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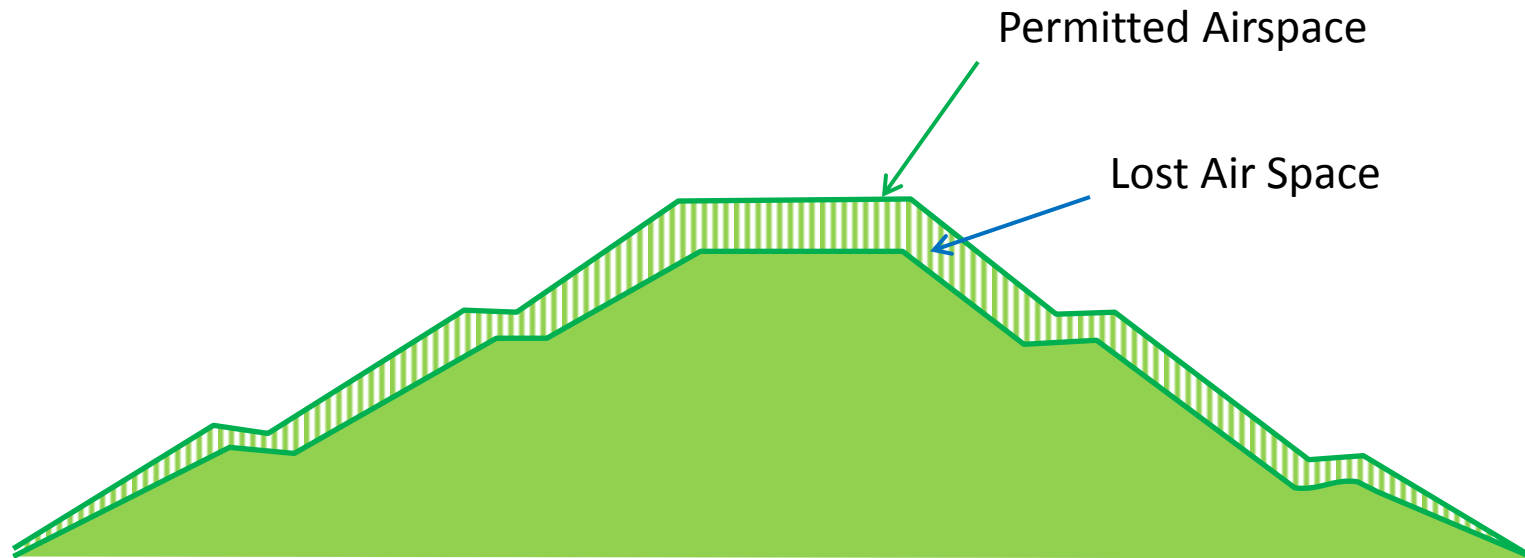
Settlement Accommodation Plan

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

Jan. 15, 2015

Why a Settlement Accommodation Plan?

- Maximize the amount of permitted volume to save future green space.

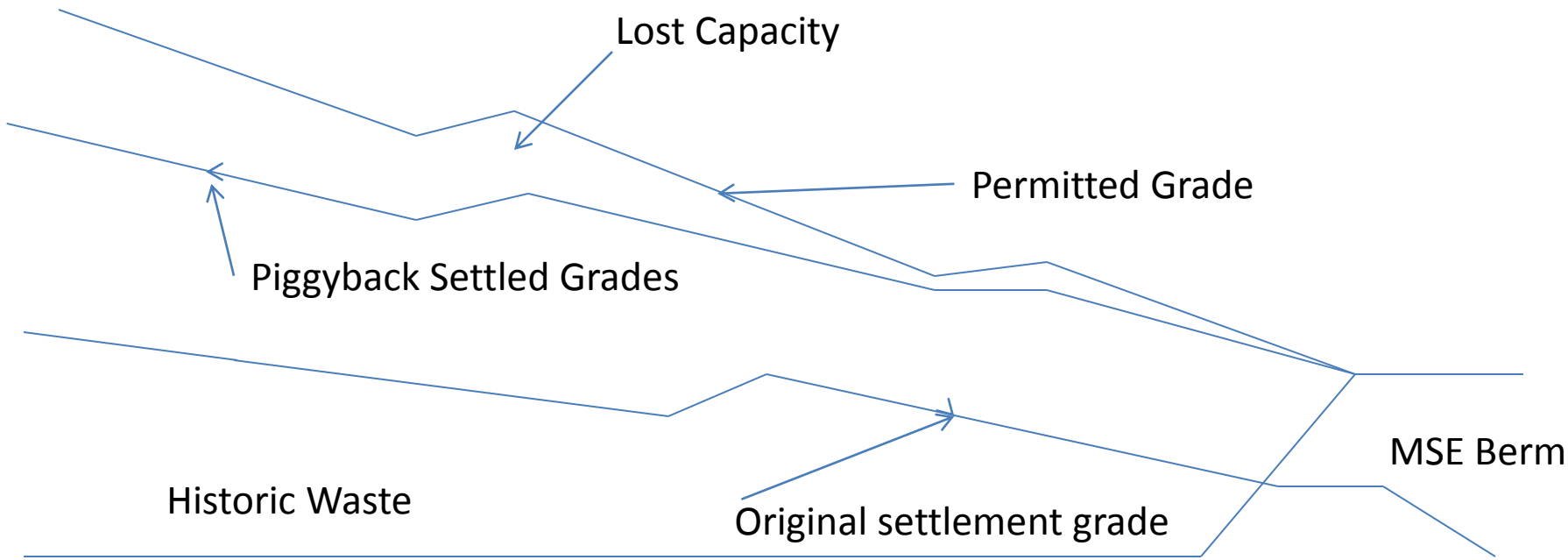


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- Allow for settlement of lower exterior slopes to meet grades of higher elevation slopes.
- Minimize opening of cover on outside slopes and filling.
- Can accurately predict and monitor settlement.

