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July 5, 2024

Luke LeMond Site Manager Solid Waste Program State of Washington Dept. of Ecology Central Regional Office 1250 West Alder St. Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

Re: DTG Yakima – Agreed Order No. DE 21624 – Monthly Progress Letter – June

Dear Mr. LeMond:

In accordance with Section 7.3 of Agreed Order (AO) No. DE 21624, the following is a description of the actions taken during June 2024 to implement the requirements of this AO.

Activities:

On-site activities included weekly gas probe and every other week ambient monitoring. The once per month regulatory review meeting was also held on June 20, 2024 to assess conditions and the data. The data summary through June 2024 from Landfill Fire Control, Inc. (LFCI) is attached.

The Fire Soil Cover completion letter from Aspect Consulting was provided to Ecology on June 20, 2024.

Second Quarter groundwater monitoring was performed by Parametrix, including new wells MW-5S and MW-6S. A meeting to discuss statistical evaluation approaches to the groundwater monitoring data was held with Parametrix on June 13, 2024. Parametrix is revising the 2023 annual report and Q1 2024 report to reflect changes.

Second Quarter landfill gas monitoring was performed by Freestone on June 14, 2024 with no actionable detections. The report was submitted to Ecology on June 20, 2024.

Deviations from Plans (if any): None.

Deviations Description from the Scope of Work and Schedule: None.





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All Data Received or Collected:

Ambient and gas probe data for gases and temperature were emailed, separately, to Ecology weekly after measurements were taken. Gas probe data was entered into the tracking spreadsheets and assessed by LFCI. The summary of the data has been included as an attachment.

The Q2 LFG Report was submitted to Ecology.

Deliverables for the Upcoming Month:

Deliverables will include:

- Responses to Ecology comments to the Draft Limited RI Work Plan
- Final Emission Assessment Report
- Weekly ambient and gas probe data
- Revised 2023 Annual Groundwater Report
- Revised Q1 Groundwater Report
- Q2 Groundwater Report
- Groundwater well pump assemblies will be ordered for MW-5S and MWW-6S
- July Progress Report

Please contact me to discuss any of the above items.

Respectfully,

Ian Sutton

Director of Engineering

DTG Recycle

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Enclosures: Focused Review of Trigger Levels – May 2024

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- Fire Extinguishment Strategies
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Mr. Ian Sutton, Director of Engineering DTG Recycle P.O. Box 14302 Mill Creek, WA 98082

By email: isutton@dtgrecycle.com

Re: Monthly Data Assessment Report DTG Yakima Landfill Fire Incident - June 2024

Dear Mr. Sutton,

LFCI has prepared a monthly review and update of gas and temperature monitoring data that is being collected at the DTG Recycle Landfill Fire in Yakima, Washington. The update includes maps showing the spatial distribution of heat and CO within the monitoring area and presents the data collected, highlighting trends and interpreting the results.

Considering the available data, the oxygen suppression appears to be working, but the fire suppression response is slow on account of low biological activity within the landfill. Nevertheless, the highest observed temperatures at GP-3 continue to decline at a steady rate. Temperatures continue to decline, however CO has recently been increasing in several locations and remained high in T-3.

Plotting of the temperature and CO data in plan view clearly shows that the area affected by fire has markedly decreased over time. Based on the available data, LFCI believes that a small smolder continues to be active in close proximity to GP-3, and that the rate of combustion of the smolder is steadily decreasing.

Based on this, LFCI recommends that monitoring continue on a weekly basis until it can be shown that CO levels in all locations have decreased to below 200ppm. At that time, monitoring can be decreased for prevention purposes.

We trust that this report provides the information you require, and should you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

LANDFILL FIRE CONTROL INC.

Dr. Tony Sperling, P.Eng.

President |





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Monthly Monitoring Data Review



