

SASKATCHEWAN METALS PROCESSING PLANT PROCESS RESIDUE STORAGE FACILITY

PROCESS RESIDUE STORAGE FACILITY (“PRSF”) DESIGN

Shallow, engineered containment cells will be used to store process residue permanently at the site. They will be constructed and covered continuously. Each cell will have an approximate capacity for 2 to 2.5 years of storage. Small cells are easier to manage than one large cell. For example:

- As Cell 1 is being filled, Cell 2 is being constructed.
- When Cell 1 is full, operations will begin to fill Cell 2 and construction on Cell 3 will begin.
- Soil excavation from Cell 3 may be used as part of the cover for Cell 1.
- This process will be continued through all 8 to 10 proposed cells.

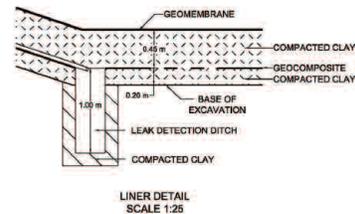
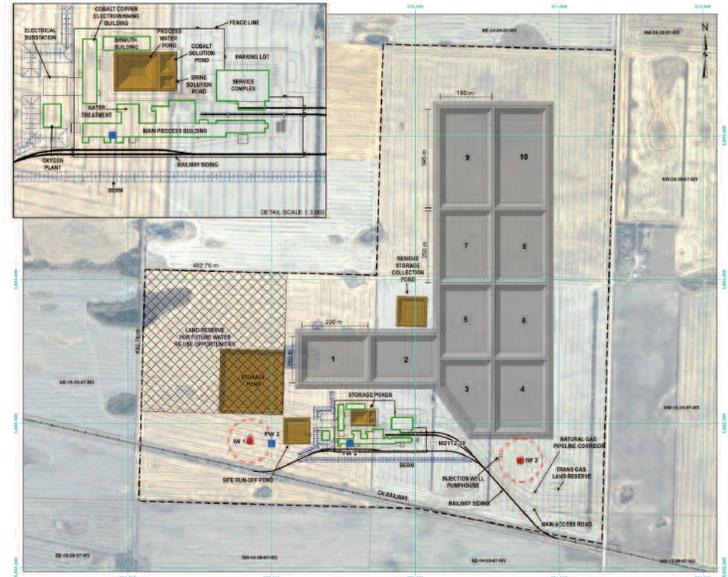
Till or Glacial Till is glacial sediment that is generally a well graded soil that consists of silts, clays and sands. It provides high levels of natural containment (for example it takes a long time for contaminant to migrate through the soil).

ENGINEERED PRSF CONTAINMENT

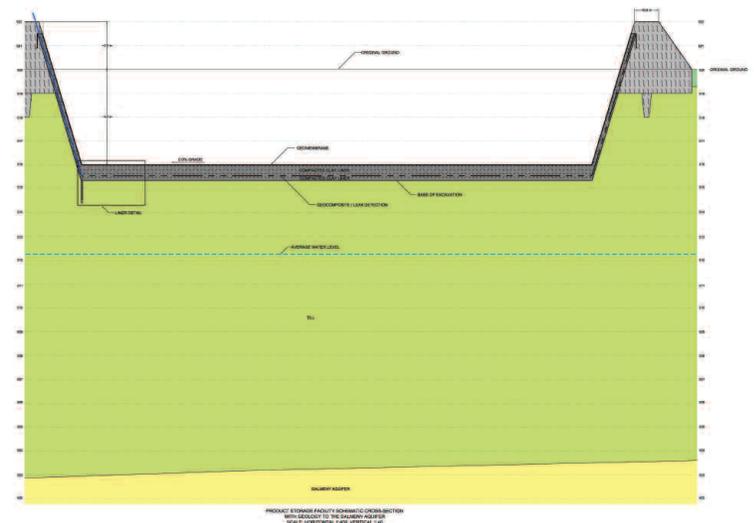
The important factors and components that make the engineered containment system work include:

- Storing process residue that is wet (eliminating dust), but not ‘slurried’ (very wet);
- Seepage collection system (leachate collection) to remove fluids that seep from the process residue and take pressure off of the underlying liner;
- Primary Composite Liner, consisting of:
 - Geomembrane liner
 - 45 cm of compacted clay soil liner
- Leak detection layer
- Secondary 20cm compacted clayey soil liner
- Meters of naturally occurring glacial till
- Constructed above ground water table

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Leachate is the contaminated water that may leak out of the waste.



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The Fortune Minerals PRSF is designed with **multiple layers of defense** to prevent the movement of contaminant toward the underlying soils and aquifer. The first layer of composite liner (geomembrane liner over compacted till liner) provides a high level of containment and would be the most common form of containment in similar sites. However, above this level of containment is a seepage collection system that will draw all contaminated water to a sump and treated for re-use in the processing and/or disposed. The seepage collection system is important since it; 1) removes fluid from the system, thereby eliminating the chance for fluid to leak if other containment components failed; and, 2) more importantly, takes the fluid pressure off of the liner and dewateres the process residue over time. However, in the unlikely event that a leak forms in the primary liner, a leak detection layer exists. If leaks are detected, repairs can be initiated. Below the leak detection layer is an additional secondary soil liner to separate potential leaks from the underlying soils. Furthermore, the natural clay rich soils below the facility provide significant additional containment in the very unlikely event that all other components fail and a leak is not quickly noticed.

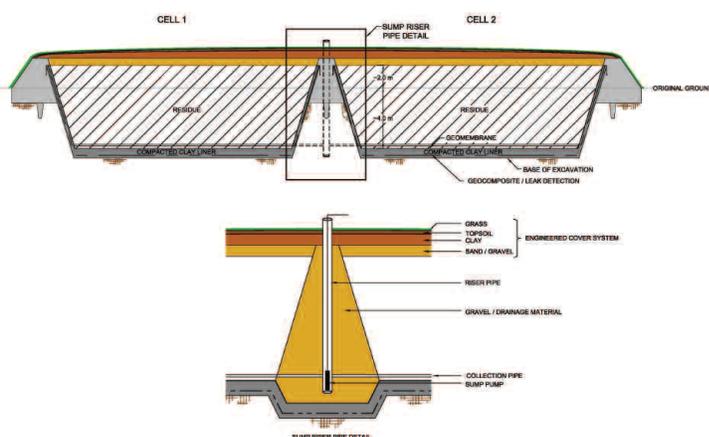
PRSF COVER SYSTEM

An engineered cover system will be constructed over each cell. Construction of the cover will begin following completion of placement of waste in the cell. The cover will be designed to reduce or eliminate infiltration of water, as well as support vegetation that is separated from the process residue. The cells are also constructed above the water table, resulting in a 'dry' container for the waste.

DUST CONTROL

The waste will be placed at approximately 30% moisture (imagine the moisture content needed to build a sand castle). The moisture level in the open cell will be monitored for dust control. Additional moisture will be added and dust control measures implemented where deemed necessary. Monitoring will verify dust suppression measures.

The engineered cover system will provide long term control of dust from the waste.



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