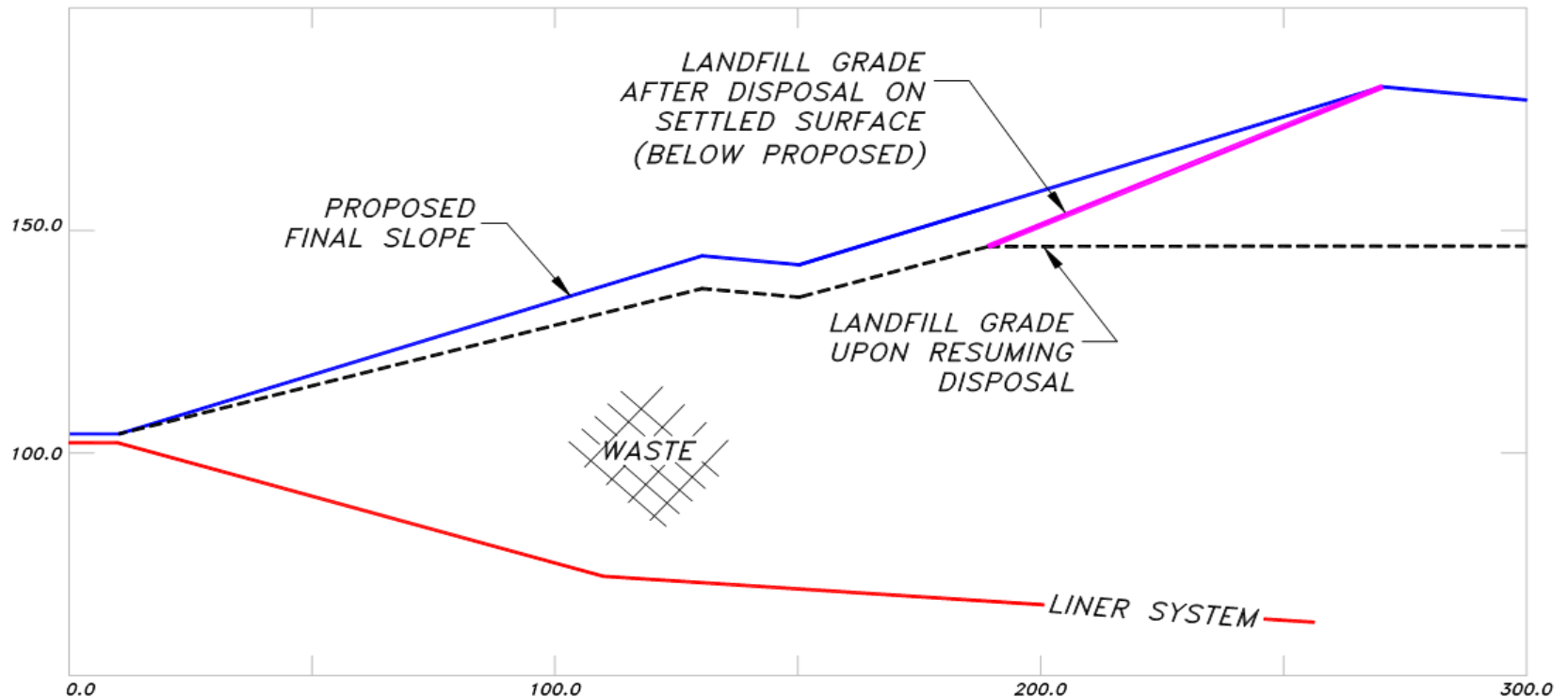


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Difficulties When Filling on Side Slopes

When the operator resumes filling on side slopes, it is difficult to get back to permitted grades. Will cause loss of future airspace; filling thin layers on side slopes is impractical.



Successful SAP = Compliance + Monitoring

- Landfill operation must be in compliance to have an SAP approved: must manage odors, leachate, storm water, LFG, nuisances.
- If landfill operators are not implementing the SAP correctly and causing compliance issues, DEP will suspend the SAP for future fill.

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SAP Limitations

- Operators may exceed 33% slopes on outer slopes that will eventually represent final grades, but shall not exceed 40% slopes.
- Operators may exceed permitted elevations by 10% of the total permitted waste height including historic waste, but not including additional height afforded by the SAP.
- Permitted elevations must be achieved within 5 years after final waste acceptance.
- Bond amount must include adjustments for open areas and capping schedule.

SAP Limitations

- Operators may install temporary caps on SAP areas to control odors and leachate, subject to minor permit mod approval. May be turned into a permanent cap if meets all regulatory design requirements.
- Operators may install permanent caps in SAP areas.
- If any grades do not settle to permitted grades in 5 years, the grading must be adjusted.

Components of SAP

- Prepared by a PA-licensed Professional Engineer
- Plan view of SAP area, Cross sections @100-foot intervals
- Bottom waste grade
- Existing grade
- Permitted grade
- Proposed SAP grades
- Settlement grades @ 1, 3 and 5 years
- Analysis of historic waste
- Settlement calculations for all waste types, considering age, thickness, density, moisture conditions
- Slope stability analysis
- Capping schedule
- Additional capacity gained by SAP

Annual Operation Report

- Annual operations reports are the mechanism to report progress of the SAP and performance to DEP
- If modifications are needed to the SAP and capping schedule, a minor permit modification shall be submitted with the Annual Operation Report
- Predicted versus actual settlement shall be shown each year, successively, on all SAP sections
- SAP settlement predictions must be validated and deviations quantified
- The annual bonding update shall include the SAP and capping schedule



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