

ASSESSMENT OF LFG VERTICAL MIGRATION

OTTAWA LANDFILL

WASTE MANAGEMENT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Waste Management of Canada Corp. has given a mandate to GENIVAR S.E.C. for the assessment of methane emission at the surface of Ottawa landfill.

According to the offer for professional services, the following tasks were performed :

- Measurement on a continuous basis of the methane concentrations in the ambient air above the surface of the landfill site and the air sparging system with the FID-GPS technology developed by the firm GENIVAR ;
- Measurement on a continuous basis of the methane concentrations in the ambient air above the ground along four (4) extra lines, located on the north and south sides of the landfill site, with the FID-GPS technology developed by the firm GENIVAR ;
- Data processing and mapping of results ;
- Technical report editing.

Field work was performed by Mr. Dave Veilleux and Mr. Alain L'italien of GENIVAR on June 15th, 2010.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Location of measurements

Assessment of vertical migration of LFG was performed above the entire landfill and above the ground along four (4) extra lines located on the north and south sides of the landfill site. Location of the measurement points is shown on Figure 2-1.

This assessment was also performed above the LFG air sparging system trench (2 lines of 1 km long at a height of approximately 6 inches on each side above ground). Location of the measurement points is shown on figure 2-2.

2.2 Methodology

Methane concentrations above ground are measured and recorded on a continuous basis with a portable Flame Ionisation Detector (FID). Spatial location of the measurement points are defined and recorded by a Global Positioning System (GPS).

According to the EPA procedure, the sampling is done along the periphery of the waste cells and along a serpentine pattern spaced about 30 meters apart, at a height of approximately 6 inches above ground.

Methane concentrations are then processed and spatial coordinates are transformed from the degree, minute, second format to the NAD83MTM Zone 9 system. A map showing iso-contours of methane concentration is prepared. The iso-contours are overlaid on a map showing the landfill gas collection system general arrangement in order to be able to evaluate its efficiency and to identify areas where modifications are required to reduce emissions to the atmosphere.

2.2.1 Instrumentation

Methane concentrations are determined with a Thermo Environmental Instruments TVA 1000B portable analyser by the flame ionisation method. This instrument is used for the measurements into ambient air of small concentrations of total volatile organic

compounds, expressed as methane. The analytical range of the analyser is 0 to 50 000 ppmv with a lower detection limit at 0.5 ppmv.

Since the concentration of methane in landfill gases more than 100 times higher than non methane organic compounds and that the measured concentrations are low, the result given by the instrument is interpreted as methane alone.

Spatial co-ordinates are measured by a Garmin GPS which in DGPS mode has an accuracy of less than 1 meter.

Wind speed is checked regularly during sampling with a portable anemometer.

2.2.2 Instrument calibration

Accuracy of the analytical instrument is verified on a regular basis with calibration gas having a known composition. Adjustments are made if required. For the TVA 1000B, the calibration gases are composed of:

- 100 ppmv of CH₄ in air ;
- 10 000 ppmv of CH₄ in air.

2.2.3 Meteorological constraints

Average wind speed during sampling shouldn't exceed 8 km/hr with maximum peak speed at 20 km/hr.