Agenda

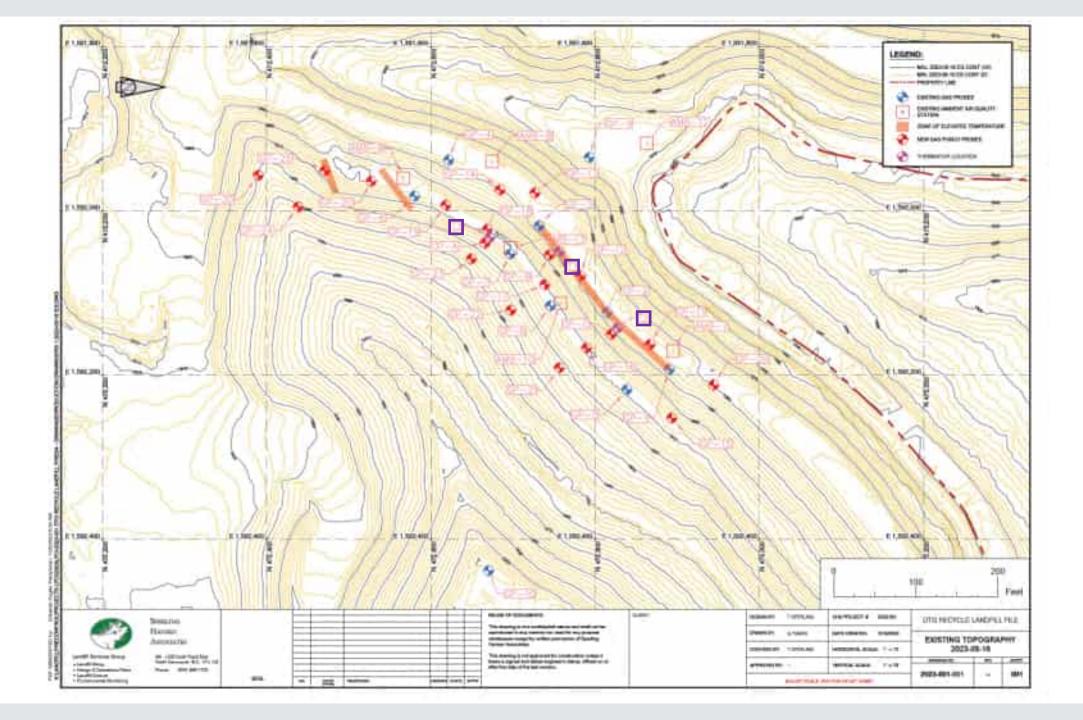
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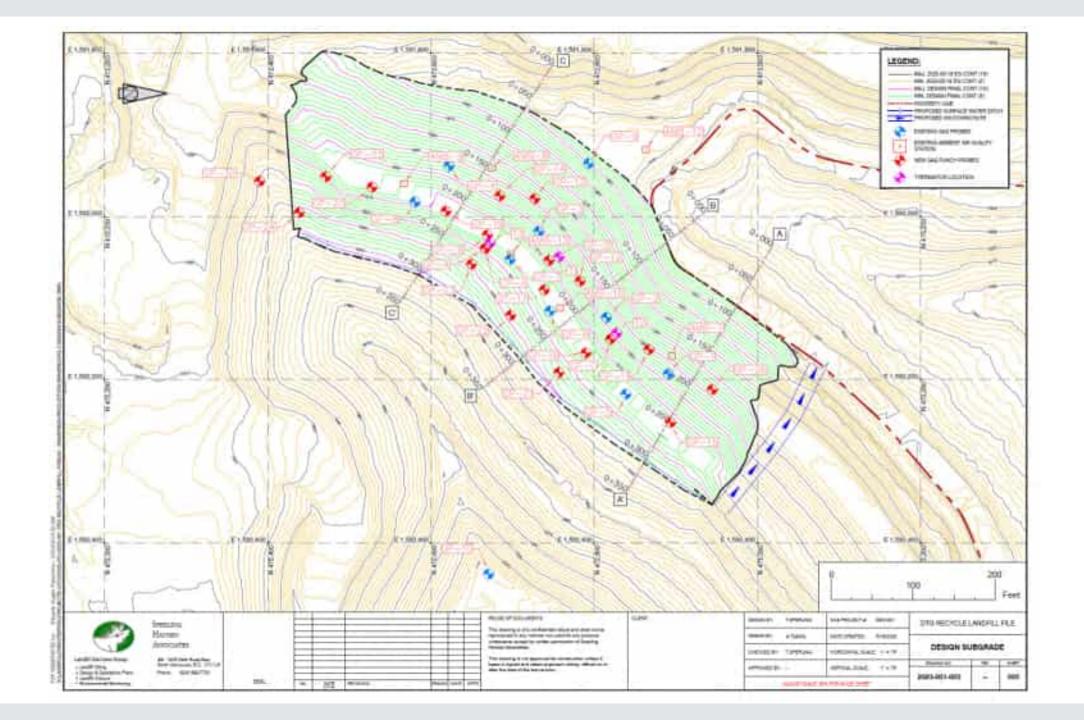
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Thermistor Temperature Data

