as an indicator to determine if the chosen method for pathogen reduction (heat for compost) has met the requirements of sufficient temperature, time and mixing. If the fecal coliforms are reduced to below 1000 per gram dry wt. it is assumed all other pathogens are eliminated. Potential problems are that fecal coliform can regrow during the curing phase or during shipping. This is because the conditions are now more favorable for growth than during the composting process.

Salmonella Bacteria

Less than 3 3 / 4g dry wt. Salmonella is not only another indicator organism but also a toxic microbe. It has been used in the case of biosolids industry to determine adequate pathogen reduction.

Metals

Pass

The ten heavy metals listed in the EPA 503 regulations are chosen to determine if compost can be applied to ag land and handled without toxic effects. Most high concentrations of heavy metals are derived from woodwaste feedstock such as chrome-arsenic treated or lead painted demolition wood. Biosolids are rarely a problem.

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P₂O₅+K₂O)

3.2 Average nutrient content

This value is the sum of the primary nutrients Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Reported units are consistent with those found on fertilizer formulations. A sum greater than 5 is indicative of a compost with high nutrient content, and best used to supply nutrients to a receiving soil. A sum below 2 indicates low nutrient content, and is best-used to improve soil structure via the addition of organic matter. Most compost falls between 2 and 5.

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INTERPRETATION:

AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

8 Average nutrient ratio Composts with low AgIndex values have high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride compared to nutrients. Repeated use of a compost with a low AgIndex (< 2) may result in sodium and/or chloride acting as the limiting factor compared to nutrients, governing application rates. These composts may be used on well-draining soils and/or with salt-tolerant plants. Additional nutrients from another source may be needed if the application rate is limited by sodium or chloride. If the AgIndex is above 10, nutrients optimal for plant growth will be available without concern of sodium and/or chloride toxicity. Composts with an AgIndex of above 10 are good for increasing nutrient levels for all soils. Most composts score between 2 and 10. Concentrations of nutrients, sodium, and chloride in the receiving soil should be considered when determining compost application rates. The AgIndex is a product of feedstock quality. Feedstock from dairy manure, marine waste, industrial wastes, and halophytic plants are likely to produce a finished compost with a low AgIndex.

Plant Available Nitrogen (lbs/ton)

8 Average N Provider Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) is calculated by estimating the release rate of Nitrogen from the organic fraction of the compost. This estimate is based on information gathered from the BAC test and measured ammonia and nitrate values. Despite the PAN value of the compost, additional sources of Nitrogen may be needed during the growing season to offset the Nitrogen demand of the microbes present in the compost. With ample nutrients these microbes can further breakdown organic matter in the compost and release bound Nitrogen. Nitrogen demand based on a high C/N ratio is not considered in the PAN calculation because additional Nitrogen should always be supplemented to the receiving soil when composts with a high C/N ratio are applied.

C/N Ratio

18 Indicates immaturity As a guiding principal, a C/N ratio below 14 indicates maturity and above 14 indicates immaturity, however, there are many exceptions. Large woodchips (>6.3mm), bark, and redwood are slow to breakdown and therefore can result in a relatively stable product while the C/N ratio value is high. Additionally, some composts with chicken manure and/or green grass feedstocks can start with a C/N ratio below 15 and are very unstable. A C/N ratio below 10 supplies Nitrogen, while a ratio above 20 can deplete Nitrogen from the soil. The rate at which Nitrogen will be released or used by the microbes is indicated by the respiration rate (BAC). If the respiration rate is too high the transfer of Nitrogen will not be controllable.

Soluble Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw - mmhos/cm)

11 High salts This value refers to all soluble ions including nutrients, sodium, chloride and some soluble organic compounds. The concentration of salts will change due to the release of salts from the organic matter as it degrades, volatilization of ammonia, decomposition of soluble organics, and conversion of molecular structure. High salts + high AgIndex is indicative of a compost high in readily available nutrients. The application rate of these composts should be limited by the optimum nutrient value based on soil analysis of the receiving soil. High Salts + low AgIndex is indicative of a compost low in nutrients with high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride. Limit the application rate according to the toxicity level of the sodium and/or chloride. Low salts indicates that the compost can be applied without risking salt toxicity, is likely a good source of organic matter, and that nutrients will release slowly over time.

Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

0 Low lime content Compost high in lime or carbonates are often those produced from chicken manure (layers) ash materials, and lime products. These are excellent products to use on a receiving soil where lime has been recommended by soil analysis to raise the pH. Composts with a high lime content should be closely considered for pH requirements when formulating potting mixes.

Physical Properties

Percent Ash

55.1 Average ash content Ash is the non-organic fraction of a compost. Most composts contain approximately 50% ash (dry weight basis). Compost can be high in ash content for many reasons including: excess mineralization (old compost), contamination with soil base material during turning, poor quality feedstock, and soil or mineral products added. Finding the source and reducing high ash content is often the fastest means to increasing nutrient quality of a compost.

Particle Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")

6.1 May restrict use Large particles may restrict use for potting soils, golf course topdressings, seed-starter mixes, and where a fine size distribution is required. Composts with large particles can still be used as excellent additions to field soils, shrub mixes and mulches.

Particle Size Distribution

Each size fraction is measured by weight, volume and bulk density. These results are particularly relevant with decisions to screen or not, and if screening, which size screen to use. The bulk density indicates if the fraction screened is made of light weight organic material or heavy mineral material. Removing large mineral material can greatly improve compost quality by increasing nutrient and organic concentrations.

Appendix:	Estimated available nutrients for use when calculating application rates	
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) calculations:	lbs/ton (As Rcvd.)	
PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	8.4
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Ammonia (NH4-N)	2.20
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Nitrate (NO3-N)	0.02
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64)	4.1
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Potassium (K2O)	14.2
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.		



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Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	37.8	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	46.5	
pH	units	6.20	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	7.4	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	maxium aggregate size, inches	0.64	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.9	Moderately Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.7	
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Phosphorus	P ₂ O ₅	0.39	0.64
Potassium	K ₂ O	0.89	1.4
Calcium	Ca	1.3	2.1
Magnesium	Mg	0.30	0.48
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Tulare CA 93274

Product Identification:

Zone 2

Date Sampled/Received: 12 Sep. 12 / 14 Sep. 12

COMPOST TECHNICAL DATA SHEET for Caltrans

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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>TMECC Test Method</i>
pH	6.20	Unitless	04.11-A 1:5 Slurry pH
Soluble Salts (electrical conductivity)	7.4	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	04.10-A 1:5 Slurry Method Mass Basis
Moisture content	37.8	%, wet weight basis	03.09-A - Total Solids and Moisture
Organic Matter Content	46.5	%, dry weight basis	05.07-A Loss-on-Ignition Organic Matter Method (LOI)
Maturity Indicator (bioassay) Percent Emergence	100.0	average % of control	05.05-A Germination and vigor
Relative Seedling Vigor	91.7	average % of control	
Stability Indicator	7.9	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	05.08-B Carbon Dioxide Evolution Rate
Particle Size	94.7	%, dry weight passing through 9.5 mm	02.02-B Sample Sieving for Aggregate Size Classification
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.01-B Fecal coliforms
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.02 Salmonella
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Total content
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Sharps content
Heavy Metals Content	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A 40 CFR 503.13, tables 1 and 3.	04.06-Heavy Metals standard, and Hazardous Elements

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Date Received: 14 Sep. 12
Sample Identification: Zone 2
Sample ID #: 2090381 - 1/2

Nutrients				Stability Indicator:			Biologically
	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry	Available C	
Total Nitrogen:	1.6	0.99	%	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.9	9.5	
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	1200	760	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.7	4.4	
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	38	24	mg/kg	<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>	<i>unstable</i>	
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.5	0.93	%	Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay			
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.63	0.39	%	Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3	
Phosphorus (P):	2800	1700	mg/kg	Emergence (%)	100	100	
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.4	0.89	%	Seedling Vigor (%)	92	93	
Potassium (K):	12000	7400	mg/kg	<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>mushroom</i>	<i>mushroom</i>	
Calcium (Ca):	2.1	1.3	%	Pathogens	Results	Units	Rating
Magnesium (Mg):	0.48	0.30	%	Fecal Coliform	< 2.0	MPN/g	<i>pass</i>
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	1000	620	mg/kg	Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>
Boron (Total B):	34	21	mg/kg	Date Tested: 14 Sep. 12			
Moisture:	0	37.8	%	Inerts	% by weight		
Sodium (Na):	0.13	0.080	%	Plastic	< 0.5		
Chloride (Cl):	0.26	0.16	%	Glass	< 0.5		
pH Value:	NA	6.20	unit	Metal	< 0.5		
Bulk Density :	22	36	lb/cu ft	Sharps	ND		
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	<0.1	<0.1	lb/ton	Size & Volume Distribution			
Conductivity (EC5):	7.4	NA	mmhos/cm	MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc
Organic Matter:	46.5	28.9	%	> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Organic Carbon:	27.0	17.0	%	25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Ash:	53.5	33.2	%	16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00
C/N Ratio	17	17	ratio	9.5 to 16	5.3	3.1	0.66
AgIndex	9	9	ratio	6.3 to 9.5	9.8	10.8	0.34
Metals				4.0 to 6.3	8.8	10.8	0.31
Aluminum (Al)	6300	-	mg/kg	2.0 to 4.0	14.4	21.5	0.25
Arsenic (As):	2.8	41	mg/kg	< 2.0	61.6	53.8	0.43
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg	Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials			
Chromium (Cr):	14	1200	mg/kg	Analyst: Assaf Sadeh			
Cobalt (Co)	3.7	-	mg/kg				
Copper (Cu):	61	1500	mg/kg				
Iron (Fe):	9300	-	mg/kg				
Lead (Pb):	20	300	mg/kg				
Manganese (Mn):	230	-	mg/kg				
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg				
Molybdenum (Mo):	2.7	75	mg/kg				
Nickel (Ni):	12	420	mg/kg				
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg				
Zinc (Zn):	170	2800	mg/kg				

*Sample was received and handled in accordance with TMECC procedures.

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INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile
7.9 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC)	Optimum Degradation Rate
9.5 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/Nitrate N ratio	
32 Ratio	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm	
1200 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm	
38 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ < Immature > < Mature
pH value	
6.20 units	+++++ < Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence	
100.0 percent	+++++ < Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform	
< 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++ < Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella	
Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++ <Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals	US EPA 503
Pass dry wt.	+++++ <All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O)	
3.7 Percent dry wt.	+++++ <Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts)	((N+P2O5+K2O) / (Na + Cl))
9 Ratio	+++++ Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	Estimated release for first season
8 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++ Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio	
17 Ratio	+++++ < Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw)	
7.4 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++ SlORelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3)	
0 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+ < Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash	
53.5 Percent dry wt.	+++++ < High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")	
15.2 Percent dry wt.	+++++ All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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Respiration Rate

7.9 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

The respiration rate is a measurement of the biodegradation rate of the organic matter in the sample (as received). The respiration rate is determined by measuring the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture and temperature conditions.

Biologically Available Carbon

9.5 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) is a measurement of the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture, temperature, porosity, nutrients, pH and microbial conditions. If both the RR and the BAC test values are close to the same value, the pile is optimized for composting. If both values are high the compost pile just needs more time. If both values are low the compost has stabilized and should be moved to curing. BAC test values that are higher than RR indicate that the compost pile has stalled. This could be due to anaerobic conditions, lack of available nitrogen due to excessive air converting ammonia to the unavailable nitrate form, lack of nitrogen or other nutrients due to poor choice of feedstock, pH value out of range, or microbes rendered non-active.

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

32 immature

Composting to stabilize carbon can occur at such a rapid rate that sometimes phytotoxins remain in the compost and must be neutralized before using in high concentrations or in high-end uses. This step is called curing. Typically ammonia is in excess with the break-down of organic materials resulting in an increase in pH. This combination results in a loss of volatile ammonia (it smells). Once this toxic ammonia has been reduced and the pH drops, the microbes convert the ammonia to nitrates. A low ammonia + high nitrate score is indicative of a mature compost, however there are many exceptions. For example, a compost with a low pH (<7) will retain ammonia, while a compost with high lime content can lose ammonia before the organic fraction becomes stable. Composts must first be stable before curing indicators apply.