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LEGEND

- + MEASUREMENT POINTS
- ⊕ GAS EXTRACTION WELL

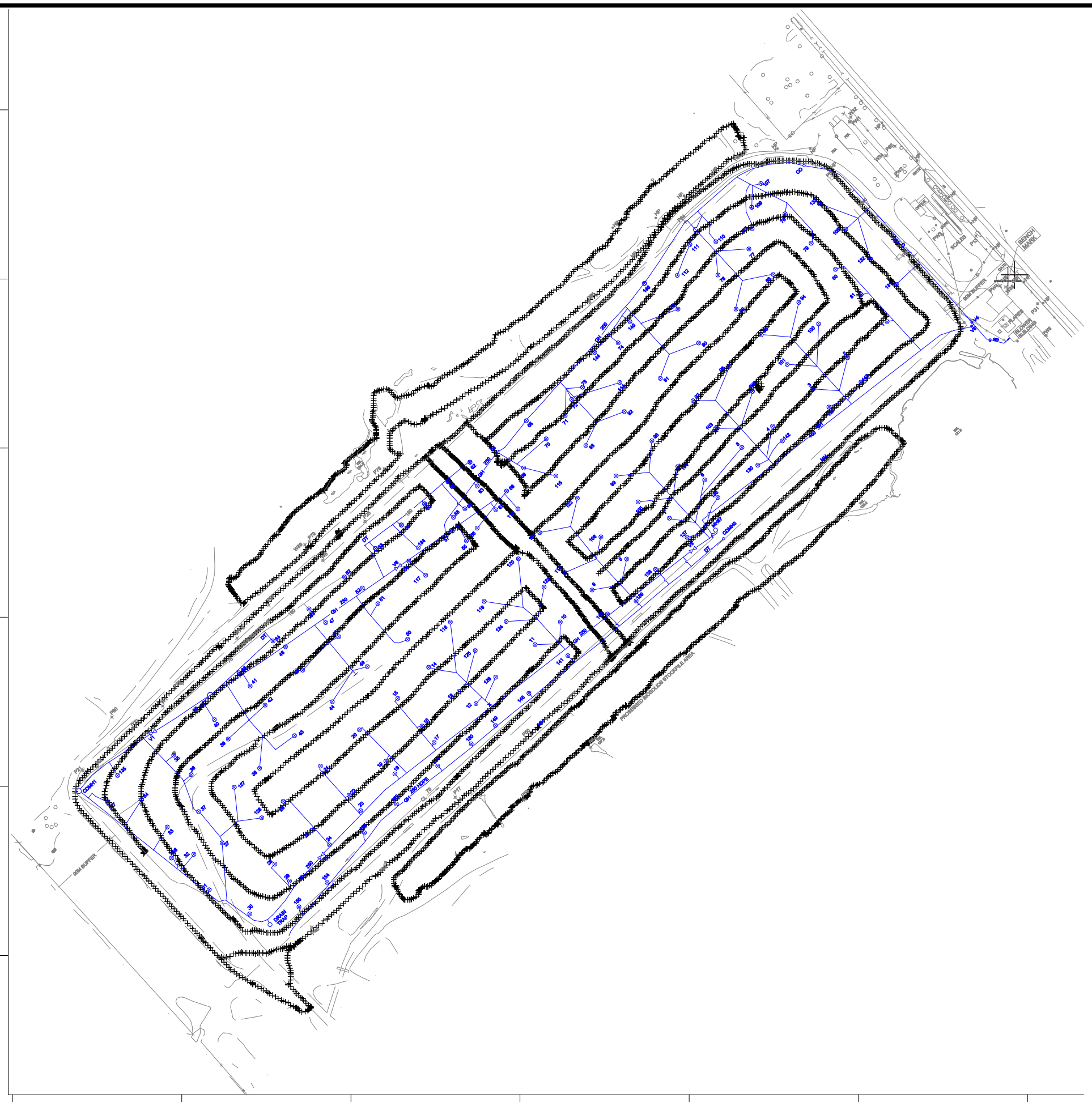
FIGURE 2-1

LOCATION OF
MEASUREMENT POINTS

JUNE, 2010

5016200
5016000
5015800
5015600
5015400
5015200

345800 346000 346200 346400 346600 346800 347000



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LEGEND

- + MEASUREMENT POINTS
- EXISTING FENCE

FIGURE 2-2

LOCATION OF MEASUREMENT
POINTS

JUNE, 2010



3. RESULTS

3.1 Regulations

In Ontario, owners of landfill sites need an approval if their facilities “may discharge or from which may be discharged a contaminant into any part of the natural environment other than water» (Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER E.19, part II General Provisions, section 9 Approval of Director, plant or production process). However, no specific maximum acceptable concentration of methane above the surface is defined.

Under item No. 4 of Provincial Officer’s Order No. 5830-6Z2PPW, WM is required to perform landfill gas emission surveys at the Ottawa landfill site in April, June, August, October and December 2010. Each report shall include also the survey results of the previous campaign and describe any actions related to the LFG collection and flaring system taken since the last survey.

US EPA has enacted operational standards in "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Guidelines for Control of Existing Sources: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills", into effect since March 12th, 1996 (40 CFR Parts 51, 52 and 60). This rule stipulates that methane concentrations measured at the surface of the landfill shall be less than 500 ppmv. EPA methodology and standard will be used for the assessment of methane emissions to the atmosphere at the Ottawa landfill.

3.2 Surface sampling results

Results show that there are 55 points (0.85%) having a methane concentration above 500 ppmv compared to 0.05% of the points for the previous survey. Table 3-1 presents the location of those points together with their concentration and table 3-2 presents the results of April 2010 survey.

Figure 3-1 presents the detailed results for this survey and figure 3-2 for April 2010. Iso-contour map of methane concentrations is shown on figure 3-3 for this sampling campaign and figure 3-4 for April 2010.

Landfill gas emission surface sampling

Ottawa Landfill

Points having a methane concentration greater than 500 ppmv are entirely concentrated on the east area of the site. The majority of these points are located on the south slope. Higher values recorded are located at three different places, which are:

- On the north slope, near wells #62, 63, 64, 65, 69 & 70 ;
- In the middle of the site, near wells #113 & 123 ;
- On the south slope, near wells #101 & 102.

Figure 3-5 presents the methane concentrations obtained above the LFG air sparging system located along Carp Road for this survey and figure 3-6 for April 2010. As usual, no methane concentration higher than 500 ppmv was measured in June 2010.