Overall Interpretation





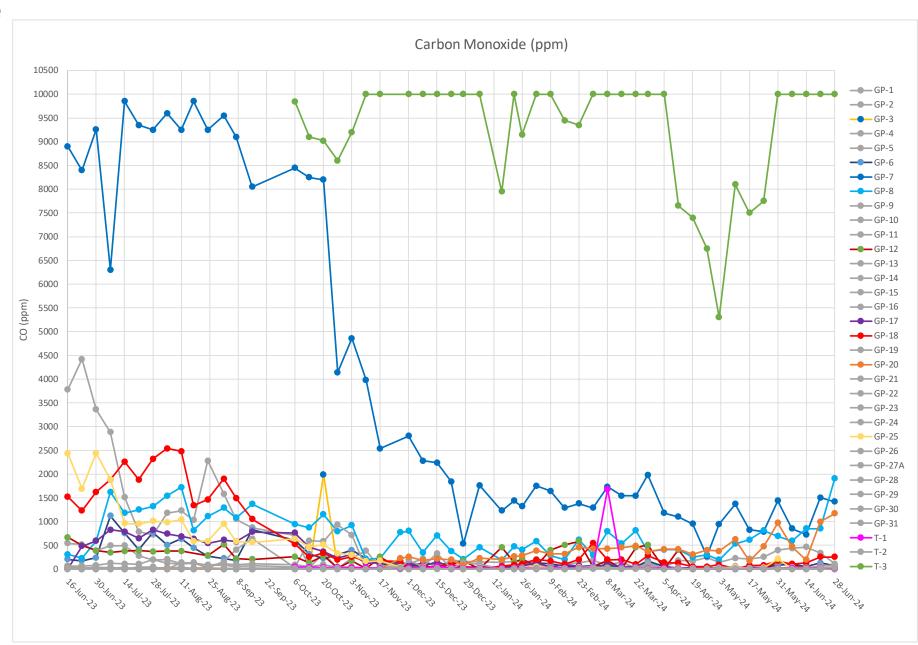


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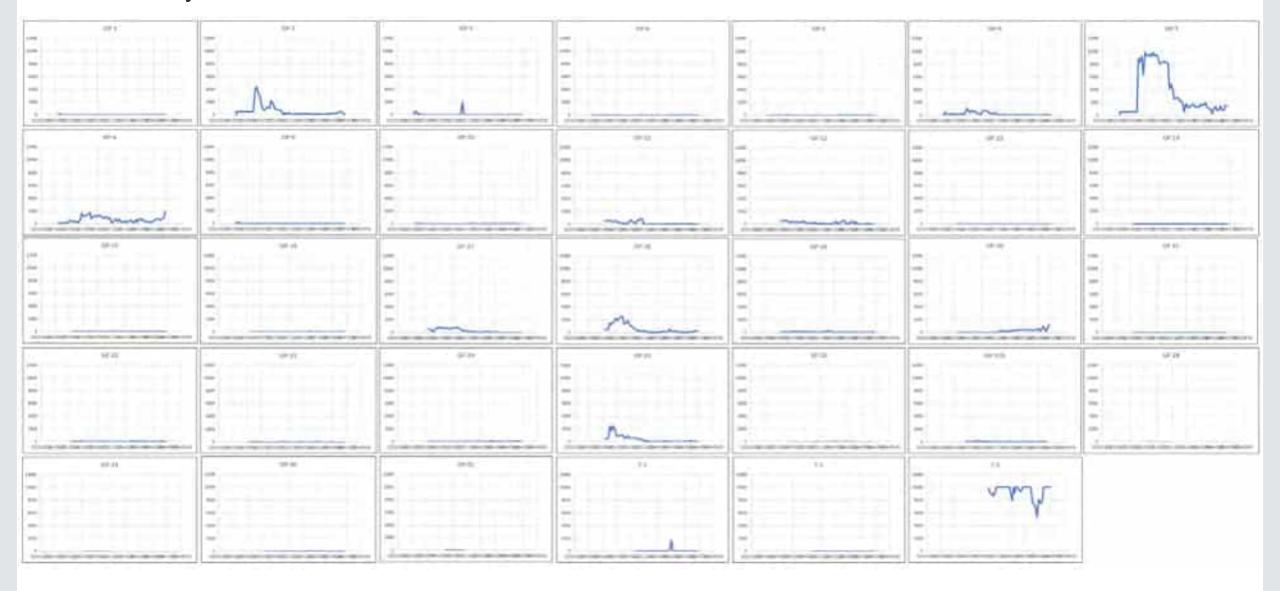
T-3 has remained high, over 10,000ppm for June

GP-8 has increased to 2000ppm in last month, GP-7 is hovering around 1500ppm.

GP-20 has also increased to above 1000ppm in last two weeks.