Ammonia N ppm

1200 immature

Nitrate N ppm

38 immature

pH value

6.20 immature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

Cucumbers are chosen for this test because they are salt tolerant and very sensitive to ammonia and organic acid toxicity. Therefore, we can germinate seeds in high concentrations of compost to measure phytotoxic effects without soluble salts being the limiting factor. Values above 80% for both percent emergence and vigor are indicative of a well-cured compost. Exceptions include very high salts that affect the cucumbers, excessive concentrations of nitrates and other nutrients that will be in range when formulated to make a growing media. In addition to testing a 1:1 compost: vermiculite blend, we also test a diluted 1:3 blend to indicate a more sensitive toxicity level.

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform

< 1000 / g dry wt.

Fecal coliforms can survive in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions and is common in all initial compost piles. Most human pathogens occur from fecal matter and all fecal matter is loaded in fecal coliforms. Therefore fecal coliforms are used as an indicator to determine if the chosen method for pathogen reduction (heat for compost) has met the requirements of sufficient temperature, time and mixing. If the fecal coliforms are reduced to below 1000 per gram dry wt. it is assumed all other pathogens are eliminated. Potential problems are that fecal coliform can regrow during the curing phase or during shipping. This is because the conditions are now more favorable for growth than during the composting process.

Salmonella Bacteria

Less than 3 3 / 4g dry wt. Salmonella is not only another indicator organism but also a toxic microbe. It has been used in the case of biosolids industry to determine adequate pathogen reduction.

Metals

Pass

The ten heavy metals listed in the EPA 503 regulations are chosen to determine if compost can be applied to ag land and handled without toxic effects. Most high concentrations of heavy metals are derived from woodwaste feedstock such as chrome-arsenic treated or lead painted demolition wood. Biosolids are rarely a problem.

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P₂O₅+K₂O)

3.7 Average nutrient content

This value is the sum of the primary nutrients Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Reported units are consistent with those found on fertilizer formulations. A sum greater than 5 is indicative of a compost with high nutrient content, and best used to supply nutrients to a receiving soil. A sum below 2 indicates low nutrient content, and is best-used to improve soil structure via the addition of organic matter. Most compost falls between 2 and 5.

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AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

9 Average nutrient ratio Composts with low AgIndex values have high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride compared to nutrients. Repeated use of a compost with a low AgIndex (< 2) may result in sodium and/or chloride acting as the limiting factor compared to nutrients, governing application rates. These composts may be used on well-draining soils and/or with salt-tolerant plants. Additional nutrients from another source may be needed if the application rate is limited by sodium or chloride. If the AgIndex is above 10, nutrients optimal for plant growth will be available without concern of sodium and/or chloride toxicity. Composts with an AgIndex of above 10 are good for increasing nutrient levels for all soils. Most composts score between 2 and 10. Concentrations of nutrients, sodium, and chloride in the receiving soil should be considered when determining compost application rates. The AgIndex is a product of feedstock quality. Feedstock from dairy manure, marine waste, industrial wastes, and halophytic plants are likely to produce a finished compost with a low AgIndex.

Plant Available Nitrogen (lbs/ton)

8 Average N Provider Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) is calculated by estimating the release rate of Nitrogen from the organic fraction of the compost. This estimate is based on information gathered from the BAC test and measured ammonia and nitrate values. Despite the PAN value of the compost, additional sources of Nitrogen may be needed during the growing season to offset the Nitrogen demand of the microbes present in the compost. With ample nutrients these microbes can further breakdown organic matter in the compost and release bound Nitrogen. Nitrogen demand based on a high C/N ratio is not considered in the PAN calculation because additional Nitrogen should always be supplemented to the receiving soil when composts with a high C/N ratio are applied.

C/N Ratio

17 Indicates immaturity As a guiding principal, a C/N ratio below 14 indicates maturity and above 14 indicates immaturity, however, there are many exceptions. Large woodchips (>6.3mm), bark, and redwood are slow to breakdown and therefore can result in a relatively stable product while the C/N ratio value is high. Additionally, some composts with chicken manure and/or green grass feedstocks can start with a C/N ratio below 15 and are very unstable. A C/N ratio below 10 supplies Nitrogen, while a ratio above 20 can deplete Nitrogen from the soil. The rate at which Nitrogen will be released or used by the microbes is indicated by the respiration rate (BAC). If the respiration rate is too high the transfer of Nitrogen will not be controllable.

Soluble Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw - mmhos/cm)

7.4 Average salts This value refers to all soluble ions including nutrients, sodium, chloride and some soluble organic compounds. The concentration of salts will change due to the release of salts from the organic matter as it degrades, volatilization of ammonia, decomposition of soluble organics, and conversion of molecular structure. High salts + high AgIndex is indicative of a compost high in readily available nutrients. The application rate of these composts should be limited by the optimum nutrient value based on soil analysis of the receiving soil. High Salts + low AgIndex is indicative of a compost low in nutrients with high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride. Limit the application rate according to the toxicity level of the sodium and/or chloride. Low salts indicates that the compost can be applied without risking salt toxicity, is likely a good source of organic matter, and that nutrients will release slowly over time.

Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

0 Low lime content Compost high in lime or carbonates are often those produced from chicken manure (layers) ash materials, and lime products. These are excellent products to use on a receiving soil where lime has been recommended by soil analysis to raise the pH. Composts with a high lime content should be closely considered for pH requirements when formulating potting mixes.

Physical Properties

Percent Ash

53.5 Average ash content Ash is the non-organic fraction of a compost. Most composts contain approximately 50% ash (dry weight basis). Compost can be high in ash content for many reasons including: excess mineralization (old compost), contamination with soil base material during turning, poor quality feedstock, and soil or mineral products added. Finding the source and reducing high ash content is often the fastest means to increasing nutrient quality of a compost.

Particle Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")

15.2 May restrict use Large particles may restrict use for potting soils, golf course topdressings, seed-starter mixes, and where a fine size distribution is required. Composts with large particles can still be used as excellent additions to field soils, shrub mixes and mulches.

Particle Size Distribution

Each size fraction is measured by weight, volume and bulk density. These results are particularly relevant with decisions to screen or not, and if screening, which size screen to use. The bulk density indicates if the fraction screened is made of light weight organic material or heavy mineral material. Removing large mineral material can greatly improve compost quality by increasing nutrient and organic concentrations.

Appendix:	Estimated available nutrients for use when calculating application rates	
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) calculations:	lbs/ton (As Rcvd.)	
PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	7.7
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Ammonia (NH4-N)	1.52
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Nitrate (NO3-N)	0.05
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64)	4.9
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Potassium (K2O)	17.8
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.		



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Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	Not reported	Not reported
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	39.8	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	42.6	
pH	units	6.32	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	9.7	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	maxium aggregate size, inches	0.64	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	10	Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	4.3	
<i>Maturity Indicator (bioassay)</i>			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
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Potassium	K ₂ O	0.79	1.3
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Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	9.6	5.8	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	4.3
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.1	0.66	%	Stability Rating	unstable
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.55	0.33	%		unstable
Phosphorus (P):	2400	1500	mg/kg		
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.3	0.79	%	Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay	
Potassium (K):	11000	6600	mg/kg	Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1
Calcium (Ca):	2.6	1.6	%	Emergence (%)	100
Magnesium (Mg):	0.43	0.26	%	Seedling Vigor (%)	92
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	2400	1400	mg/kg	Description of Plants	healthy
Boron (Total B):	28	17	mg/kg		healthy
Moisture:	0	39.8	%	Pathogens	
Sodium (Na):	0.12	0.069	%	Fecal Coliform	< 2.0
Chloride (Cl):	0.26	0.15	%	Salmonella	< 3
pH Value:	NA	6.32	unit	Date Tested: 14 Sep. 12	
Bulk Density :	22	37	lb/cu ft	Inerts	% by weight
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	<0.1	<0.1	lb/ton	Plastic	< 0.5
Conductivity (EC5):	9.7	NA	mmhos/cm	Glass	< 0.5
Organic Matter:	42.6	25.6	%	Metal	< 0.5
Organic Carbon:	25.0	15.0	%	Sharps	ND
Ash:	57.4	34.5	%	Size & Volume Distribution	
C/N Ratio	19	19	ratio	MM	% by weight % by volume
AgIndex	8	8	ratio	> 50	0.0 0.0
				25 to 50	0.0 0.0
				16 to 25	0.0 0.0
				9.5 to 16	0.9 1.0
				6.3 to 9.5	4.9 5.8
				4.0 to 6.3	7.9 9.1
				2.0 to 4.0	16.4 22.0
				< 2.0	69.9 62.1
				Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials	
				Analyst: Assaf Sadeh	

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14 Sep. 12
 Zone 2 Control
 2/2 2090381

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate 10 mg CO2-C/ g OM/day	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile +++++	< Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) 11 mg CO2-C/ g OM/day	Optimum Degradation Rate +++++	< Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio 160 Ratio	+++++	VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm 1500 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++	VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm 9.6 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++	< Immature > < Mature
pH value 6.32 units	+++++	< Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence 100.0 percent	+++++	< Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform < 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++	< Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++	<Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals US EPA 503 Pass dry wt.	+++++	<All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O) 3.2 Percent dry wt.	+++++	<Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts) 8 Ratio	+++++	Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) 8 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++	Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio 19 Ratio	+++++	< Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw) 9.7 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++	SloRelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3) 0 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+	< Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash 57.4 Percent dry wt.	+++++	< High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25") 5.8 Percent dry wt.	+++++	All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

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Respiration Rate

10 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

The respiration rate is a measurement of the biodegradation rate of the organic matter in the sample (as received). The respiration rate is determined by measuring the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture and temperature conditions.

Biologically Available Carbon

11 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) is a measurement of the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture, temperature, porosity, nutrients, pH and microbial conditions. If both the RR and the BAC test values are close to the same value, the pile is optimized for composting. If both values are high the compost pile just needs more time. If both values are low the compost has stabilized and should be moved to curing. BAC test values that are higher than RR indicate that the compost pile has stalled. This could be due to anaerobic conditions, lack of available nitrogen due to excessive air converting ammonia to the unavailable nitrate form, lack of nitrogen or other nutrients due to poor choice of feedstock, pH value out of range, or microbes rendered non-active.

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

160 immature

Composting to stabilize carbon can occur at such a rapid rate that sometimes phytotoxins remain in the compost and must be neutralized before using in high concentrations or in high-end uses. This step is called curing. Typically ammonia is in excess with the break-down of organic materials resulting in an increase in pH. This combination results in a loss of volatile ammonia (it smells). Once this toxic ammonia has been reduced and the pH drops, the microbes convert the ammonia to nitrates. A low ammonia + high nitrate score is indicative of a mature compost, however there are many exceptions. For example, a compost with a low pH (<7) will retain ammonia, while a compost with high lime content can lose ammonia before the organic fraction becomes stable. Composts must first be stable before curing indicators apply.

Ammonia N ppm

1500 immature

Nitrate N ppm

9.6 immature

pH value

6.32 immature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

Cucumbers are chosen for this test because they are salt tolerant and very sensitive to ammonia and organic acid toxicity. Therefore, we can germinate seeds in high concentrations of compost to measure phytotoxic effects without soluble salts being the limiting factor. Values above 80% for both percent emergence and vigor are indicative of a well-cured compost. Exceptions include very high salts that affect the cucumbers, excessive concentrations of nitrates and other nutrients that will be in range when formulated to make a growing media. In addition to testing a 1:1 compost: vermiculite blend, we also test a diluted 1:3 blend to indicate a more sensitive toxicity level.

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform

< 1000 / g dry wt.

Fecal coliforms can survive in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions and is common in all initial compost piles. Most human pathogens occur from fecal matter and all fecal matter is loaded in fecal coliforms. Therefore fecal coliforms are used as an indicator to determine if the chosen method for pathogen reduction (heat for compost) has met the requirements of sufficient temperature, time and mixing. If the fecal coliforms are reduced to below 1000 per gram dry wt. it is assumed all other pathogens are eliminated. Potential problems are that fecal coliform can regrow during the curing phase or during shipping. This is because the conditions are now more favorable for growth than during the composting process.