**Table 3-1: Points having a methane concentration higher than 500 ppmv
June 2010**

X	Y	CH₄ (ppmv)
346373	5015784	50000
346373	5015783	34100
346727	5015894	6052
346407	5015801	3615
346682	5015869	3265
346449	5015657	3149
346447	5015659	2824
346683	5015868	2519
346681	5015871	2255
346774	5015850	2152
346683	5015869	2117
346725	5015892	1895
346681	5015870	1735
346682	5015870	1644
346441	5015666	1572
346557	5015985	1499
346405	5015800	1251
346666	5015829	1104
346668	5015831	1078
346680	5015872	1064
346704	5015824	1031
346605	5016000	965
346727	5016027	931
346753	5015923	899
346765	5015891	892
346635	5015756	813
346638	5015760	758
346524	5015647	747
346556	5015982	741
346653	5015774	733
346636	5015758	719
346772	5015848	681
346594	5015755	677
346400	5015797	670
346482	5015957	669
346726	5016028	663
346788	5015863	662
346766	5015843	657
346764	5015842	633
346537	5015630	624
346671	5015792	623
346723	5015890	602
346620	5015781	591
346724	5015751	586
346785	5015861	584
346762	5015840	584
346728	5015755	562
346622	5015783	559
346402	5015798	549
346680	5015874	546
346695	5016038	523

**Table 3-1: Points having a methane concentration higher than 500 ppmv
June 2010**

<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>CH₄ (ppmv)</i>
346559	5015987	515
346709	5015830	514
346453	5015932	502
346461	5015851	501

**Table 3-2 : Points having a methane concentration higher than 500 ppmv
April 2010**

<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>CH₄ (ppmv)</i>
346774	5015884	1633
346775	5015884	1182
346653	5015769	699

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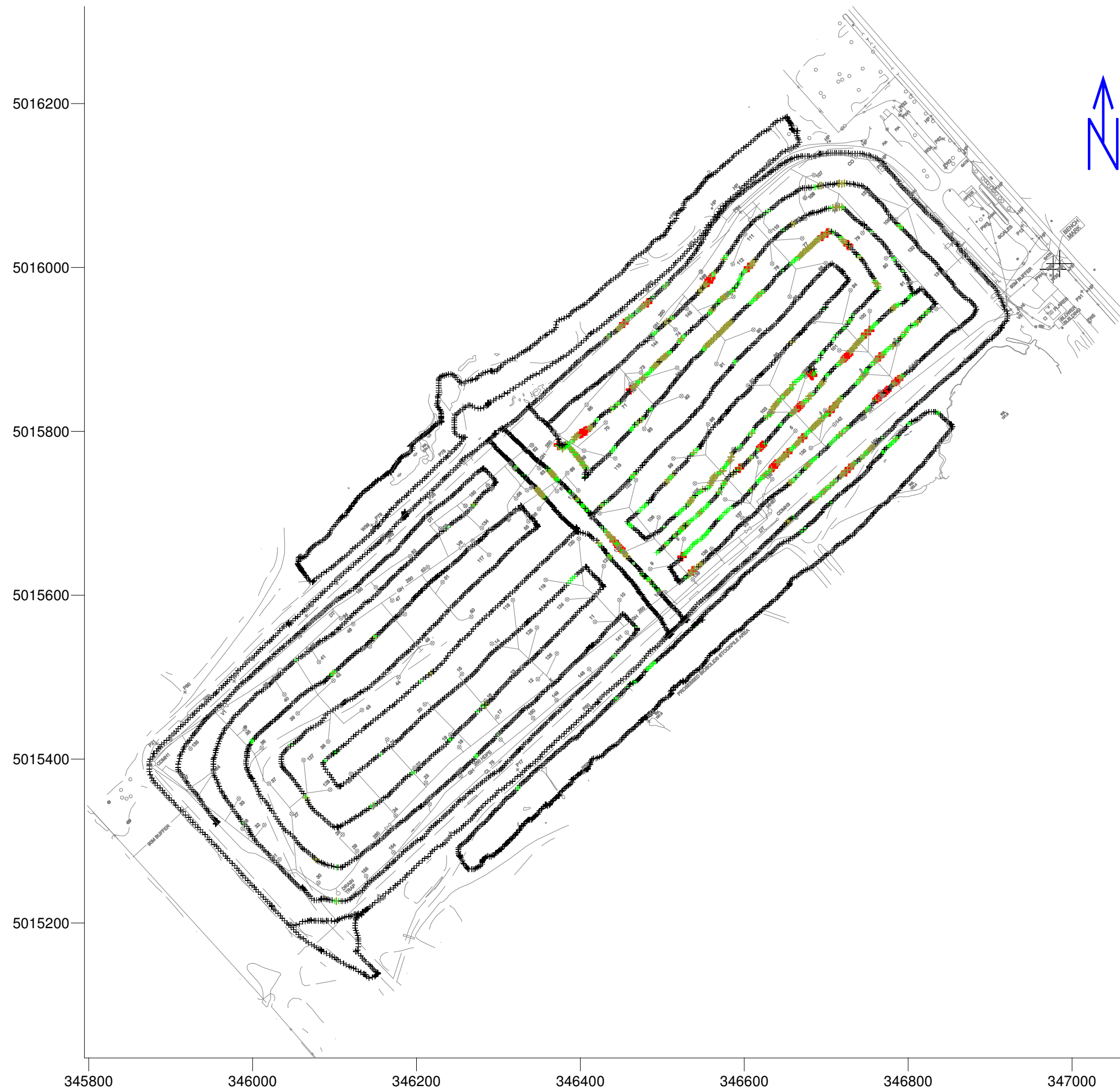
LEGEND