CO Levels by Individual Wells

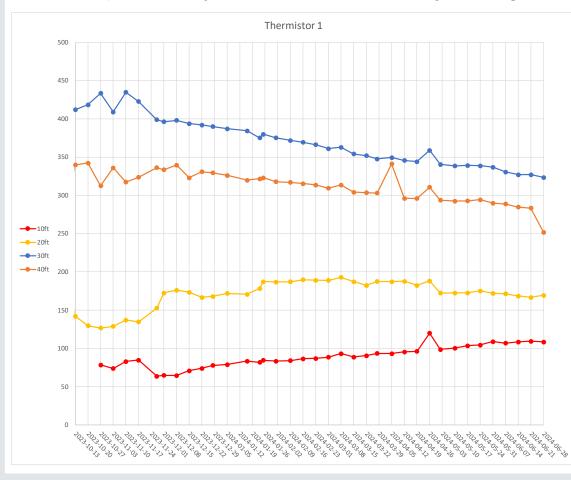


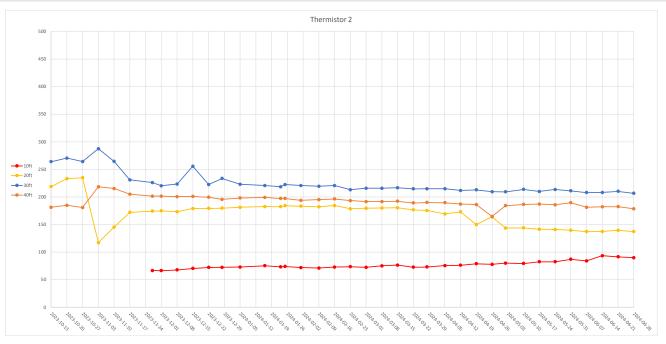
Thermistor Temperatures

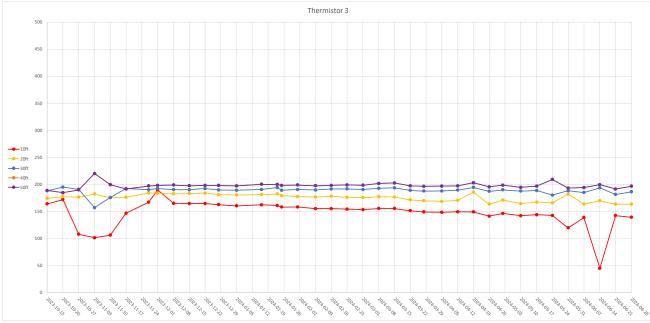
Thermistor temperatures mostly stable. Decreasing trend continues in highest temp locations

Increases due to radiant heat effects, normal behavior does not indicate fire getting worse.

Will keep a close eye on T-1 to ensure no major changes.







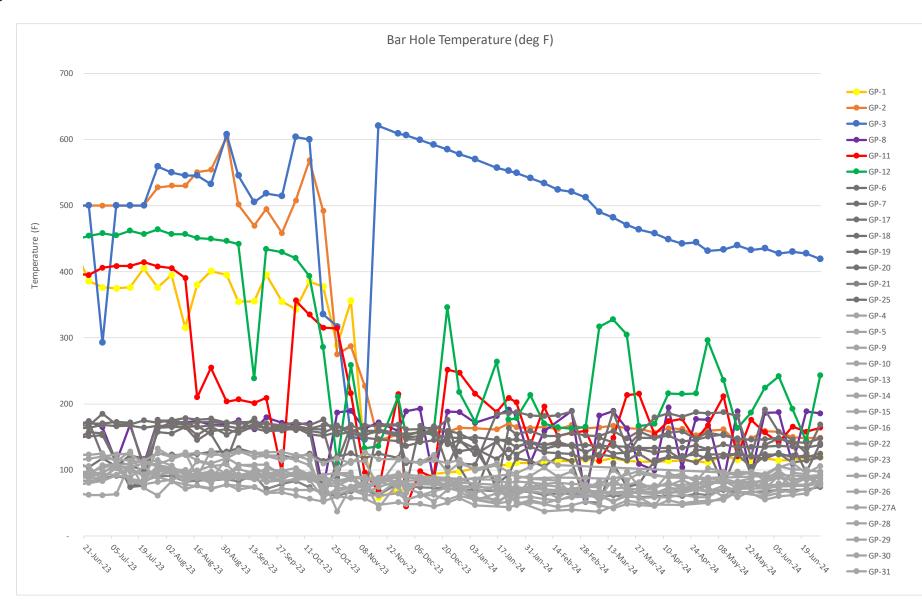
Temperature (F)

Temperature has continued to decrease in GP-3

This matches with decreasing elevated temperatures in T-1 at 30' below ground, currently around 325F.

All other wells have remained low, with some variability possibly caused by atmospheric pressure swings.

GP-12 seems to be especially susceptible to atmospheric pressure.

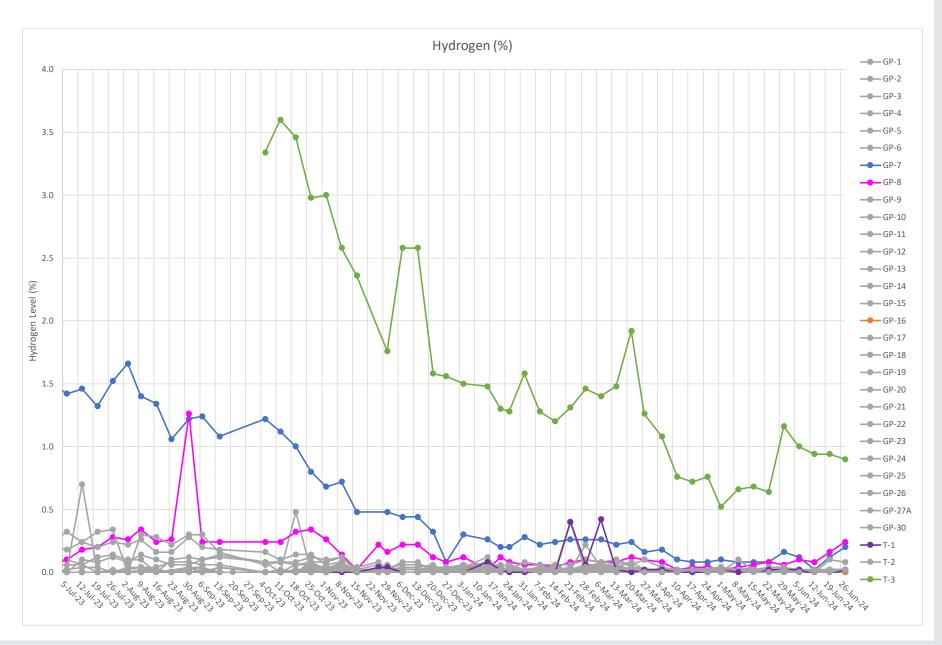


H_2

Hydrogen seems to be similar to the CO levels.

