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21st Century Landfill Technology:

Telemetry, Automation, and Alternative Power Sources

Automation

 Automation provides for the starting and stopping of the operating system without the need of additional input from site personnel.

 It is achieved through the use of control logic and instrumentation.

 Automatic operation of leachate pumping systems saves both labor and expenses.



Pump Controls and Instrumentation

 Load Monitors





Level Floats

 Submersible Level Sensors





Control Panel with Load Monitor



Control Panel with Float Control



Control Panel with Level Sensor



Sophisticated Control Panel





Operator Control Stations



 For more sophisticated control, PLCs or Operator Control Stations (OCS) are used.



Operator Control Stations

An OCS can provide:

- Touchscreen Display for level, flow, and alarms.
- Configurable to operate the system to meet site requirements.
- Simple way to modify pump start/stop or alarm set points.
- Data logging.
- Modbus communication for instrumentation or remote telemetry.



Telemetry Basics

 Telemetry is the ability to monitor and/or control a sites parameters & variables remotely.

 Those parameters include pressure, temperature, flow, level, etc.

 Telemetry allows for transmitting of results to a remote site to display/record the information or it can be used to control other systems.



Communication Options

♦ Wire

- Direct signal wire
- Phone lines
- Ethernet cable
- Fiber Optics

Radio

- Single Frequency Radio
- Spread Spectrum Radio
- ♦ Wireless
 - Satellite
 - Cellular

Combinations



Wire

Advantages

- Simple
- Components have built in ports for interconnection
- No additional devices needed for direct signal wiring
- Tried and true

Disadvantages

- Costly for large areas
- Difficult and costly to replace buried wire
- Costly to reconfigure system
- Susceptible to lightning and physical damage



Radio

Advantages

- Easy to Install
- Systems are easy to re-configure
- Can transmit data up to 6 miles
- Equipment can be easily replaced compare to buried cable
- Less expensive than installing long cable runs
- No site or user license is required to install or operate the radios.
- Multi-repeater networks are possible
- Built-in error detection and recovery, including re-transmission





Radio

Disadvantages

- Limited range
- Potential Interference
- Additional equipment is needed to provide the radio connection between the points
- Need line-of-sight path
- Technology changes may require system replacement





Cellular

Advantages

- Equipment can be easily replaced
- Can transmit data anywhere there is a cellular signal
- Less expensive than installing long cable runs
- No line of sight limitations
- Small and compact
- Emerging technology



Cellular

Disadvantages

- More difficult to configure
- Require solid cellular signal at site
- Requires cellular service contract additional costs
- Subject to cellular outages
- Emerging technology





Site Configuration Considerations

- Distances
- ♦ Line of sight
- Obstructions
- ♦ Repeaters
- What data is to be transmitted
- How is data to be used
- Future expansions



Telemetry Components

Data collection devices

- Operator Control Stations
- Programmable Logic Controllers
- Control Panels with Digital and Analog outputs

Transmitters

- Radios
- Cellular modems
- Autodialers



Telemetry Components

Repeaters/Re-transmitters

Receivers

Data Display/Storage Station

- PC/Laptop Computer
- SCADA network





Examples of Telemetry Components

Operator Control Station



Radio



Cellular Modem/Router





What can Telemetry do for me??

- Information, Information, Information
- Fast Access to Critical Process Data/Status
- Historical trending and logging of data
- Organized Data for regulatory reporting
- Alarm notification



Data Display Software



LIFT 1-2

LIFT 3

LIFT 4

LIFT 5/6

SSR HOUSE

SSR WALL

TANKS



15:29:03

Data Displays

2 DATE Cell 1 Cell 2 3 7/1/2013 12.1 7.4 4 5 7/2/2013 13.8 7.3 7/3/2013 13.9 6.2 6 7 7/4/2013 12.1 8.9 7/5/2013 14.1 6.9 8 9 7/6/2013 13.1 6.3 7/7/2013 14.8 6.7 10 7/8/2013 14.2 7.3 11 7/9/2013 13.3 5.8 12 7/10/2013 15.8 6.1 13 7/11/2013 13.6 6.5 14 7/12/2013 14.3 7.0 15 7/13/2013 15.3 5.7 16 7/14/2013 13.6 5.6 17 7/15/2013 13.7 8.1 18 7/16/2013 14.7 8.4 7/17/2013 19 7.6 13.2 20 7/18/2013 15.7 7.4 21 7/19/2013 13.2 5.9 22 7/20/2013 15.7 7.0 23 7/21/2013 12.2 4.0 24 7/22/2013 15.0 6.5 25 7/23/2013 6.9 14.2 26 7/24/2013 15.8 3.4 27 7/25/2013 14.5 4.4 28 7/26/2013 13.4 4.1 29 7/27/2013 15.3 3.1 30 7/28/2013 4.5 12.0 31 7/29/2013 14.7 2.5





Generator Powered
Pumping System















- Generator Powered Pumping System
 - Generators typically utilize diesel or LP/NG powered engines.
 - Can be set up to operate continuously or on demand with the appropriate control logic.
 - Batteries are typically used to power the control system.
 - Generator includes a charger to recharge the batteries.



Solar
Powered
Level
Monitoring
System





Solar
Powered
Control
System





- Solar Powered Control System
 - Batteries are typically used to power the 12 or 24 VDC control system.
 - Solar panels used to provide the power to operate the control logic when there is sufficient light and to recharge the batteries.
 - Number and size of solar panels depends upon location.





Solar
Powered
Pumping
System



- Solar Powered Pumping System
 - Batteries are used to power the pumps and controls.
 - A power inverter is used to convert the DC power supply to AC to operate the motors.
 - Typically limited to $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ HP motors.
 - Number and size of solar panels depends upon location.



Automation - Summary

- Automation allows for unmanned operation of pumping system.
- Can be as simple as On/Off switch with a load monitor, floats, or a level sensor.
- Allows for complex controls for multiple pumps and operating scenarios, additional instrumentation, and data logging capabilities.



Remote Telemetry - Summary

- Telemetry is a way to gather and store valuable site data.
- Data can be transmitted by wire, radios, or cell between control panels and to the office.
- Data can be process data or status notifications.
- Aids in organizing and reporting of the data and to indicate potential problems before they cause damage or noncompliance.



Alternate Power Sources - Summary

- Generators and solar panels most common forms.
- Control systems to operate on 12 or 24 VDC power supplied by batteries.
- Batteries can be recharged by the generator or solar panels.





Questions?