- + 0 à 50 ppmv
- + 50 à 100 ppmv
- + 100 à 500 ppmv
- + 500 à 50001 ppmv

FIGURE 3-1

METHANE CONCENTRATIONS
LANDFILL

JUNE, 2010



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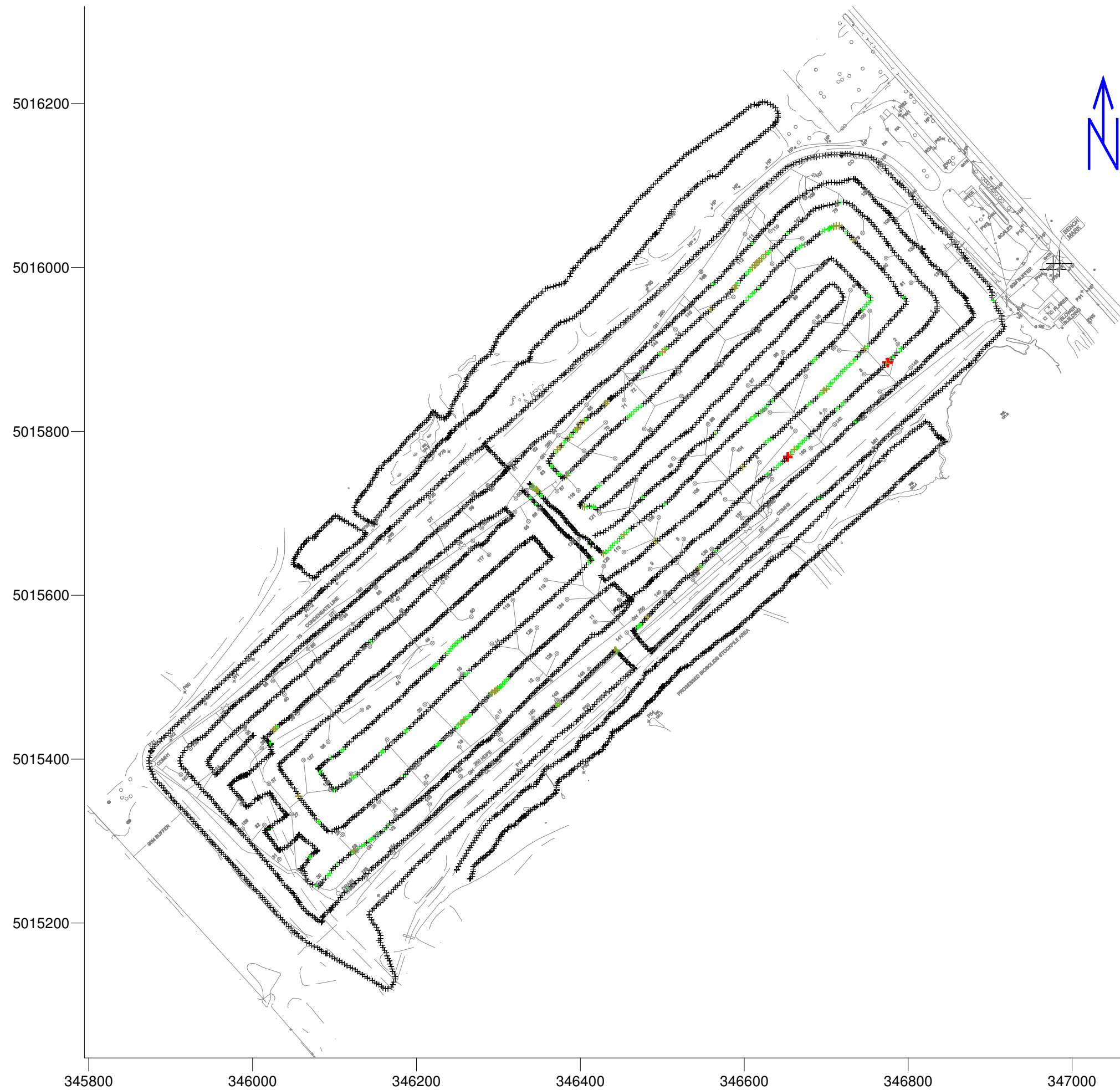
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- + 0 à 50 ppmv
- + 50 à 100 ppmv
- + 100 à 500 ppmv
- + 500 à 50000 ppmv