Salmonella Bacteria

Less than 3 3 / 4g dry wt. Salmonella is not only another indicator organism but also a toxic microbe. It has been used in the case of biosolids industry to determine adequate pathogen reduction.

Metals

Pass

The ten heavy metals listed in the EPA 503 regulations are chosen to determine if compost can be applied to ag land and handled without toxic effects. Most high concentrations of heavy metals are derived from woodwaste feedstock such as chrome-arsenic treated or lead painted demolition wood. Biosolids are rarely a problem.

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P₂O₅+K₂O)

3.2 Average nutrient content

This value is the sum of the primary nutrients Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Reported units are consistent with those found on fertilizer formulations. A sum greater than 5 is indicative of a compost with high nutrient content, and best used to supply nutrients to a receiving soil. A sum below 2 indicates low nutrient content, and is best-used to improve soil structure via the addition of organic matter. Most compost falls between 2 and 5.

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INTERPRETATION:

AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

8 Average nutrient ratio Composts with low AgIndex values have high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride compared to nutrients. Repeated use of a compost with a low AgIndex (< 2) may result in sodium and/or chloride acting as the limiting factor compared to nutrients, governing application rates. These composts may be used on well-draining soils and/or with salt-tolerant plants. Additional nutrients from another source may be needed if the application rate is limited by sodium or chloride. If the AgIndex is above 10, nutrients optimal for plant growth will be available without concern of sodium and/or chloride toxicity. Composts with an AgIndex of above 10 are good for increasing nutrient levels for all soils. Most composts score between 2 and 10. Concentrations of nutrients, sodium, and chloride in the receiving soil should be considered when determining compost application rates. The AgIndex is a product of feedstock quality. Feedstock from dairy manure, marine waste, industrial wastes, and halophytic plants are likely to produce a finished compost with a low AgIndex.

Plant Available Nitrogen (lbs/ton)

8 Average N Provider Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) is calculated by estimating the release rate of Nitrogen from the organic fraction of the compost. This estimate is based on information gathered from the BAC test and measured ammonia and nitrate values. Despite the PAN value of the compost, additional sources of Nitrogen may be needed during the growing season to offset the Nitrogen demand of the microbes present in the compost. With ample nutrients these microbes can further breakdown organic matter in the compost and release bound Nitrogen. Nitrogen demand based on a high C/N ratio is not considered in the PAN calculation because additional Nitrogen should always be supplemented to the receiving soil when composts with a high C/N ratio are applied.

C/N Ratio

19 Indicates immaturity As a guiding principal, a C/N ratio below 14 indicates maturity and above 14 indicates immaturity, however, there are many exceptions. Large woodchips (>6.3mm), bark, and redwood are slow to breakdown and therefore can result in a relatively stable product while the C/N ratio value is high. Additionally, some composts with chicken manure and/or green grass feedstocks can start with a C/N ratio below 15 and are very unstable. A C/N ratio below 10 supplies Nitrogen, while a ratio above 20 can deplete Nitrogen from the soil. The rate at which Nitrogen will be released or used by the microbes is indicated by the respiration rate (BAC). If the respiration rate is too high the transfer of Nitrogen will not be controllable.

Soluble Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw - mmhos/cm)

9.7 High salts This value refers to all soluble ions including nutrients, sodium, chloride and some soluble organic compounds. The concentration of salts will change due to the release of salts from the organic matter as it degrades, volatilization of ammonia, decomposition of soluble organics, and conversion of molecular structure. High salts + high AgIndex is indicative of a compost high in readily available nutrients. The application rate of these composts should be limited by the optimum nutrient value based on soil analysis of the receiving soil. High Salts + low AgIndex is indicative of a compost low in nutrients with high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride. Limit the application rate according to the toxicity level of the sodium and/or chloride. Low salts indicates that the compost can be applied without risking salt toxicity, is likely a good source of organic matter, and that nutrients will release slowly over time.

Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

0 Low lime content Compost high in lime or carbonates are often those produced from chicken manure (layers) ash materials, and lime products. These are excellent products to use on a receiving soil where lime has been recommended by soil analysis to raise the pH. Composts with a high lime content should be closely considered for pH requirements when formulating potting mixes.

Physical Properties

Percent Ash

57.4 Average ash content Ash is the non-organic fraction of a compost. Most composts contain approximately 50% ash (dry weight basis). Compost can be high in ash content for many reasons including: excess mineralization (old compost), contamination with soil base material during turning, poor quality feedstock, and soil or mineral products added. Finding the source and reducing high ash content is often the fastest means to increasing nutrient quality of a compost.

Particle Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")

5.8 May restrict use Large particles may restrict use for potting soils, golf course topdressings, seed-starter mixes, and where a fine size distribution is required. Composts with large particles can still be used as excellent additions to field soils, shrub mixes and mulches.

Particle Size Distribution

Each size fraction is measured by weight, volume and bulk density. These results are particularly relevant with decisions to screen or not, and if screening, which size screen to use. The bulk density indicates if the fraction screened is made of light weight organic material or heavy mineral material. Removing large mineral material can greatly improve compost quality by increasing nutrient and organic concentrations.

Appendix:	Estimated available nutrients for use when calculating application rates
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) calculations:	lbs/ton (As Rcvd.)
PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) 8.2
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Ammonia (NH4-N) 1.80
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Nitrate (NO3-N) 0.01
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64) 4.4
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.	Available Potassium (K2O) 15.9



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COMPOST TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

LABORATORY: Soil Control Lab; 42 Hangar Way; Watsonville, CA 95076 tel: 831.724.5422 fax: 831.724.3188

<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Test Results</i>
Plant Nutrients:	% , weight basis	Not reported	Not reported
Moisture Content	% , wet weight basis	38.5	
Organic Matter Content	% , dry weight basis	42.9	
pH	units	6.28	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	6.8	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	maxium aggregate size, inches	0.64	
Stability Indicator (respirometry)		Stability Rating:	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.5	Moderately Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.2	
Maturity Indicator (bioassay)			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
Relative Seedling Vigor	average % of control	86.7	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
		Pass	<i>Salmonella</i>
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.	Pass	<i>As,Cd,Cr,Cu,Pb,Hg</i>
			<i>Mo,Ni,Se,Zn</i>

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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Test Results</i>
Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	%, wet weight basis	%, dry weight basis
Nitrogen	Total N	0.83	1.4
Phosphorus	P ₂ O ₅	0.36	0.57
Potassium	K ₂ O	0.83	1.3
Calcium	Ca	1.2	2.0
Magnesium	Mg	0.31	0.50
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	38.5	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	42.9	
pH	units	6.28	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	6.8	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	% under 9.5 mm, dw basis	99.5	
Stability Indicator (<i>respirometry</i>)		Stability Rating:	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.5	Moderately Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.2	
Maturity Indicator (bioassay)			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
Relative Seedling Vigor	average % of control	86.7	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
		Pass	<i>Salmonella</i>
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.	Pass	<i>As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Hg</i> <i>Mo, Ni, Se, Zn</i>

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Product Identification:

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COMPOST TECHNICAL DATA SHEET for Caltrans

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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>TMECC Test Method</i>
pH	6.28	Unitless	04.11-A 1:5 Slurry pH
Soluble Salts (electrical conductivity)	6.8	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	04.10-A 1:5 Slurry Method Mass Basis
Moisture content	38.5	%, wet weight basis	03.09-A - Total Solids and Moisture
Organic Matter Content	42.9	%, dry weight basis	05.07-A Loss-on-Ignition Organic Matter Method (LOI)
Maturity Indicator (bioassay) Percent Emergence	100.0	average % of control	05.05-A Germination and vigor
Relative Seedling Vigor	86.7	average % of control	
Stability Indicator	7.5	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	05.08-B Carbon Dioxide Evolution Rate
Particle Size	99.5	%, dry weight passing through 9.5 mm	02.02-B Sample Sieving for Aggregate Size Classification
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.01-B Fecal coliforms
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.02 Salmonella
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Total content
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Sharps content
Heavy Metals Content	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A 40 CFR 503.13, tables 1 and 3.	04.06-Heavy Metals standard, and Hazardous Elements

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This compost product has been sampled and tested as required by the Seal of Testing assurance Program on the United States Composting Council (USCC), using certain methods from the "Test Methods for the Examination of Compost and Composting" manual. Test results are available upon request by contacting the compost producer (address at top of page). The USCC makes no warranties regarding this product or its content, quality, or suitability for any particular use.

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Reporting Date: October 5, 2012

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24487 Rd. 140
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Attn: John Jones

Date Received: 19 Sep. 12
Sample Identification: Zone 3
Sample ID #: 2090507 - 1/2

Nutrients				Stability Indicator:			Biologically	
	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry	Available C		
Total Nitrogen:	1.4	0.83	%	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.5	7.9		
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	670	410	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	3.2	3.4		
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	10	6.4	mg/kg	<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>		
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.3	0.80	%					
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.58	0.36	%					
Phosphorus (P):	2500	1600	mg/kg					
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.3	0.82	%					
Potassium (K):	11000	6900	mg/kg					
Calcium (Ca):	2.0	1.2	%					
Magnesium (Mg):	0.50	0.31	%					
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	640	390	mg/kg					
Boron (Total B):	30	18	mg/kg					
Moisture:	0	38.5	%					
Sodium (Na):	0.12	0.073	%					
Chloride (Cl):	0.22	0.14	%					
pH Value:	NA	6.28	unit					
Bulk Density :	25	40	lb/cu ft					
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	6.9	4.2	lb/ton					
Conductivity (EC5):	6.8	NA	mmhos/cm					
Organic Matter:	42.9	26.4	%					
Organic Carbon:	25.0	15.0	%					
Ash:	57.1	35.1	%					
C/N Ratio	18	18	ratio					
AgIndex	10	10	ratio					
				Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay				
				Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3		
				Emergence (%)	100	100		
				Seedling Vigor (%)	87	87		
				<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>fungus</i>	<i>fungus</i>		
				Pathogens	Results	Units	Rating	
				Fecal Coliform	< 2.0	MPN/g	<i>pass</i>	
				Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>	
				Date Tested: 19 Sep. 12				
				Inerts	% by weight			
				Plastic	< 0.5			
				Glass	< 0.5			
				Metal	< 0.5			
				Sharps	ND			
				Size & Volume Distribution				
				MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc	
				> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00	
				25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00	
				16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00	
				9.5 to 16	0.5	0.4	0.50	
				6.3 to 9.5	2.7	2.9	0.41	
				4.0 to 6.3	5.1	5.7	0.39	
				2.0 to 4.0	12.6	19.3	0.29	
				< 2.0	79.0	71.6	0.48	
				Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials				
				Analyst: Assaf Sadeh				
Metals				Dry wt.	EPA Limit	units		
Aluminum (Al)	6900	-	mg/kg					
Arsenic (As):	3.1	41	mg/kg					
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg					
Chromium (Cr):	14	1200	mg/kg					
Cobalt (Co)	3.8	-	mg/kg					
Copper (Cu):	49	1500	mg/kg					
Iron (Fe):	9700	-	mg/kg					
Lead (Pb):	20	300	mg/kg					
Manganese (Mn):	220	-	mg/kg					
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg					
Molybdenum (Mo):	1.6	75	mg/kg					
Nickel (Ni):	11	420	mg/kg					
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg					
Zinc (Zn):	170	2800	mg/kg					

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Date Received: 19 Sep. 12
 Sample i.d.: Zone 3
 Sample I.d. No.: 1/2 2090507

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile
7.5 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC)	Optimum Degradation Rate
7.9 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio	
67 Ratio	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm	
670 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm	
10 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ < Immature > < Mature
pH value	
6.28 units	+++++ < Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence	
100.0 percent	+++++ < Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform	
< 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++ < Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella	
Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++ <Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals	US EPA 503
Pass dry wt.	+++++ <All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O)	
3.3 Percent dry wt.	+++++ <Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts)	((N+P2O5+K2O) / (Na + Cl))
10 Ratio	+++++ Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	Estimated release for first season
6 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++ Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio	
18 Ratio	+++++ < Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw)	
6.8 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++ SlowRelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3)	
6.9 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+++++ < Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash	
57.1 Percent dry wt.	+++++ < High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")	
3.2 Percent dry wt.	+++++ All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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Is Your Compost Stable?

