GLASS RECYCLING EFFORTS
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Glass Recycling Topics Covered
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Why Recycle Glass?
- Glass is 100% recyclable
- Recycled glass melts at lower temperatures than new glass, saving a great deal of energy and conserving resources
- Glass can be turned into usable products:
  - Landscaping Material
  - Abrasives
  - Hydroponics
  - Road Base Material
  - Water Filtration Media
  - Sandblast Media
  - Glasscrete
  - Glashalt

Glass Recycling Facts
- For every ton of crushed glass (cullet) used in the manufacturing process, 1.2 tons of raw materials are saved
- Recycling one ton of glass saves about nine gallons of fuel oil
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours
- Glass produced from recycled materials reduces related air pollution by 20% and water pollution by 50%
- Manufacturing glass from recycled materials saves 68% energy and 50% of the water normally required in the manufacturing process
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT)

Glass Crushing System

Glass Producing from Recycled Materials

Recycling System
Glass Crushing System at BuRRT

- Manufactured by Andela Products of Richfield Springs, NY
- System Components:
  - Pulverizer Model GP-1
  - Trommel
  - 4 cubic yard surge hopper
  - In-feed and out-feed conveyors
  - Cross belt magnet

Metering Surge Hopper

- Designed to be loaded with a front end loading vehicle or similar equipment
- Prevents a large surge of material from overloading the conveyor and pulverizer
- Features a reciprocating plate feeder device with adjustable door to control the discharge rate

Pulverizer Model GP-1

- Accepts all kinds of whole or broken glass
- Pulverizes glass into an aggregate the consistency of sand and fine gravel

Trommel Separator

- A rotating barrel screen with two screen sizes
- Barrel receives the glass that is mixed with trash
- Material < 1/8” falls through first screen
- Material < 3/8” passes through second screen
- Remaining material exits at the end of the trommel

Glass Crushing System

- Estimated Production Rate: 8 tons/hr
- Electrical Energy Requirement:
  - Total HP for GP-1 System: 25 HP
  - Total kW for System: 18.7 kW
  - Electrical Cost/kWh: $0.17/kWh
  - Electrical Cost per Hour: $3.18/hr
  - Electrical Cost per Ton: $0.40/ton

Glass Crushing System

- Wear Parts Cost Requirement:
  - Wear Parts Cost per Hour: $7.60/hr
  - Wear Parts Cost per Ton: $0.95/ton
- Labor Cost Requirement (1.5 personnel):
  - Labor Cost per Hour: $26.25/hr
  - Labor Cost per Ton: $3.28/ton
Glass Crushing System

- Glass Crusher Cost Requirement ($190,000):
  - Glass Crusher Cost per Hour $19.00/hr
  - Glass Crusher Cost per Ton $2.38/ton

- Loader Cost Requirements:
  - Loader Cost per Hour $50.00/hr
  - Loader Cost per Ton $6.25/ton

Glass Crushing System

- Total Operating Cost Requirements:
  - Electrical $0.40/ton
  - Wear Parts $0.95/ton
  - Labor $3.28/ton
  - Glass Crusher $2.38/ton
  - Loader $6.25/ton
  - Total Operating Cost per Ton $13.26/ton

Landfill Gas Collection System

Pipe Bedding Contract Specifications

- Sand Bedding shall be placed and compacted beneath and around HDPE pipe as shown on the construction plans. May be available from trench spoil or supplied from a borrow source provided that such material meets the requirements specified herein.

- Sand Bedding material shall be course-grained with little or no fines, non-cohesive material classified as SW, SP, GW, PP, GM, or GP-GM in the Unified Soil Classification System and with maximum particle size of 2 inches in any dimension.

- Plasticity Index (PI) less than 4 as measured by ASTM D 4318 – Standard Test Method for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils

- Shall not contain stone, rock or gravel larger than two (2) inches in any dimension, and free of debris, waste, vegetation, organic materials, roots and other deleterious matter.
Crushed Glass as Pipe Bedding

3/8” size crushed glass met specifications:

- Maximum particle size of ½” (sieve analysis)
- Low Plasticity Index (no clays)
- Minimal paper content
Pipe Bedding

Local Glass Markets

- New Mexico Recycling Task Force experimented with glasphalt and glascrete in 2003 without success – plant could not switch between glass for one mix and aggregate in another mix
- El Dorado Transfer Station, Santa Fe County – mixed with base course material
- Earthstone – cleaning and sanding products, insulation material that mitigates blast waves from bullets
- Growstone – hydroponic products
- American Clay – custom interior surfaces
- Los Alamos County - ballast for alternate daily cover plastic sheeting at landfill

Potential Glass Markets

Glass Cullet Use for Soil-Aggregate Base Course
AASHTO Designation: M 318-02

- Physical properties and deleterious substances in glass cullet:
  - Consist of broken food and beverage containers
  - China dishes, ceramics, or plate glass limited to 5%
  - Cullet shall be crushed and screened if necessary so that 100 percent of cullet passes the 3/8” sieve

Potential Glass Markets

- Cullet shall be free of odor
- Container tops, paper, labels, food residue, foil, wood, and other deleterious materials shall be limited to a maximum of one percent by mass of the glass cullet of which no more than 0.05 percent by mass of paper shall be permitted. Extraneous soil-like materials shall be limited to a maximum of two percent by mass of the glass cullet. Glass cullet shall be free of TV or other cathode ray tubes, fluorescent light bulbs, and any hazardous materials

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LCRS Gravel (Coarse Gravel)

- Gravel for LCRS Trench shall consist of a clean, hard, durable, uniform product, free of limestone, organic, and other deleterious material.
- Gravel shall conform to the following gradation as determined by Sieve Analysis (ASTM D 422):
  - U.S Standard Sieve          Percent Passing by Weight
  - 1/2 inch                      100
  - 200                            <1.5

Percent Passing by Weight

- Sieve Analysis (Cullets)
  - 1/2 inch        100%          100%
  - 200              8.3%          0.6%
LCRS Gravel (Coarse Gravel)

- Cell 4A-6A
  - 20,000 cy @ $12.00/cy = $240,000

- Cell 4B
  - 28,500 cy @ $14.50/cy = $413,250

LCRS Gravel (Coarse Gravel)

- Cell 5B-6A
  - To be constructed in FY-14
  - 20,000 cy of LCRS gravel needed
  - 1,700 tons/yr collected at BuRRT

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