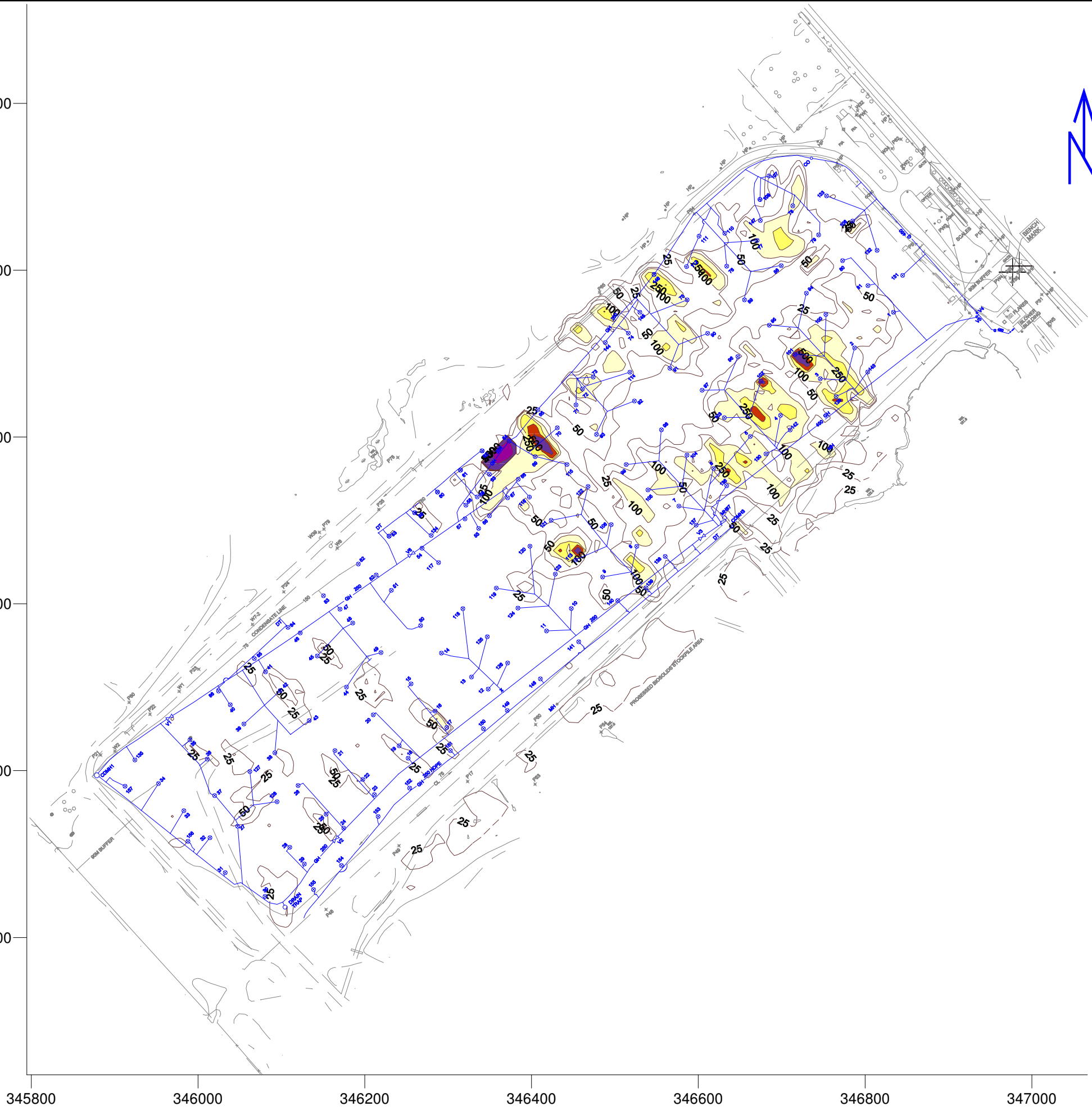
FIGURE 3-2

METHANE CONCENTRATIONS
LANDFILL

APRIL, 2010



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LEGEND

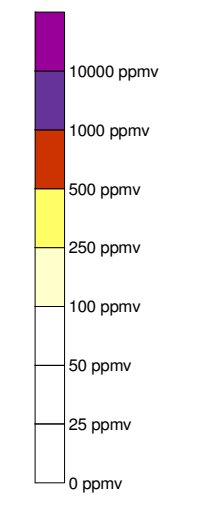