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Respiration Rate

7.5 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

The respiration rate is a measurement of the biodegradation rate of the organic matter in the sample (as received). The respiration rate is determined by measuring the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture and temperature conditions.

Biologically Available Carbon

7.9 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) is a measurement of the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture, temperature, porosity, nutrients, pH and microbial conditions. If both the RR and the BAC test values are close to the same value, the pile is optimized for composting. If both values are high the compost pile just needs more time. If both values are low the compost has stabilized and should be moved to curing. BAC test values that are higher than RR indicate that the compost pile has stalled. This could be due to anaerobic conditions, lack of available nitrogen due to excessive air converting ammonia to the unavailable nitrate form, lack of nitrogen or other nutrients due to poor choice of feedstock, pH value out of range, or microbes rendered non-active.

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

67 immature

Composting to stabilize carbon can occur at such a rapid rate that sometimes phytotoxins remain in the compost and must be neutralized before using in high concentrations or in high-end uses. This step is called curing. Typically ammonia is in excess with the break-down of organic materials resulting in an increase in pH. This combination results in a loss of volatile ammonia (it smells). Once this toxic ammonia has been reduced and the pH drops, the microbes convert the ammonia to nitrates. A low ammonia + high nitrate score is indicative of a mature compost, however there are many exceptions. For example, a compost with a low pH (<7) will retain ammonia, while a compost with high lime content can lose ammonia before the organic fraction becomes stable. Composts must first be stable before curing indicators apply.

Ammonia N ppm

670 immature

Nitrate N ppm

10 immature

pH value

6.28 immature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

Cucumbers are chosen for this test because they are salt tolerant and very sensitive to ammonia and organic acid toxicity. Therefore, we can germinate seeds in high concentrations of compost to measure phytotoxic effects without soluble salts being the limiting factor. Values above 80% for both percent emergence and vigor are indicative of a well-cured compost. Exceptions include very high salts that affect the cucumbers, excessive concentrations of nitrates and other nutrients that will be in range when formulated to make a growing media. In addition to testing a 1:1 compost: vermiculite blend, we also test a diluted 1:3 blend to indicate a more sensitive toxicity level.

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform

< 1000 / g dry wt.

Fecal coliforms can survive in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions and is common in all initial compost piles. Most human pathogens occur from fecal matter and all fecal matter is loaded in fecal coliforms. Therefore fecal coliforms are used as an indicator to determine if the chosen method for pathogen reduction (heat for compost) has met the requirements of sufficient temperature, time and mixing. If the fecal coliforms are reduced to below 1000 per gram dry wt. it is assumed all other pathogens are eliminated. Potential problems are that fecal coliform can regrow during the curing phase or during shipping. This is because the conditions are now more favorable for growth than during the composting process.

Salmonella Bacteria

Less than 3 3 / 4g dry wt. Salmonella is not only another indicator organism but also a toxic microbe. It has been used in the case of biosolids industry to determine adequate pathogen reduction.

Metals

Pass

The ten heavy metals listed in the EPA 503 regulations are chosen to determine if compost can be applied to ag land and handled without toxic effects. Most high concentrations of heavy metals are derived from woodwaste feedstock such as chrome-arsenic treated or lead painted demolition wood. Biosolids are rarely a problem.

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P₂O₅+K₂O)

3.3 Average nutrient content

This value is the sum of the primary nutrients Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Reported units are consistent with those found on fertilizer formulations. A sum greater than 5 is indicative of a compost with high nutrient content, and best used to supply nutrients to a receiving soil. A sum below 2 indicates low nutrient content, and is best-used to improve soil structure via the addition of organic matter. Most compost falls between 2 and 5.

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AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

10 Average nutrient ratio Composts with low AgIndex values have high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride compared to nutrients. Repeated use of a compost with a low AgIndex (< 2) may result in sodium and/or chloride acting as the limiting factor compared to nutrients, governing application rates. These composts may be used on well-draining soils and/or with salt-tolerant plants. Additional nutrients from another source may be needed if the application rate is limited by sodium or chloride. If the AgIndex is above 10, nutrients optimal for plant growth will be available without concern of sodium and/or chloride toxicity. Composts with an AgIndex of above 10 are good for increasing nutrient levels for all soils. Most composts score between 2 and 10. Concentrations of nutrients, sodium, and chloride in the receiving soil should be considered when determining compost application rates. The AgIndex is a product of feedstock quality. Feedstock from dairy manure, marine waste, industrial wastes, and halophytic plants are likely to produce a finished compost with a low AgIndex.

Plant Available Nitrogen (lbs/ton)

6 Average N Provider Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) is calculated by estimating the release rate of Nitrogen from the organic fraction of the compost. This estimate is based on information gathered from the BAC test and measured ammonia and nitrate values. Despite the PAN value of the compost, additional sources of Nitrogen may be needed during the growing season to offset the Nitrogen demand of the microbes present in the compost. With ample nutrients these microbes can further breakdown organic matter in the compost and release bound Nitrogen. Nitrogen demand based on a high C/N ratio is not considered in the PAN calculation because additional Nitrogen should always be supplemented to the receiving soil when composts with a high C/N ratio are applied.

C/N Ratio

18 Indicates immaturity As a guiding principal, a C/N ratio below 14 indicates maturity and above 14 indicates immaturity, however, there are many exceptions. Large woodchips (>6.3mm), bark, and redwood are slow to breakdown and therefore can result in a relatively stable product while the C/N ratio value is high. Additionally, some composts with chicken manure and/or green grass feedstocks can start with a C/N ratio below 15 and are very unstable. A C/N ratio below 10 supplies Nitrogen, while a ratio above 20 can deplete Nitrogen from the soil. The rate at which Nitrogen will be released or used by the microbes is indicated by the respiration rate (BAC). If the respiration rate is too high the transfer of Nitrogen will not be controllable.

Soluble Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw - mmhos/cm)

6.8 Average salts This value refers to all soluble ions including nutrients, sodium, chloride and some soluble organic compounds. The concentration of salts will change due to the release of salts from the organic matter as it degrades, volatilization of ammonia, decomposition of soluble organics, and conversion of molecular structure. High salts + high AgIndex is indicative of a compost high in readily available nutrients. The application rate of these composts should be limited by the optimum nutrient value based on soil analysis of the receiving soil. High Salts + low AgIndex is indicative of a compost low in nutrients with high concentrations of sodium and/or chloride. Limit the application rate according to the toxicity level of the sodium and/or chloride. Low salts indicates that the compost can be applied without risking salt toxicity, is likely a good source of organic matter, and that nutrients will release slowly over time.

Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

6.9 Average lime content Compost high in lime or carbonates are often those produced from chicken manure (layers) ash materials, and lime products. These are excellent products to use on a receiving soil where lime has been recommended by soil analysis to raise the pH. Composts with a high lime content should be closely considered for pH requirements when formulating potting mixes.

Physical Properties

Percent Ash

57.1 Average ash content Ash is the non-organic fraction of a compost. Most composts contain approximately 50% ash (dry weight basis). Compost can be high in ash content for many reasons including: excess mineralization (old compost), contamination with soil base material during turning, poor quality feedstock, and soil or mineral products added. Finding the source and reducing high ash content is often the fastest means to increasing nutrient quality of a compost.

Particle Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")

3.2 May restrict use Large particles may restrict use for potting soils, golf course topdressings, seed-starter mixes, and where a fine size distribution is required. Composts with large particles can still be used as excellent additions to field soils, shrub mixes and mulches.

Particle Size Distribution

Each size fraction is measured by weight, volume and bulk density. These results are particularly relevant with decisions to screen or not, and if screening, which size screen to use. The bulk density indicates if the fraction screened is made of light weight organic material or heavy mineral material. Removing large mineral material can greatly improve compost quality by increasing nutrient and organic concentrations.

Appendix:	Estimated available nutrients for use when calculating application rates
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) calculations:	lbs/ton (As Rcvd.)
PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) 5.9
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Ammonia (NH4-N) 0.82
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Nitrate (NO3-N) 0.01
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64) 4.7
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.	Available Potassium (K2O) 16.6



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COMPOST TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Test Results</i>
Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	Not reported	Not reported
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	43.3	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	46.5	
pH	units	5.03	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	11	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	maxium aggregate size, inches	0.64	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	13	Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	6.2	
<i>Maturity Indicator (bioassay)</i>			
Percent Emergence	average % of control	100.0	
Relative Seedling Vigor	average % of control	81.7	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
		Pass	<i>Salmonella</i>
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.	Pass	<i>As,Cd,Cr,Cu,Pb,Hg</i> <i>Mo,Ni,Se,Zn</i>

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Plant Nutrients:	%, weight basis	%, wet weight basis	%, dry weight basis
Nitrogen	Total N	0.85	1.5
Phosphorus	P ₂ O ₅	0.36	0.61
Potassium	K ₂ O	0.82	1.4
Calcium	Ca	0.86	1.5
Magnesium	Mg	0.25	0.44
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	43.3	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	46.5	
pH	units	5.03	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity EC₅)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	11	
Particle Size or Sieve Size	% under 9.5 mm, dw basis	98.4	
<i>Stability Indicator (respirometry)</i>		<i>Stability Rating:</i>	
CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	13	Un-Stable
	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	6.2	
<i>Maturity Indicator (bioassay)</i>			
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Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	Pass	<i>Fecal coliform</i>
		Pass	<i>Salmonella</i>
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.	Pass	<i>As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Hg</i> <i>Mo, Ni, Se, Zn</i>

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COMPOST TECHNICAL DATA SHEET for Caltrans

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<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>TMECC Test Method</i>
pH	5.03	Unitless	04.11-A 1:5 Slurry pH
Soluble Salts (electrical conductivity)	11	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	04.10-A 1:5 Slurry Method Mass Basis
Moisture content	43.3	%, wet weight basis	03.09-A - Total Solids and Moisture
Organic Matter Content	46.5	%, dry weight basis	05.07-A Loss-on-Ignition Organic Matter Method (LOI)
Maturity Indicator (bioassay) Percent Emergence	100.0	average % of control	05.05-A Germination and vigor
Relative Seedling Vigor	81.7	average % of control	
Stability Indicator	13	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	05.08-B Carbon Dioxide Evolution Rate
Particle Size	98.4	%, dry weight passing through 9.5 mm	02.02-B Sample Sieving for Aggregate Size Classification
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.01-B Fecal coliforms
Pathogens	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	07.02 Salmonella
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Total content
Physical Contaminants	None Detected	%, dry weight basis	02.02-C - Man-Made Inerts Sharps content
Heavy Metals Content	Pass	PASS/FAIL: Per US EPA Class A 40 CFR 503.13, tables 1 and 3.	04.06-Heavy Metals standard, and Hazardous Elements

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Reporting Date: October 5, 2012

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Attn: John Jones

Date Received: 19 Sep. 12
Sample Identification: Zone 3 Control
Sample ID #: 2090507 - 2/2