T-3 is trending downward, and has decreased significantly after cover was applied.

Even if H2 data is scrubbed from the CO data, GP-7 and T-3 remain high in CO.

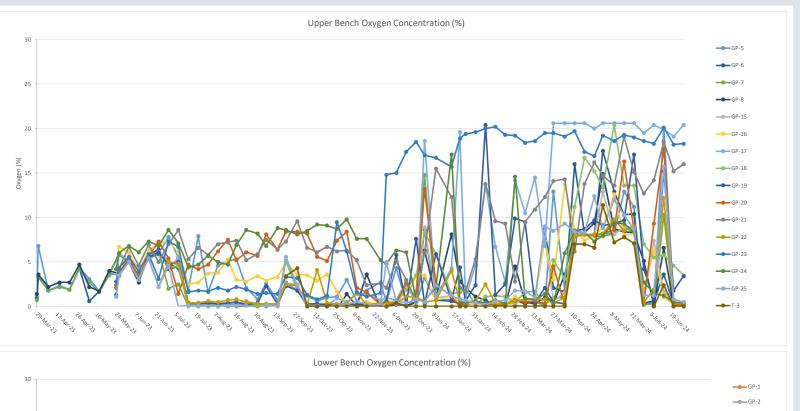


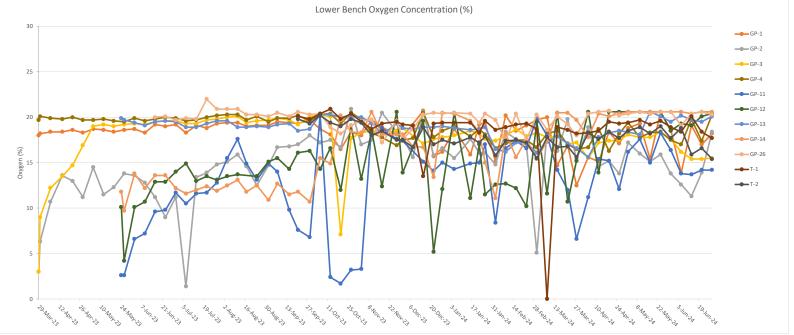
 O_2

Upper bench has returned to lower concentrations

Oldest portion of Landfill is probably relatively inert and biologically inactive, producing very little methane. As a result, pore space is full of atmospheric air.

Some GPs likely susceptible to swings in pressure – LFCI believes this is causing the spikes.



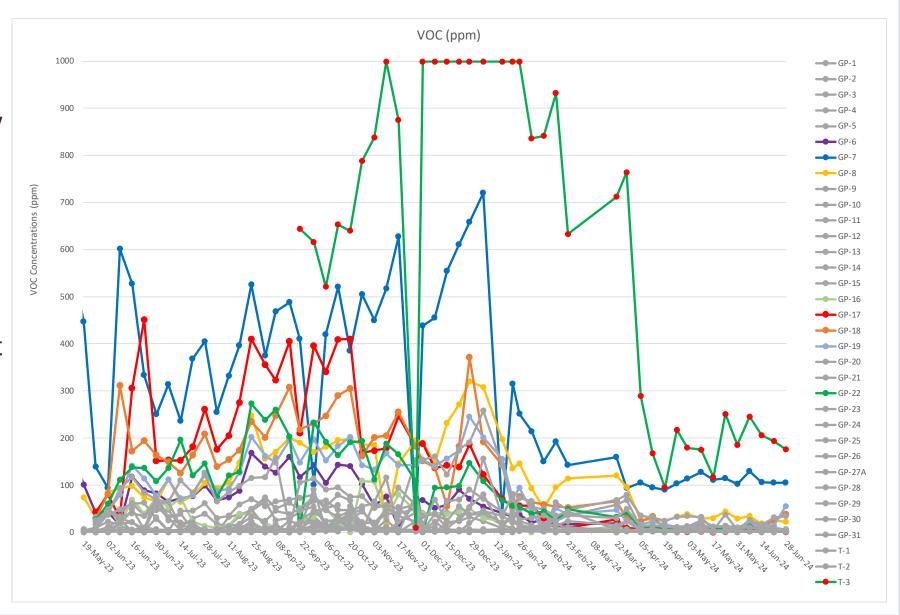


VOC's

T-3 has remained stable between 100 and 200ppm

Large decrease in past few months, will monitor to ensure no major changes.