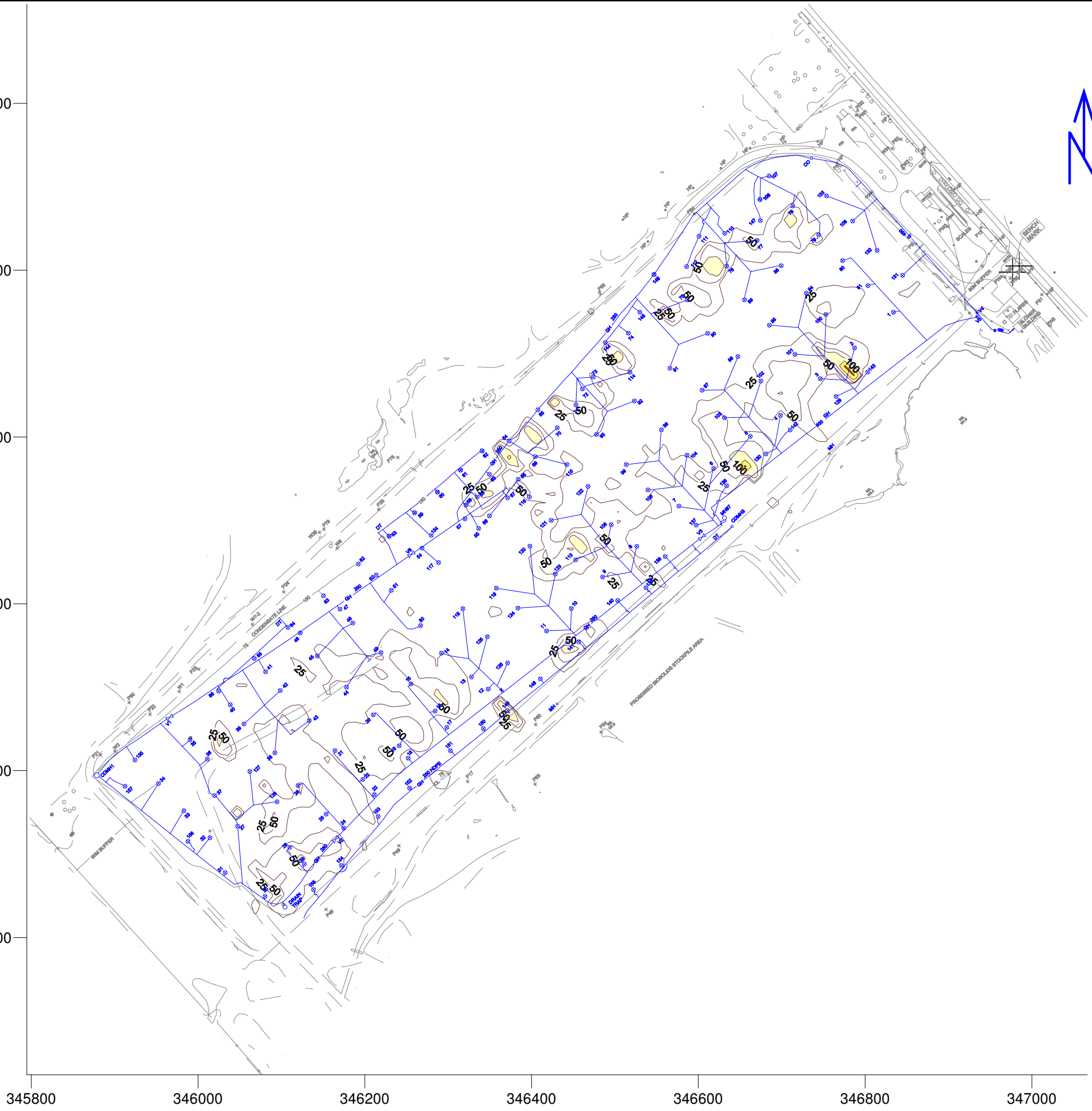


FIGURE 3-3
ISO-CONTOURS OF
METHANE CONCENTRATIONS
JUNE, 2010

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5015800
5015600
5015400
5015200