Nutrients				Stability Indicator:			Biologically
	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry	Available C	
Total Nitrogen:	1.5	0.85	%	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	13	14	
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	2000	1200	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	6.2	6.7	
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	51	29	mg/kg	<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>unstable</i>	<i>unstable</i>	
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.3	0.74	%	Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay			
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.62	0.35	%	Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3	
Phosphorus (P):	2700	1600	mg/kg	Emergence (%)	100	100	
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.4	0.81	%	Seedling Vigor (%)	82	83	
Potassium (K):	12000	6800	mg/kg	<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>mushroom</i>	<i>fungus</i>	
Calcium (Ca):	1.5	0.86	%	Pathogens			
Magnesium (Mg):	0.44	0.25	%	Fecal Coliform	< 2.0	MPN/g	Rating
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	840	470	mg/kg	Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>
Boron (Total B):	23	13	mg/kg	Date Tested: 19 Sep. 12			
Moisture:	0	43.3	%	Inerts			
Sodium (Na):	0.12	0.068	%	% by weight			
Chloride (Cl):	0.29	0.16	%	Plastic	< 0.5		
pH Value:	NA	5.03	unit	Glass	< 0.5		
Bulk Density :	22	38	lb/cu ft	Metal	< 0.5		
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	<0.1	<0.1	lb/ton	Sharps	ND		
Conductivity (EC5):	11	NA	mmhos/cm	Size & Volume Distribution			
Organic Matter:	46.5	26.4	%	MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc
Organic Carbon:	25.0	14.0	%	> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Ash:	53.5	30.3	%	25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
C/N Ratio	17	17	ratio	16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00
AgIndex	9	9	ratio	9.5 to 16	1.6	0.9	0.52
Metals				6.3 to 9.5	4.6	3.4	0.40
Aluminum (Al)	6600	-	mg/kg	4.0 to 6.3	8.5	9.1	0.28
Arsenic (As):	2.7	41	mg/kg	2.0 to 4.0	19.9	25.1	0.24
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg	< 2.0	65.4	61.5	0.32
Chromium (Cr):	13	1200	mg/kg	Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials			
Cobalt (Co)	3.4	-	mg/kg	Analyst: Assaf Sadeh			
Copper (Cu):	38	1500	mg/kg				
Iron (Fe):	9300	-	mg/kg				
Lead (Pb):	15	300	mg/kg				
Manganese (Mn):	190	-	mg/kg				
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg				
Molybdenum (Mo):	1.6	75	mg/kg				
Nickel (Ni):	13	420	mg/kg				
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg				
Zinc (Zn):	140	2800	mg/kg				

*Sample was received and handled in accordance with TMECC procedures.

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 Sample I.d. No.: 2/2 2090507

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile
13 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC)	Optimum Degradation Rate
14 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio	
39 Ratio	++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm	
2000 mg/kg dry wt.	++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm	
51 mg/kg dry wt.	++++ < Immature > < Mature
pH value	
5.03 units	++++ < Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence	
100.0 percent	++++ < Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform	
< 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	++++ < Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella	
Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	++++ <Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals	US EPA 503
Pass dry wt.	++++ <All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O)	
3.6 Percent dry wt.	++++ <Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts)	((N+P2O5+K2O) / (Na + Cl))
9 Ratio	++++ Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	Estimated release for first season
9 lbs/ton wet wt.	++++ Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio	
17 Ratio	++++ < Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw)	
11 mmhos/cm dry wt.	++++ SlORelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3)	
0 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+ < Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

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Nitrate N ppm

51 mature

pH value

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2090507 - 2/2 - 6908
Group: Sep.12 C_1 No. 9

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INTERPRETATION:

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AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

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Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

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Physical Properties

Percent Ash

53.5 Average ash content Ash is the non-organic fraction of a compost. Most composts contain approximately 50% ash (dry weight basis). Compost can be high in ash content for many reasons including: excess mineralization (old compost), contamination with soil base material during turning, poor quality feedstock, and soil or mineral products added. Finding the source and reducing high ash content is often the fastest means to increasing nutrient quality of a compost.

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Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) calculations:	lbs/ton (As Rcvd.)	
PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	9.3
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Ammonia (NH4-N)	2.40
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Nitrate (NO3-N)	0.06
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64)	4.7
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Potassium (K2O)	16.4
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.		


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Account #: 2100583-1/2-6908
Group: Oct.12 C #26
Reporting Date: November 1, 2012

TCCBI - Harvest Power
24487 Rd. 140
Tulare, CA 93274
Attn: John Jones

Date Received: 19 Oct. 12
Sample Identification: Zone #1- Cure
Sample ID #: 2100583 - 1/2

Nutrients				Stability Indicator:			Biologically
	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry	Available C	
Total Nitrogen:	1.4	0.94	%	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	7.5	8.8	
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	690	460	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	2.8	3.3	
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	6.1	4.0	mg/kg	<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>	<i>unstable</i>	
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.3	0.86	%	Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay			
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.65	0.43	%	Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3	
Phosphorus (P):	2800	1900	mg/kg	Emergence (%)	100	100	
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.4	0.92	%	Seedling Vigor (%)	100	100	
Potassium (K):	11000	7600	mg/kg	<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>healthy</i>	<i>healthy</i>	
Calcium (Ca):	2.3	1.5	%	Pathogens	Results	Units	Rating
Magnesium (Mg):	0.47	0.31	%	Fecal Coliform	> 1200	MPN/g	<i>fail</i>
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	2000	1300	mg/kg	Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>
Boron (Total B):	19	13	mg/kg	Date Tested: 19 Oct. 12			
Moisture:	0	33.7	%	Inerts	% by weight		
Sodium (Na):	0.13	0.086	%	Plastic	< 0.5		
Chloride (Cl):	0.19	0.13	%	Glass	< 0.5		
pH Value:	NA	6.12	unit	Metal	< 0.5		
Bulk Density :	22	34	lb/cu ft	Sharps	ND		
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	1.8	1.2	lb/ton	Size & Volume Distribution			
Conductivity (EC5):	7.5	NA	mmhos/cm	MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc
Organic Matter:	37.3	24.7	%	> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Organic Carbon:	21.0	14.0	%	25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
Ash:	62.7	41.6	%	16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00
C/N Ratio	15	15	ratio	9.5 to 16	2.1	4.0	0.23
AgIndex	> 10	> 10	ratio	6.3 to 9.5	3.7	4.0	0.42
Metals				4.0 to 6.3	10.2	11.1	0.41
Aluminum (Al)	8300	-	mg/kg	2.0 to 4.0	18.1	25.4	0.31
Arsenic (As):	3.0	41	mg/kg	< 2.0	65.8	55.6	0.52
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg	Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials			
Chromium (Cr):	15	1200	mg/kg	Analyst: Assaf Sadeh			
Cobalt (Co)	2.7	-	mg/kg				
Copper (Cu):	69	1500	mg/kg				
Iron (Fe):	11000	-	mg/kg				
Lead (Pb):	17	300	mg/kg				
Manganese (Mn):	160	-	mg/kg				
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg				
Molybdenum (Mo):	1.5	75	mg/kg				
Nickel (Ni):	10	420	mg/kg				
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg				
Zinc (Zn):	140	2800	mg/kg				

*Sample was received and handled in accordance with TMECC procedures.

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19 Oct. 12
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 1/2 2100583

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile
7.5 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC)	Optimum Degradation Rate
8.8 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio	
110 Ratio	++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm	
690 mg/kg dry wt.	++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm	
6.1 mg/kg dry wt.	++++ < Immature > < Mature
pH value	
6.12 units	++++ < Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence	
100.0 percent	++++ < Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform	
> 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	++++ < Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella	
Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	++++ <Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals	US EPA 503
Pass dry wt.	++++ <All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O)	
3.4 Percent dry wt.	++++ <Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts)	((N+P2O5+K2O) / (Na + Cl))
11 Ratio	++++ Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	Estimated release for first season
7 lbs/ton wet wt.	++++ Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio	
15 Ratio	++++ < Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw)	
7.5 mmhos/cm dry wt.	++++ SloRelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3)	
1.8 Lbs/ton dry wt.	++ < Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash	
62.7 Percent dry wt.	++++ < High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")	
5.9 Percent dry wt.	++++ All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

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Respiration Rate

7.5 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

The respiration rate is a measurement of the biodegradation rate of the organic matter in the sample (as received). The respiration rate is determined by measuring the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture and temperature conditions.

Biologically Available Carbon

8.8 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) is a measurement of the rate at which CO₂ is released under optimized moisture, temperature, porosity, nutrients, pH and microbial conditions. If both the RR and the BAC test values are close to the same value, the pile is optimized for composting. If both values are high the compost pile just needs more time. If both values are low the compost has stabilized and should be moved to curing. BAC test values that are higher than RR indicate that the compost pile has stalled. This could be due to anaerobic conditions, lack of available nitrogen due to excessive air converting ammonia to the unavailable nitrate form, lack of nitrogen or other nutrients due to poor choice of feedstock, pH value out of range, or microbes rendered non-active.

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

110 immature

Composting to stabilize carbon can occur at such a rapid rate that sometimes phytotoxins remain in the compost and must be neutralized before using in high concentrations or in high-end uses. This step is called curing. Typically ammonia is in excess with the break-down of organic materials resulting in an increase in pH. This combination results in a loss of volatile ammonia (it smells). Once this toxic ammonia has been reduced and the pH drops, the microbes convert the ammonia to nitrates. A low ammonia + high nitrate score is indicative of a mature compost, however there are many exceptions. For example, a compost with a low pH (<7) will retain ammonia, while a compost with high lime content can lose ammonia before the organic fraction becomes stable. Composts must first be stable before curing indicators apply.

Ammonia N ppm

690 immature

Nitrate N ppm

6.1 immature

pH value

6.12 immature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

Cucumbers are chosen for this test because they are salt tolerant and very sensitive to ammonia and organic acid toxicity. Therefore, we can germinate seeds in high concentrations of compost to measure phytotoxic effects without soluble salts being the limiting factor. Values above 80% for both percent emergence and vigor are indicative of a well-cured compost. Exceptions include very high salts that affect the cucumbers, excessive concentrations of nitrates and other nutrients that will be in range when formulated to make a growing media. In addition to testing a 1:1 compost: vermiculite blend, we also test a diluted 1:3 blend to indicate a more sensitive toxicity level.

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform

> 1000 / g dry wt.

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If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Nitrate (NO3-N) 0.01
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64) 5.5
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.	Available Potassium (K2O) 18.3

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Group: Oct.12 C #27
Reporting Date: November 1, 2012

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Tulare, CA 93274
Attn: John Jones

Date Received: 19 Oct. 12
Sample Identification: Zone #2- Cure
Sample ID #: 2100583 - 2/2

Nutrients	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units
Total Nitrogen:	1.2	0.90	%
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	290	210	mg/kg
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	5.7	4.1	mg/kg
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.2	0.87	%
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.72	0.52	%
Phosphorus (P):	3200	2300	mg/kg
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.4	0.98	%
Potassium (K):	11000	8100	mg/kg
Calcium (Ca):	2.4	1.7	%
Magnesium (Mg):	0.61	0.45	%
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	1300	910	mg/kg
Boron (Total B):	28	20	mg/kg
Moisture:	0	27.6	%
Sodium (Na):	0.11	0.080	%
Chloride (Cl):	0.19	0.14	%
pH Value:	NA	7.33	unit
Bulk Density :	28	38	lb/cu ft
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	15	11	lb/ton
Conductivity (EC5):	4.2	NA	mmhos/cm
Organic Matter:	32.9	23.8	%
Organic Carbon:	17.0	13.0	%
Ash:	67.1	48.6	%
C/N Ratio	14	14	ratio
AgIndex	> 10	> 10	ratio

Stability Indicator:	Respirometry	Biologically Available C
CO2 Evolution		
mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	6.2	7.1
mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	2.1	2.3
<i>Stability Rating</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>	<i>moderately unstable</i>

Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay		
Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1	1:3
Emergence (%)	100	100
Seedling Vigor (%)	100	100
<i>Description of Plants</i>	<i>healthy</i>	<i>healthy</i>

Pathogens	Results	Units	Rating
Fecal Coliform	340	MPN/g	<i>pass</i>
Salmonella	< 3	MPN/4g	<i>pass</i>
Date Tested: 19 Oct. 12			

Inerts	% by weight
Plastic	< 0.5
Glass	< 0.5
Metal	< 0.5
Sharps	ND

Metals	Dry wt.	EPA Limit	units
Aluminum (Al)	9100	-	mg/kg
Arsenic (As):	3.0	41	mg/kg
Cadmium (Cd):	< 1.0	39	mg/kg
Chromium (Cr):	13	1200	mg/kg
Cobalt (Co)	4.0	-	mg/kg
Copper (Cu):	54	1500	mg/kg
Iron (Fe):	12000	-	mg/kg
Lead (Pb):	20	300	mg/kg
Manganese (Mn):	230	-	mg/kg
Mercury (Hg):	< 1.0	17	mg/kg
Molybdenum (Mo):	1.7	75	mg/kg
Nickel (Ni):	11	420	mg/kg
Selenium (Se):	< 1.0	36	mg/kg
Zinc (Zn):	170	2800	mg/kg