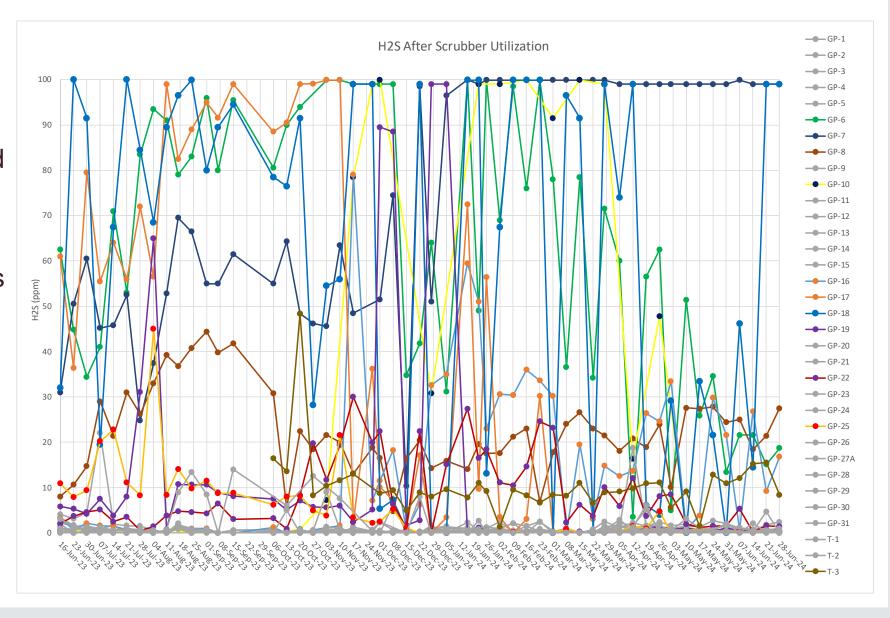
Large drop between Dec. and April indicates rate of fire combustion has decreased significantly, but continues to smolder since April.



H_2S

H₂S data continues to be noisy, likely affected by atmospheric pressure fluctuation. Decreasing trend visible in past months.

GP-7 and GP-18 are high, all other monitoring locations have now decreased to below 30 ppm.

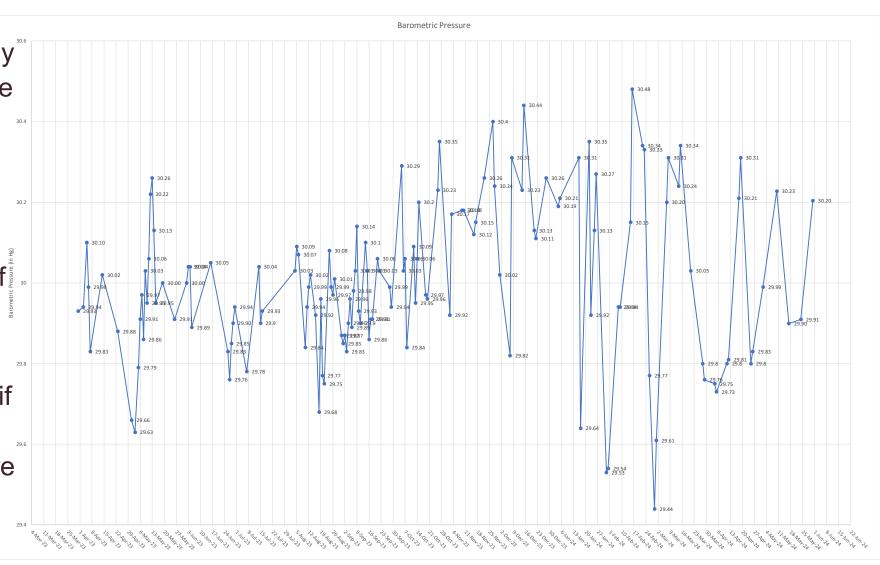


Barometric Pressure

Barometric data is less noisy that through winter, pressure swings are not as intense and overall trend has been average decreasing pressure.

This means less intrusion of atmospheric oxygen into landfill since March, 2024.

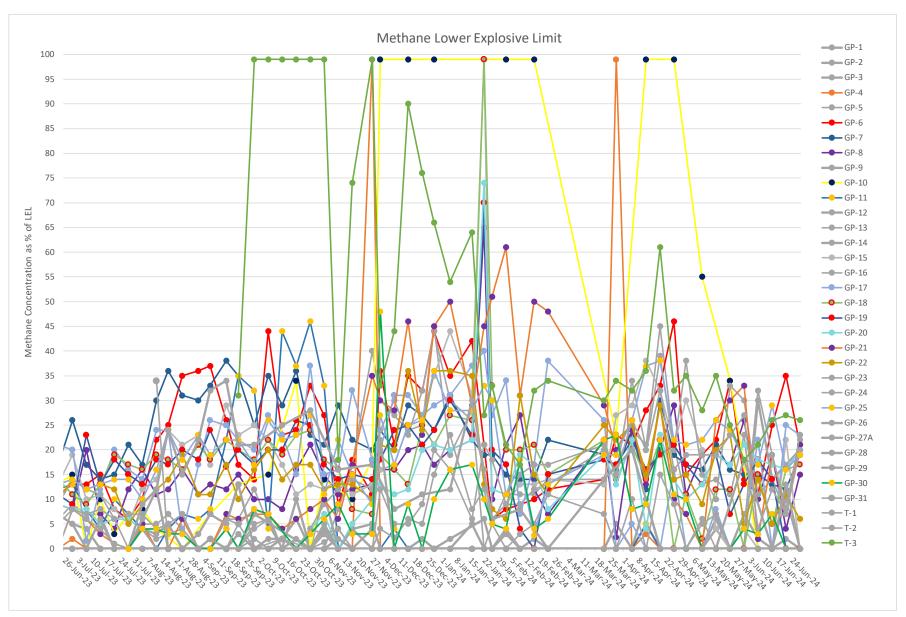
Based on last year's trend, if same pattern holds, would expect stable lower pressure through summer. This should reduce oxygen into landfill.