345800 346000 346200 346400 346600 346800 347000

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LEGEND

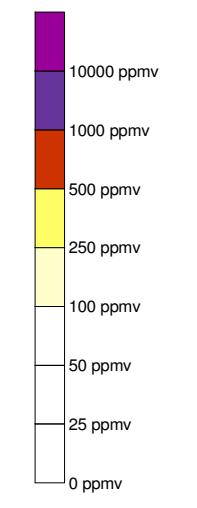


FIGURE 3-4
ISO-CONTOURS OF
METHANE CONCENTRATIONS

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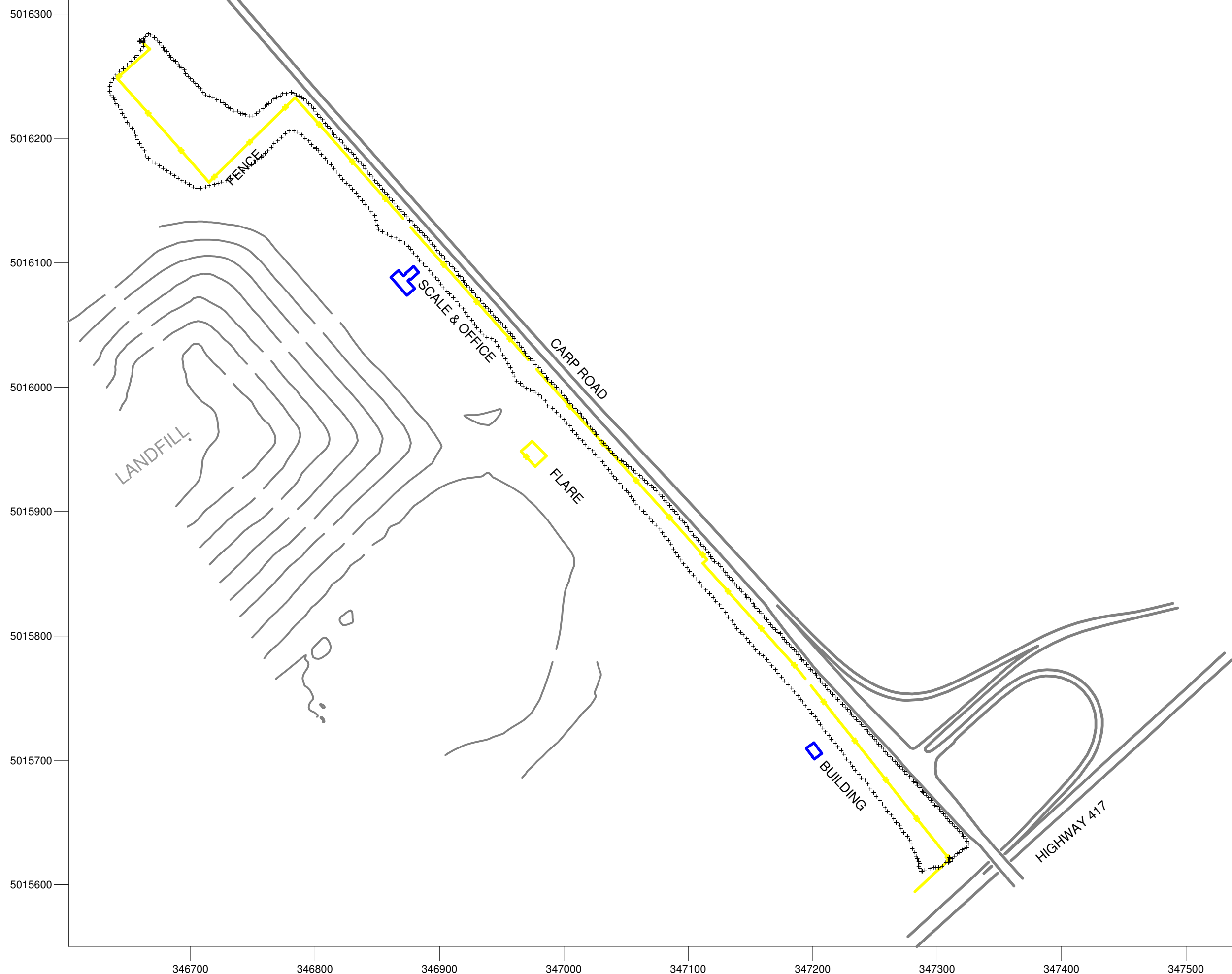
LEGEND

- EXISTING FENCE
- 0 to 50 ppmv
- 50 to 100 ppmv
- 100 to 500 ppmv
- 500 to 50000 ppmv

FIGURE 3-5

METHANE CONCENTRATIONS
CARP ROAD

JUNE, 2010



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LEGEND






-  EXISTING FENCE
-  0 to 50 ppmv
-  50 to 100 ppmv
-  100 to 500 ppmv
-  500 to 50000 ppmv

FIGURE 3-6

METHANE CONCENTRATIONS
CARP ROAD

APRIL, 2010



3.3 Site configuration and well performance

Since April 2009, the landfill gas collection system at the Ottawa landfill is composed of 177 vertical extraction wells and horizontal collectors installed at the bottom of North, West and South slopes. All of these wells are connected to three (3) flaring stations (2 enclosed flares with 3 blowers and 1 candlestick flare with 1 blower) via a 450 mm header located at the bottom of the slopes.

3.4 Improvements since the previous assessment

Since the last survey, the LFG system have been maintained and calibrated on a regular basis. No LFG wells have been installed since April 2009.

3.5 Wind speed

Sampling was done when the winds were under specifications described at 2.2.3. The average velocity of the wind was between 4 and 6 km/hr and the gust of the wind was 10 km/h.

4. INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

The results indicate that the methane emissions to the atmosphere are higher than the last survey. The results shown on Figure 3-3 indicate that high emissions are mainly located at the three following areas:

- On the north slope, near wells #62, 63, 64, 65, 69 & 70 ;
- In the middle of the site, near wells #113 & 123 ;
- On the south slope, near wells #101 & 102.

The integrity of the soil cover should be checked and modified if required and the vacuum increased at the wells located in the area of the high spots.

No high value was recorded above the ground along the four (4) extra lines located on the north and south sides of the landfill site and above the air purging system near Carp road.

APPENDIX I

STATISTICAL REPORT

Gridding Report

Wed Jun 16 08:49:35 2010

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Data Source

Source Data File Name: R:\GENIVAR\Q122482 (Biogaz - WM Ottawa, Surface 2010)\Juin 2010\Données brutes\Ottawa_15juin2010.xls

X Column: A

Y Column: B

Z Column: C

Data Counts

Active Data: 6459

Original Data: 7131

Excluded Data: 0

Deleted Duplicates: 672

Retained Duplicates: 222

Artificial Data: 0

Superseded Data: 0

Univariate Statistics

	X	Y	Z
Minimum:	345874	5015133	0
25%-tile:	346227	5015500	5.28
Median:	346422	5015693	11.79
75%-tile:	346610	5015862	30.81
Maximum:	346921	5016184	50000
Midrange:	346397.5	5015658.5	25000
Range:	1047	1051	50000
Interquartile Range:	383	362	25.53
Median Abs. Deviation:	192	178	7.89
Mean:	346417.03096455	5015681.9838984	51.201675181917
Trim Mean (10%):	346418.55683577	5015683.3616509	21.203793637145
Standard Deviation:	244.38027437257	237.63367301862	767.14480795519
Variance:	59721.718502414	56469.76255232	588511.15637261