Size & Volume Distribution			
MM	% by weight	% by volume	BD g/cc
> 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
25 to 50	0.0	0.0	0.00
16 to 25	0.0	0.0	0.00
9.5 to 16	0.0	0.0	0.00
6.3 to 9.5	1.7	1.8	0.55
4.0 to 6.3	3.9	5.3	0.42
2.0 to 4.0	10.8	17.5	0.36
< 2.0	83.6	75.4	0.64
Bulk Density Description: <.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials			

Analyst: Assaf Sadeh



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INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate 6.2 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile +++++	< Stable	> < Moderately Unstable	< Unstable	> < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC) 7.1 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	Optimum Degradation Rate +++++	< Stable	> < Moderately Unstable	< Unstable	> < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio 51 Ratio	+++++	VeryMature> <	Mature	> <	Immature
Ammonia N ppm 290 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++	VeryMature> <	Mature	> <	Immature
Nitrate N ppm 5.7 mg/kg dry wt.	++++	< Immature	> <	Mature	
pH value 7.33 units	+++++	< Immature	> <	Mature	> < Immature
Cucumber Emergence 100.0 percent	+++++	< Immature	> <	Mature	

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform < 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++	< Safe	> <	High Fecal Coliform	
Salmonella Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++	<Safe (none detected)	> <	High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)	
Metals US EPA 503 Pass dry wt.	+++++	<All Metals Pass	> <	One or more Metals Fail	

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O) 3.3 Percent dry wt.	+++++	<Low	> <	Average	> <	High Nutrient Content		
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts) 11 Ratio	+++++	Na & Cl	> <	Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider	> <	Nutrient Provider		
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) 6 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++	Low Nitrogen Provider> <	Average Nitrogen Provider	> <	High Nitrogen Provider			
C/N Ratio 14 Ratio	+++++	< Nitrogen Release	> <	N-Neutral	> <	N-Demand	> <	High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw) 4.2 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++	SloRelease> <	Average Nutrient Release Rate	> <	High Available Nutrients			
Lime Content (CaCO3) 15 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+++++	< Low	> <	Average	> <	High Lime Content (as CaCO3)		

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash 67.1 Percent dry wt.	+++++	< High Organic Matter	> <	Average	> <	High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25") 1.7 Percent dry wt.	+++++	All Uses	> <	Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses		

Account No.:
2100583 - 2/2 - 6908
Group: Oct.12 C No. 27

Date Received 19 Oct. 12
Sample i.d. Zone #2- Cure
Sample I.d. No. 2/2 2100583

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

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Respiration Rate

6.2 Moderate-selected use mg CO₂-C/g OM/day

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Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia:NitrateN ratio

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Ammonia N ppm

290 mature

Nitrate N ppm

5.7 immature

pH value

7.33 mature

Cucumber Bioassay

100.0 Percent

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Pass

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Date Received: 19 Oct. 12
 Sample i.d.: Zone #2- Cure
 Sample I.d. No.: 2/2 2100583

INTERPRETATION:

AgIndex (Nutrients/Na+Cl)

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C/N Ratio

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Lime Content (lbs. per ton)

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Physical Properties

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PAN = (X * (organic N)) + ((NH4-N) + (NO3-N))	
X value = If BAC < 2 then X = 0.1	Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) 5.8
If BAC =2.1 to 5 then X = 0.2	Ammonia (NH4-N) 0.42
If BAC =5.1 to 10 then X = 0.3	Nitrate (NO3-N) 0.01
If BAC > 10 then X = 0.4	Available Phosphorus (P2O5*0.64) 6.7
Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.	Available Potassium (K2O) 19.5


SOIL CONTROL LAB

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Account #: 2100765-1/2-6908
Group: Oct.12 D #22
Reporting Date: November 6, 2012

TCCBI - Harvest Power
24487 Rd. 140
Tulare, CA 93274
Attn: John Jones

Date Received: 26 Oct. 12
Sample Identification: Zone-3 Cure
Sample ID #: 2100765 - 1/2

Nutrients	Dry wt.	As Rcvd.	units	Stability Indicator:	Biologically
Total Nitrogen:	1.5	1.0	%	CO2 Evolution	Respirometry Available C
Ammonia (NH ₄ -N):	1500	1000	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	23 23
Nitrate (NO ₃ -N):	43	29	mg/kg	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	12 12
Org. Nitrogen (Org.-N):	1.3	0.87	%	Stability Rating	very unstable very unstable
Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅):	0.63	0.42	%	Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay	
Phosphorus (P):	2800	1900	mg/kg	Compost:Vermiculite(v:v)	1:1 1:3
Potassium (as K ₂ O):	1.4	0.94	%	Emergence (%)	100 100
Potassium (K):	12000	7800	mg/kg	Seedling Vigor (%)	83 93
Calcium (Ca):	1.8	1.2	%	Description of Plants	fungus fungus
Magnesium (Mg):	0.44	0.29	%	Pathogens	
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S):	1300	900	mg/kg	Fecal Coliform	< 2.0 MPN/g pass
Boron (Total B):	27	18	mg/kg	Salmonella	< 3 MPN/4g pass
Moisture:	0	33.1	%	Date Tested: 26 Oct. 12	
Sodium (Na):	0.13	0.085	%	Inerts	% by weight
Chloride (Cl):	0.27	0.18	%	Plastic	< 0.5
pH Value:	NA	4.71	unit	Glass	< 0.5
Bulk Density :	18	27	lb/cu ft	Metal	< 0.5
Carbonates (CaCO ₃):	<0.1	<0.1	lb/ton	Sharps	ND
Conductivity (EC5):	10	NA	mmhos/cm	Size & Volume Distribution	
Organic Matter:	53.8	36.0	%	MM	% by weight % by volume BD g/cc
Organic Carbon:	28.0	19.0	%	> 50	0.0 0.0 0.00
Ash:	46.2	30.9	%	25 to 50	0.0 0.0 0.00
C/N Ratio	18	18	ratio	16 to 25	0.0 0.0 0.00
AgIndex	9	9	ratio	9.5 to 16	2.5 2.5 0.35
				6.3 to 9.5	7.5 8.4 0.32
				4.0 to 6.3	8.7 10.9 0.28
				2.0 to 4.0	15.5 21.0 0.26
				< 2.0	65.9 57.1 0.41
				Bulk Density Description:<.35 Light Materials, .35-.60 medium weight materials, >.60 Heavy Materials	
				Analyst: Assaf Sadeh	
					

*Sample was received and handled in accordance with TMECC procedures.

Account No.:
 2100765 - 1/2 - 6908
 Group: Oct.12 D No. 22

Date Received: 26 Oct. 12
 Sample i.d.: Zone-3 Cure
 Sample I.d. No.: 1/2 2100765

INTERPRETATION:

Is Your Compost Stable?

Respiration Rate	Biodegradation Rate of Your Pile
23 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch
Biologically Available Carbon (BAC)	Optimum Degradation Rate
23 mg CO ₂ -C/ g OM/day	+++++ < Stable > < Moderately Unstable> < Unstable > < High For Mulch

Is Your Compost Mature?

Ammonia/NitrateN ratio	
35 Ratio	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Ammonia N ppm	
1500 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ VeryMature> < Mature > < Immature
Nitrate N ppm	
43 mg/kg dry wt.	+++++ < Immature > < Mature
pH value	
4.71 units	+++++ < Immature > < Mature > < Immature
Cucumber Emergence	
100.0 percent	+++++ < Immature > < Mature

Is Your Compost Safe Regarding Health?

Fecal Coliform	
< 1000 MPN/g dry wt.	+++++ < Safe > < High Fecal Coliform
Salmonella	
Less than 3 /4g dry wt.	+++++ <Safe (none detected) > < High Salmonella Count(> 3 per 4 grams)
Metals	US EPA 503
Pass dry wt.	+++++ <All Metals Pass > < One or more Metals Fail

Does Your Compost Provide Nutrients or Organic Matter?

Nutrients (N+P2O5+K2O)	
3.6 Percent dry wt.	+++++ <Low > < Average > < High Nutrient Content
AgIndex (Nutrients / Sodium and Chloride Salts)	((N+P2O5+K2O) / (Na + Cl))
9 Ratio	+++++ Na & Cl > < Nutrient and Sodium and Chloride Provider > < Nutrient Provider
Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)	Estimated release for first season
10 lbs/ton wet wt.	+++++ Low Nitrogen Provider> < Average Nitrogen Provider > <High Nitrogen Provider
C/N Ratio	
18 Ratio	+++++ < Nitrogen Release > < N-Neutral > < N-Demand> < High Nitrogen Demand
Soluble Available Nutrients & Salts (EC5 w/w dw)	
10 mmhos/cm dry wt.	+++++ SlORelease> < Average Nutrient Release Rate > <High Available Nutrients
Lime Content (CaCO3)	
0 Lbs/ton dry wt.	+ < Low > < Average > < High Lime Content (as CaCO3)

What are the physical properties of your compost?

Percent Ash	
46.2 Percent dry wt.	+++++ < High Organic Matter > < Average > < High Ash Content
Sieve Size % > 6.3 MM (0.25")	
10.0 Percent dry wt.	+++++ All Uses > < Size May Restrict Uses for Potting mix and Golf Courses

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Sample I.d. No. 1/2 2100765

INTERPRETATION:

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Ammonia N ppm

1500 immature

Nitrate N ppm

43 immature

pH value

4.71 immature

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100.0 Percent

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Physical Properties

Percent Ash

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Note: If C/N ratio > 15 additional N should be applied.	Available Potassium (K2O) 18.8

REPORT of ANALYSIS

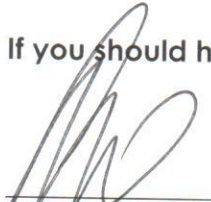
Client: HARVEST POWER CALIFORNIA, LLC
24478 ROAD 140
TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274

Lab No.: 08-08M167
Sampled Date: 08-08-12
Report Date: 08-14-12
Submitted By: JOHN JONES

Material: COMPOST

Sample Description	----- As Received Basis -----				---- 100% D.M. Basis ----		
	% H ₂ O	% Carbon	% Nitrogen	C/N	% H ₂ O	% Carbon	% Nitrogen
1. Zone 1 Composite #1 08/06/12	48.1	14.7	0.56	25.9	-	28.2	1.09
2. Zone 1 Composite #2 08/07/12	39.0	15.6	0.96	16.3	-	25.6	1.57

If you should have any questions, please call. Thank you.