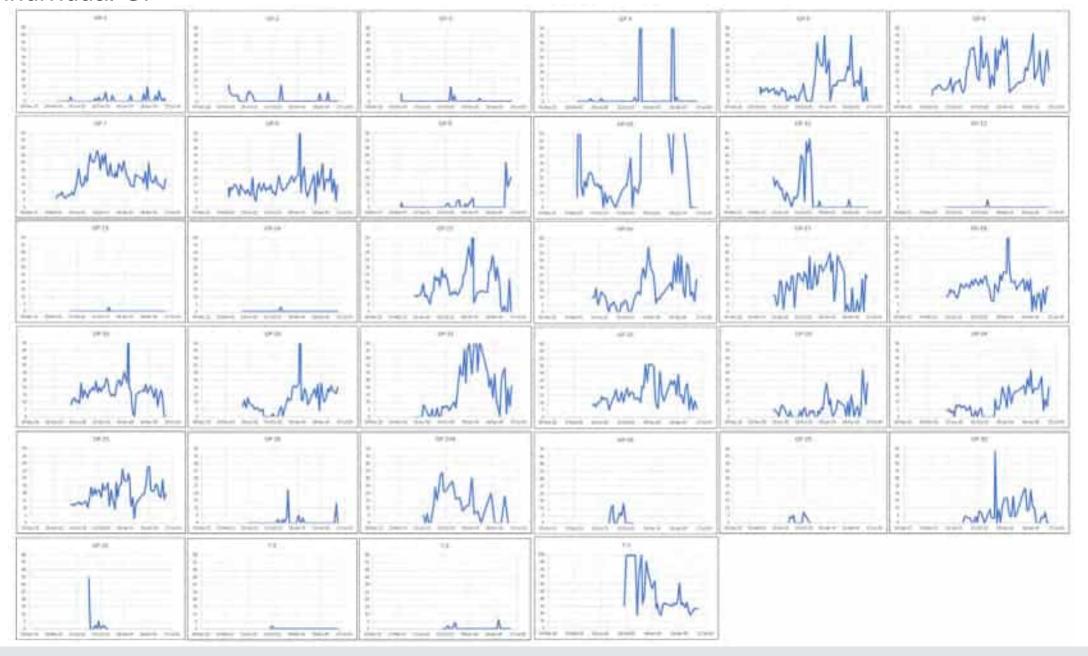
Lower Explosive Limit

Many data points fluctuating wildly – methane composition is a better indicator of levels within the landfill.

LEL has remained mostly consistent over the last month, under 35%



LEL for individual GP

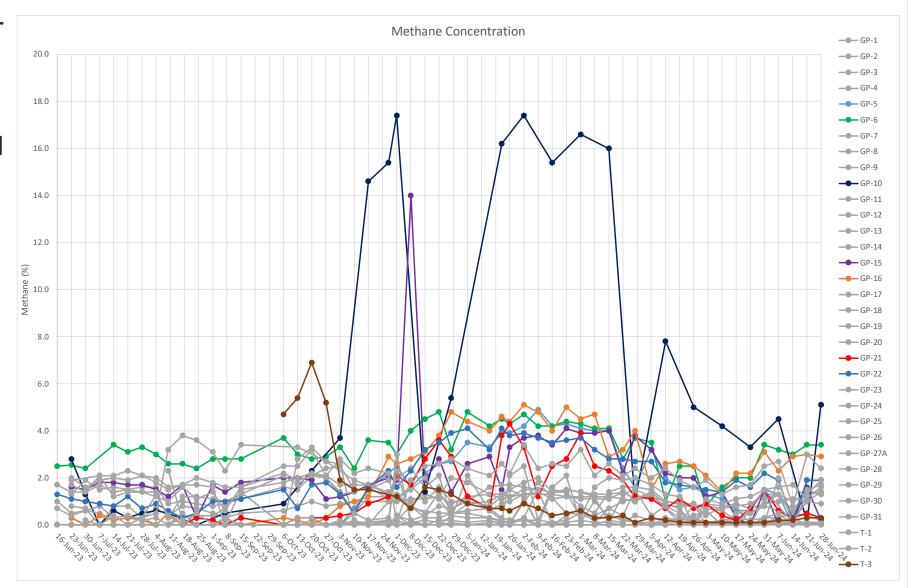


CH₄ (%)