Coef. of Variation:
Coef. of Skewness:

14.982806816956
56.417800340135

Inter-Variable Correlation

	X	Y	Z
X:	1.000	0.701	0.025
Y:		1.000	0.027
Z:			1.000

Inter-Variable Covariance

	X	Y	Z
X:	59721.718502414	40733.133955769	4690.8758329406
Y:		56469.76255232	4926.1327332743
Z:			588511.15637261

Planar Regression: $Z = AX + BY + C$

Fitted Parameters

	A	B	C
Parameter Value:	0.036874903856457	0.059187808758565	-309590.11886868
Standard Error:	0.054333018168749	0.055875563784316	267388.90156957

Inter-Parameter Correlations

	A	B	C
A:	1.000	0.701	0.665
B:		1.000	0.999
C:			1.000

ANOVA Table

Source	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F
—				
Regression:	2	3000554.7009082	1500277.3504541	2.5501
Residual:	6456	3798193004.3098	588319.85816446	
Total:	6458	3801193559.0107		

Coefficient of Multiple Determination (R²): 0.00078937172083637

Nearest Neighbor Statistics

	Separation	Delta Z
Minimum:	1	0
25%-tile:	2.2360679774998	0.19
Median:	2.2360679774998	1.05
75%-tile:	2.8284271247462	6.07
Maximum:	5	49976.39
Midrange:	3	24988.195
Range:	4	49976.39
Interquartile Range:	0.5923591472464	5.88
Median Abs. Deviation:	0.5923591472464	0.99
Mean:	2.3761726450852	30.702100944419
Trim Mean (10%):	2.372110382105	5.6883387790198
Standard Deviation:	0.7475218074349	666.33240788779
Variance:	0.55878885259074	443998.87780155
Coef. of Variation:	0.3145906965056	21.703153445234
Coef. of Skewness:	-0.076339315191172	67.449390013021
Root Mean Square:	2.4909807891352	667.03935176566
Mean Square:	6.2049852918408	444941.49680395

Complete Spatial Randomness

Lambda:	0.0058696997538161
Clark and Evans:	0.36409601947547
Skellam:	1478.0931221069

Exclusion Filtering

Exclusion Filter String: Not In Use

Duplicate Filtering

Duplicate Points to Keep: Maximum Z
 X Duplicate Tolerance: 0.00012
 Y Duplicate Tolerance: 0.00012

Deleted Duplicates: 672
 Retained Duplicates: 222
 Artificial Data: 0

X	Y	Z	ID	Status
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345943	5015450	6.06	4888	Deleted
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345955	5015321	7.06	4510	Deleted
345955	5015325 Retained	5.83	4997	
345955	5015325	5.62	5123	Deleted
345956	5015324 Retained	6.43	4715	
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345957	5015324	5.96	4931	Deleted
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
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	Retained			
346104	5015204	4.85	5504	Deleted
346107	5015367	12.09	3471	
	Retained			

346107	5015367	9.39	3863	Deleted
346107	5015367	5.36	5289	Deleted
346126	5015166	3.74	6365	
	Retained			
346126	5015166	3.72	6382	Deleted

More ...

Breakline Filtering

Breakline Filtering: Not In Use

Gridding Rules

Gridding Method: Triangulation with Linear Interpolation
 Anisotropy Ratio: 1
 Anisotropy Angle: 0

Output Grid

Grid File Name: R:\GENIVAR\Q122482 (Biogaz - WM Ottawa, Surface 2010)\Juin
 2010\Données brutes\Ottawa_15juin2010.grd
 Grid Size: 100 rows x 100 columns
 Total Nodes: 10000
 Filled Nodes: 4506
 Blanked Nodes: 5494

Grid Geometry

X Minimum: 345874
 X Maximum: 346921
 X Spacing: 10.575757575758

Y Minimum: 5015133
 Y Maximum: 5016184
 Y Spacing: 10.616161616162

Grid Statistics

Z Minimum: 0.70176257697083
 Z 25%-tile: 6.0009740259681
 Z Median: 12.829006342631
 Z 75%-tile: 30.642758984422
 Z Maximum: 30566.667821382

Z Midrange: 15283.684791979
 Z Range: 30565.966058805
 Z Interquartile Range: 24.641784958454

Z Median Abs. Deviation:	8.3245765442877
Z Mean:	54.416896711942
Z Trim Mean (10%):	21.568958202419
Z Standard Deviation:	695.48916261859
Z Variance:	483705.17531991
Z Coef. of Variation:	12.780757533826
Z Coef. of Skewness:	36.202684785972
Z Root Mean Square:	697.61477476302
Z Mean Square:	486666.37396766