Sam Modesitt
Chemist

REPORT of ANALYSIS

Client: HARVEST POWER CALIFORNIA, LLC
24478 ROAD 140
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Lab No.: 08-13M298
Sampled Date: 08-13-12
Report Date: 08-24-12
Submitted By: JOHN JONES

Material: COMPOST
LOCATION: SJVAPCD

Sample Description	----- As Received Basis -----				----- 100% D.M. Basis -----		
	% H ₂ O	% Carbon	% Nitrogen	C/N	% H ₂ O	% Carbon	% Nitrogen
<i>ZONE 2</i> 1. SJVAPCD - North	35.8	18.7	1.06	17.6	-	29.1	1.65
2. SJVAPCD - South	53.1	15.0	0.77	19.5	-	31.9	1.64

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REPORT of ANALYSIS

Client: HARVEST POWER CALIFORNIA, LLC
24478 ROAD 140
TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274

Lab No.: 08-20M549
Sampled Date: 08-17-12
Report Date: 08-24-12
Submitted By: JOHN JONES

Material: COMPOST
LOCATION: ZONE 3

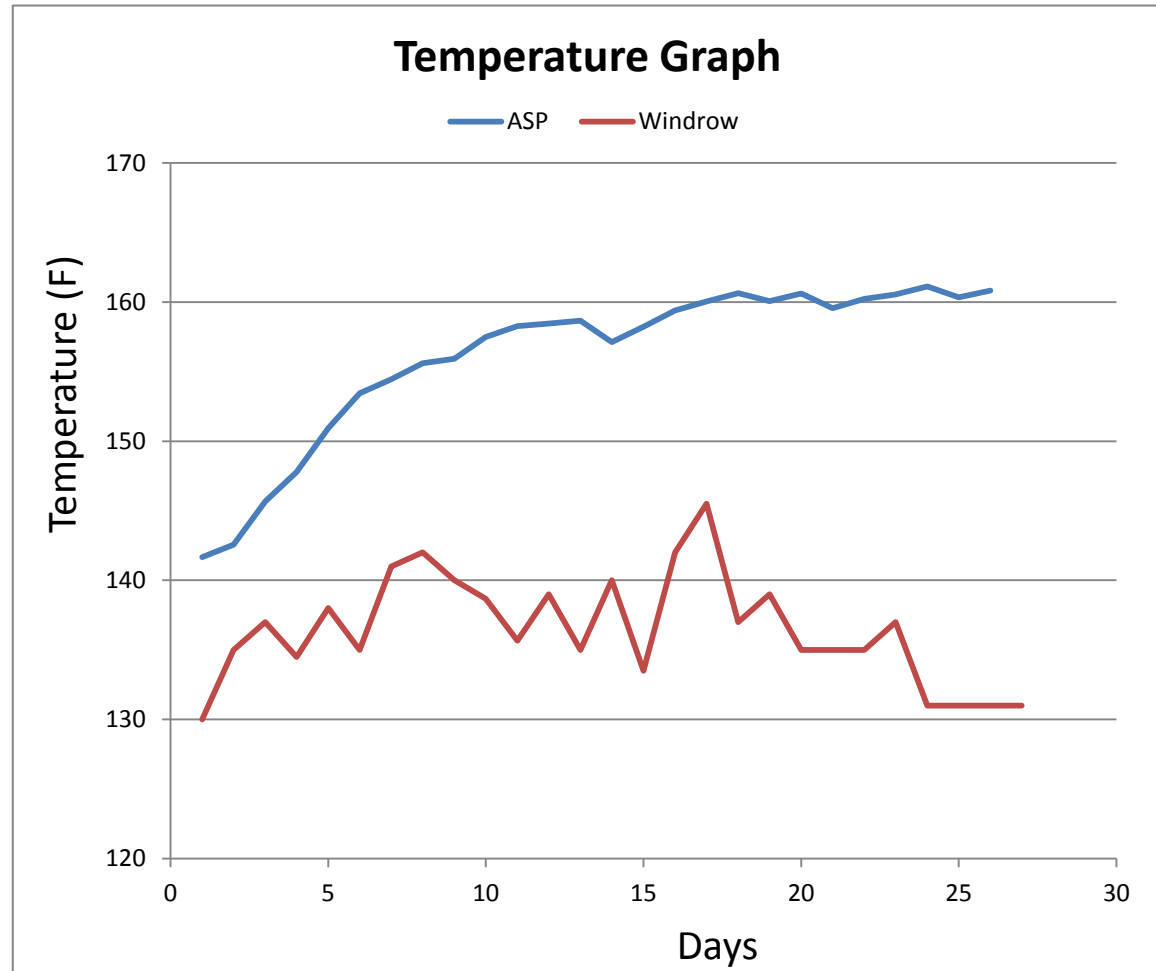
Sample Description	----- As Received Basis -----				----- 100% D.M. Basis -----		
	% H ₂ O	% Carbon	% Nitrogen	C/N	% H ₂ O	% Carbon	% Nitrogen
1. Zone 3 - North End	56.6	11.9	0.58	20.5	-	27.3	1.34
2. Zone 3 - South End	57.2	16.5	0.62	26.6	-	38.6	1.44

If you should have any questions, please call. Thank you.


Sam Modesitt
Chemist

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Day	ASP	Control
0		125
1	142	130
2	143	135
3	146	137
4	148	135
5	151	138
6	153	135
7	154	141
8	156	142
9	156	140
10	157	139
11	158	136
12	158	139
13	159	135
14	157	140
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17	160	146
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19	160	139
20	161	135
21	160	135
22	160	135
23	161	137
24	161	131
25	160	131
26	161	131
27		131
28		131



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Day	Zone	Temp 1	Temp 2	Temp Sum	# of Values	Average Temp
0	3	124	126	250	2	125
1	3	126	134	260	2	130
2	3	138	132	270	2	135
3	3	136	138	274	2	137
4	2	134	138	272	2	136
4	3	134	132	266	2	133
5	2	144	144	288	2	144
5	3	134	136	270	2	135
6	2	138	132	270	2	135
7	2	138	136	274	2	137
7	3	146	144	290	2	145
8	1	138	136	274	2	137
8	3	148	146	294	2	147
9	1	140	142	282	2	141
9	2	140	142	282	2	141
9	3	136	140	276	2	138
10	1	138	138	276	2	138
10	2	144	146	290	2	145
10	3	132	134	266	2	133
11	1	133	133	266	2	133
11	2	140	142	282	2	141
11	3	132	134	266	2	133
12	2	142	144	286	2	143
12	3	136	134	270	2	135
13	1	132	134	266	2	133
13	2	138	136	274	2	137
14	1	134	136	270	2	135
14	2	146	144	290	2	145
15	1	134	136	270	2	135
15	3	132	132	264	2	132
16	1	136	138	254	2	137
16	2	156	158	314	2	157
17	1	138	134	272	2	136
17	2	154	156	310	2	155
18	1	136	134	270	2	135
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22	1	136	134	270	2	135
23	1	136	138	274	2	137
24	1	134	132	266	2	133
24	2	128	130	258	2	129
25	1	130	132	262	2	131
28	1	130	132	262	2	131

Average			
Day	Temp Sum	# of Values	Average Temp
0	125	1	125
1	130	1	130
2	135	1	135
3	137	1	137
4	269	2	135
5	279	2	140
6	135	1	135
7	282	2	141
8	284	2	142
9	420	3	140
10	416	3	139
11	407	3	136
12	278	2	139
13	270	2	135
14	280	2	140
15	267	2	134
16	294	2	147
17	291	2	146
18	274	2	137
19	139	1	139
20	270	2	135
21	270	2	135
22	135	1	135
23	137	1	137
24	262	2	131
25	131	1	131
26	131	1	131
27	131	1	131
28	131	1	131

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Zone	Day	T-X-1			T-X-2			T-X-3			Average	Overall Combined			
		2'	3'	5'	2'	3'	5'	2'	3'	5'		Day	Sum	# of Days	Average
1	0											0	141	1	140.7
	1											1	143	1	142.9
	2											2	287	2	143.3
	3											3	289	2	144.3
	4	138	154	154	140	151	158	166	164	146	152	4	448	3	149.4
	5											5	302	2	151.0
	6	150	152	156	142	146	160	168	166	150	154	6	306	2	153.2
	7	152	153	164	144	142	162	170	170	152	157	7	465	3	155.1
	8	140	156	140	154	156	164	164	158	160	155	8	311	2	155.7
	9	144	154	158	156	154	162	162	156	164	157	9	472	3	157.3
	10	142	152	156	158	156	160	164	158	163	157	10	474	3	158.0
	11	144	156	158	166	158	162	162	156	160	158	11	474	3	158.0
	12											12	318	2	159.0
	13	150	156	158	162	156	156	164	158	154	157	13	314	2	157.1
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	1														
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Composting in Windrows vs. Extended Aerated Static Piles

EASP data is from the 2012 TAP research project in Tulare, CA.

Windrow data is from the City of Bakersfield's normal operation for reference.

Table One - Windrow Turning Method

(Water applied to normal 2,962 cubic yard windrows in Bakersfield)	Gallons per Water Truck Load	# Loads per Watering Event*	Gallons per Event	# of Events per Pile	Gallons per Pile	Gallons per Cubic Yard
Note: Windrows are watered within 3 hours prior to turning to achieve ball test for moisture per air district rule 4566.						
1. Hydrate newly formed windrow with water truck	4,000	4	16,000	1	16,000	5
2. Hydrate windrow prior to 6 turnings (5 in 15 days PFRP and 1 @ day 22)	4,000	3	12,000	6	<u>72,000</u>	<u>24</u>
Total for 22 day active phase:					88,000	30

*averaged for seasonal variation

Table Two - Extended Aerated Static Pile Method

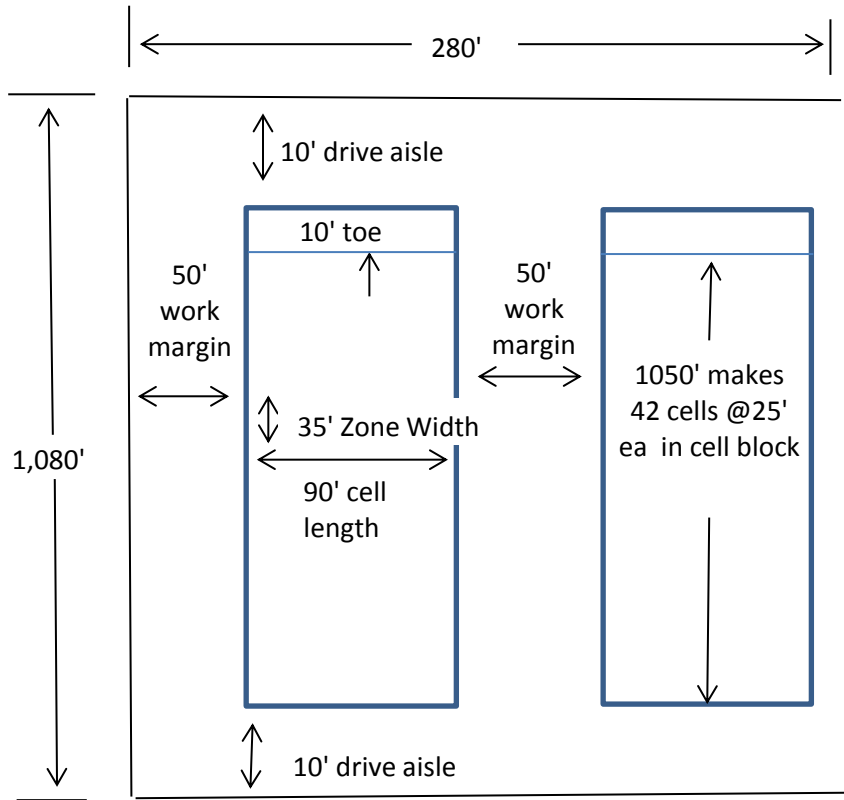
(Water applied to each 506 cubic yard pile in Tulare)	Gallons per Minute Flow	Minutes per Watering Event*	Gallons per Event	# of Events per Pile	Gallons per Pile	Gallons per Cubic Yard
Note: Item 2 (compost cover water) could be reduced since there was significant extra water runoff during pilot program.						
1. Hydrate incoming feedstock with 1 1/4" fire hose as pile is built	35	240	8,400	1	8,400	17
2. Moisten compost cover with 3 lawn sprinklers 6x/day till day 22	11	6	66	63	<u>4,158</u>	<u>8</u>
Total for 22 day active phase:					12,558	25

*averaged for seasonal variation

Comparison of ASP and Windrow Layouts

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A - EASP Facility Layout



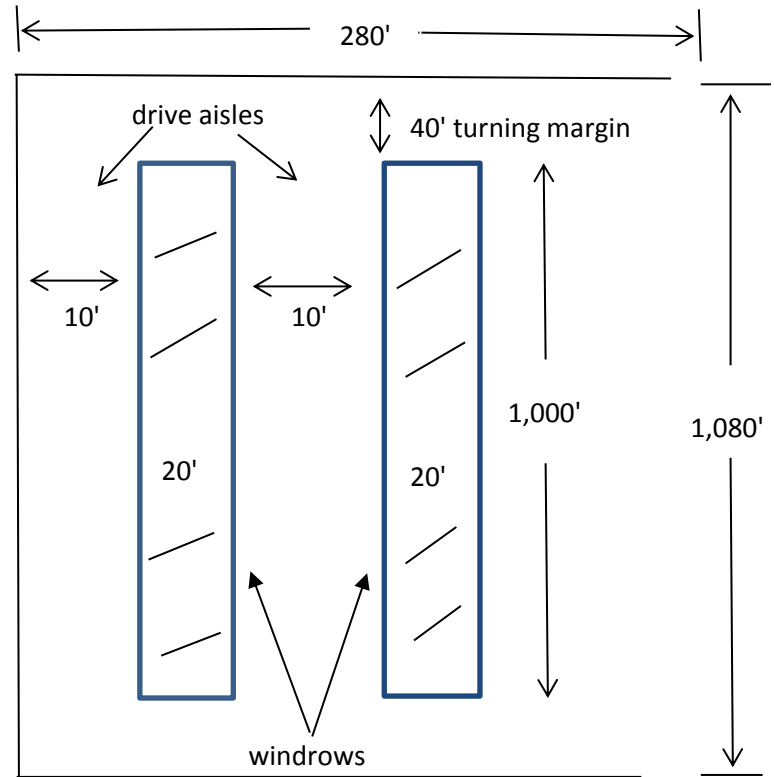
Footprint:

- $1080' \times 140' = 151,200 \text{ sq.ft.} / 43,560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre} = 3.5 \text{ acres per cell block}$

Volume/Acre:

- $740 \text{ yd/cell} \times 42 \text{ cells/cell block} = 31,080 \text{ cu yd per cell block}$
- Divide 3.5 acres per cell block = **8,880 cu.yd/acre**

B - Windrow Facility Layout



Footprint:

- $1080' \times 30' = 32,400 \text{ sq.ft.} / 43,560 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ per acre} = 0.75 \text{ acres per row}$

Volume/Acre:

- 2,963 cu.yd/row
- Divide 0.75 acres/row = **3,950 cu.yd/acre**

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TPY Facility Calculation

100,000 Ton/Year Facility Example

Number of cycles or turn over per year is facility specific. Therefore, assume range of four cycles (90 days) or five cycles (70 days)

Extended Aerated Static Pile (EASP)

$$\frac{8,880 \text{ cu yd/acre}}{2.5 \text{ cu yd/ton}} = 3,552 \text{ tons/acre}$$

→ 90 day (4 cycles year):

$$\frac{100,000 \text{ tons/year}}{4 \text{ cycles/year}} = 25,000 \text{ tons/cycle}$$
$$\frac{25,000 \text{ tons/cycle}}{3,552 \text{ tons/acre}} = \mathbf{7.03 \text{ acre/cycle}}$$

→ 70 day (5 cycles year):

$$\frac{100,000 \text{ tons/year}}{5 \text{ cycles/year}} = 20,000 \text{ tons/cycle}$$
$$\frac{20,000 \text{ tons/cycle}}{3,552 \text{ tons/acre}} = \mathbf{5.63 \text{ acre/cycle}}$$

Windrow

$$\frac{3,950 \text{ cu yd/acre}}{2.5 \text{ cu yd/ton}} = 1,580 \text{ tons/acre}$$

→ 90 day (4 cycles year):

$$\frac{100,000 \text{ tons/year}}{4 \text{ cycles/year}} = 25,000 \text{ tons/cycle}$$
$$\frac{25,000 \text{ tons/cycle}}{1,580 \text{ tons/acre}} = \mathbf{15.8 \text{ acre/cycle}}$$

→ 70 day (5 cycles year):

$$\frac{100,000 \text{ tons/year}}{5 \text{ cycles/year}} = 20,000 \text{ tons/cycle}$$
$$\frac{20,000 \text{ tons/cycle}}{1,580 \text{ tons/acre}} = \mathbf{12.65 \text{ acre/cycle}}$$

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 Formula for Land Use Reduction

100,000 Ton/Year Facility Example (Short Formula)

Extended Aerated Static Pile (EASP)

8,880 cu yd/acre

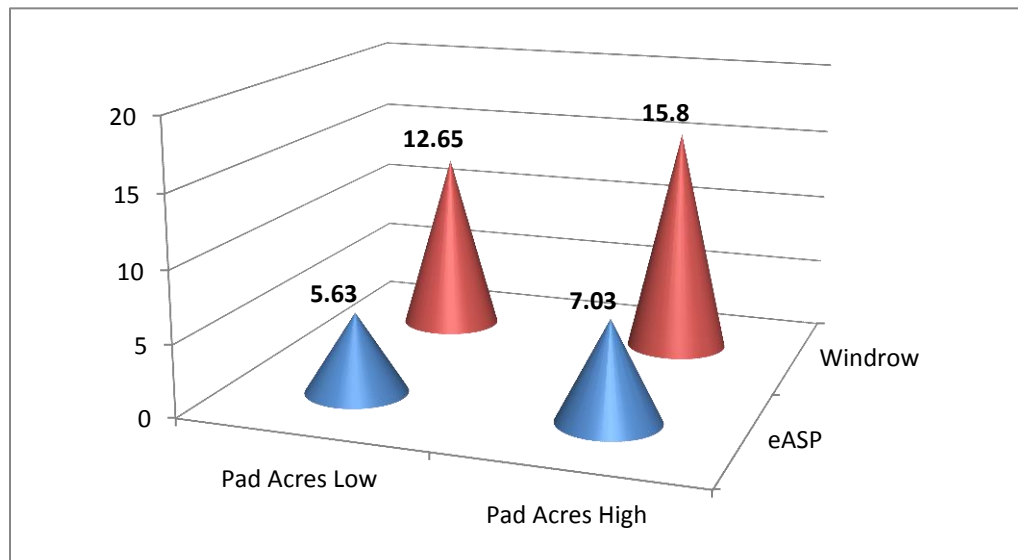
2.5 cu yd/ton = 3,552 tons/acre
 90 day (4 cycles year): **7.03 acre/cycle**
 70 day (5 cycles year): **5.63 acre/cycle**

	Pad Acres Low	Pad Acres High
eASP	5.63	7.03
Windrow	12.65	15.8



Windrow

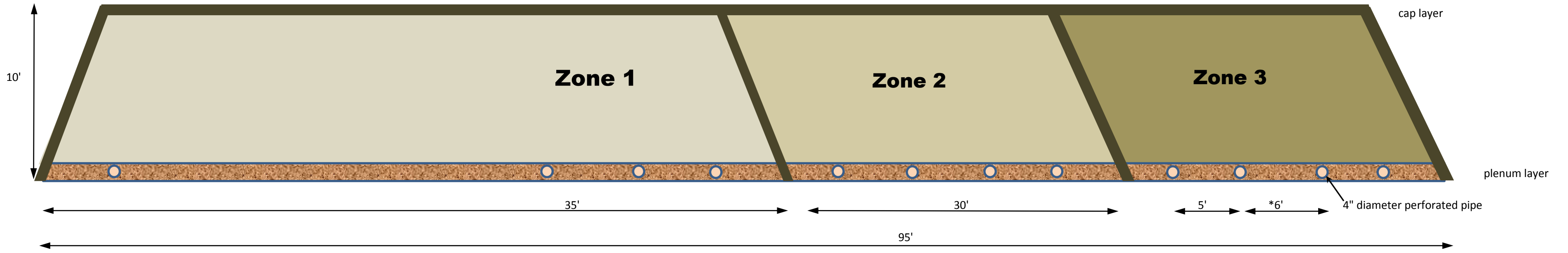
3,950 cu yd/acre
 2.5 cu yd/ton = 1,580 tons/acre
 90 day (4 cycles year): **15.8 acre/cycle**
 70 day (5 cycles year): **12.65 acre/cycle**

-55.5%
 44.5%
 44.5%



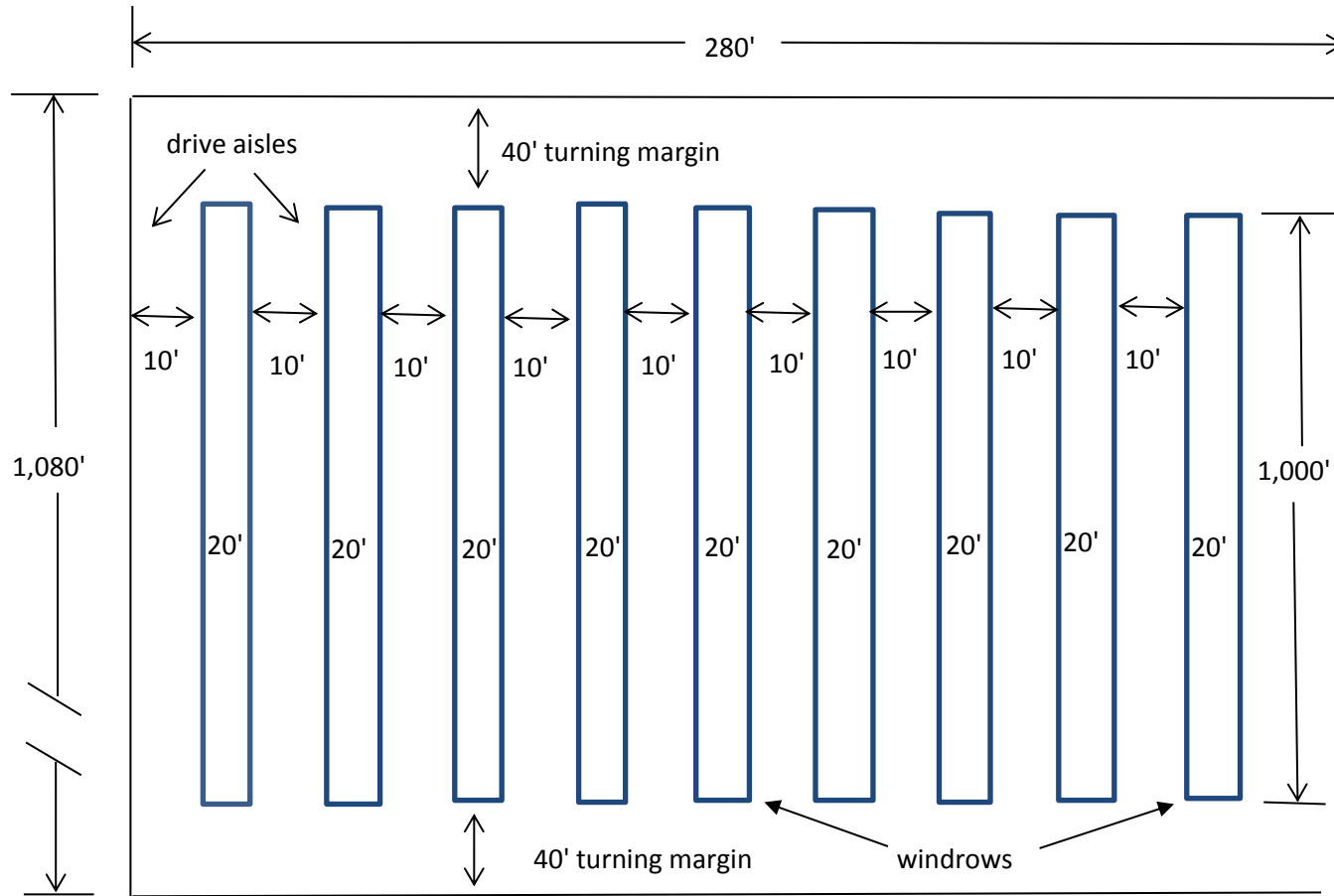
(drawings not exactly to scale)

-  Plenum layer, ~1' thick, coarse-ground wood chips
-  Cap layer, ~1' thick, finished unscreened compost



* Center two aeration pipes tend to be slightly farther apart due to presence of blower and T-connector.

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Footprint:

- $1080' \times 30' = 32,400 \text{ sq.ft.} / 43,560 \text{ ft per acre} = 0.75 \text{ acre per row}$

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- 2,963 cu.yd/row
- Divide 0.75 acres/row = **3,950 cu.yd/acre**