GP-10 has remained lower than in the past

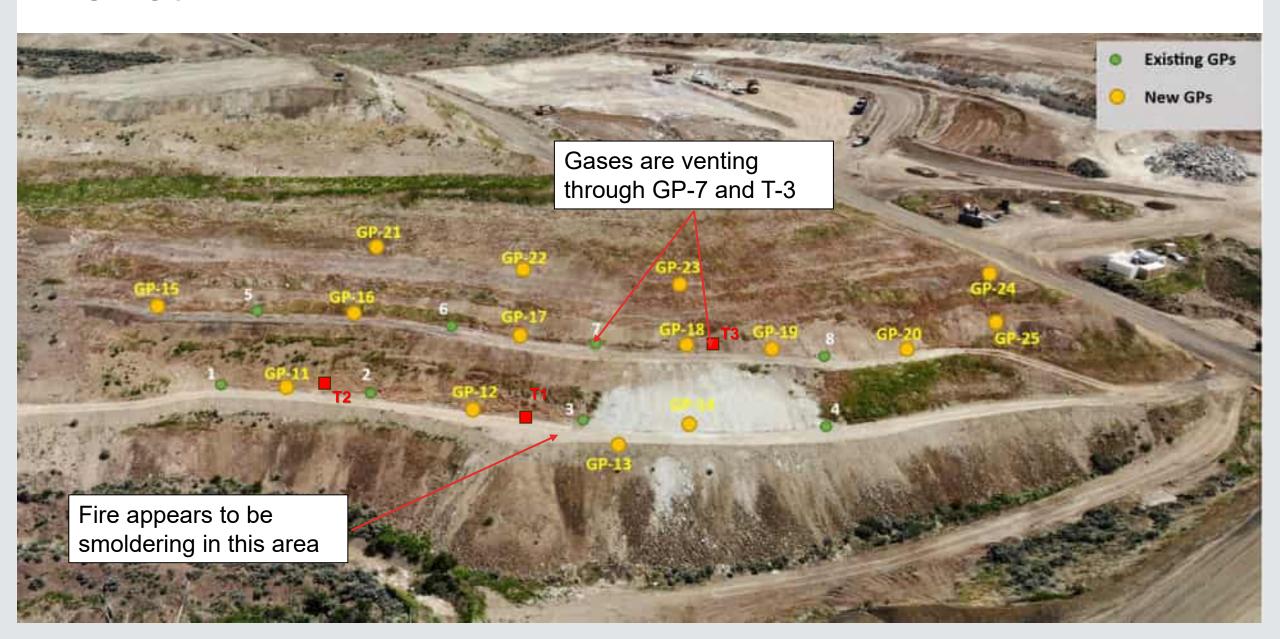
South upper bench area slightly elevated, at around 2-4%. Slight increase in last few weeks.

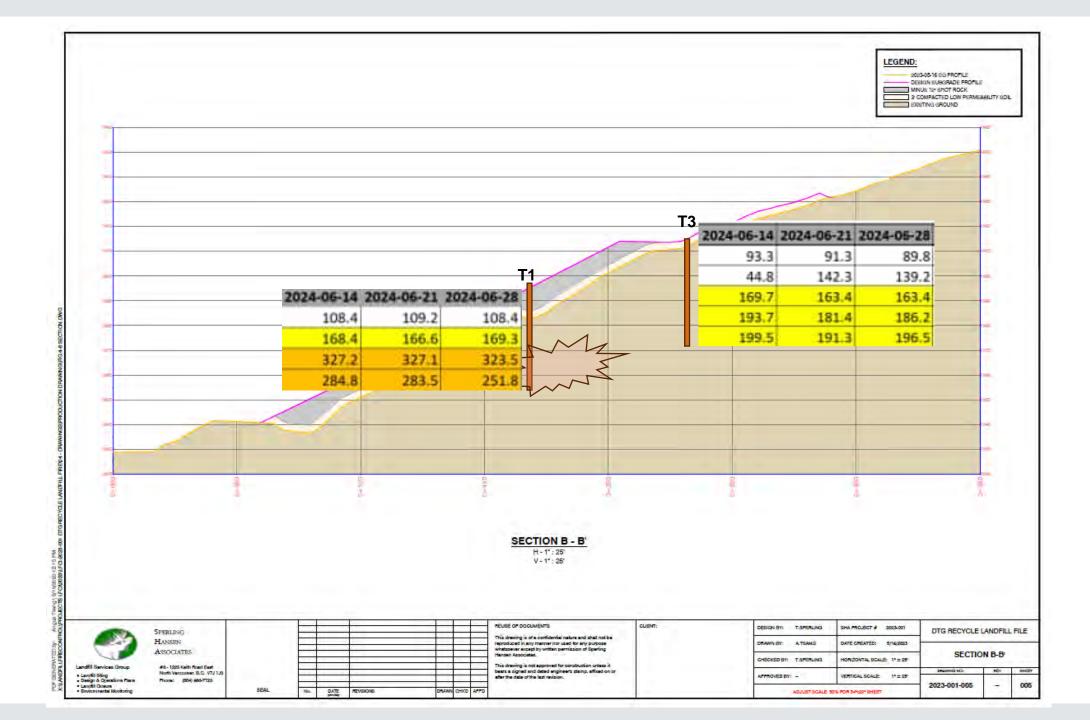
Methane has increased since last months report.
Likely combination of atmospheric pressure and fire no longer consuming methane.





Fire Path





Data Interpretation

Suppression efforts are working. CO levels and temperatures have decreased dramatically since cover fill was placed.

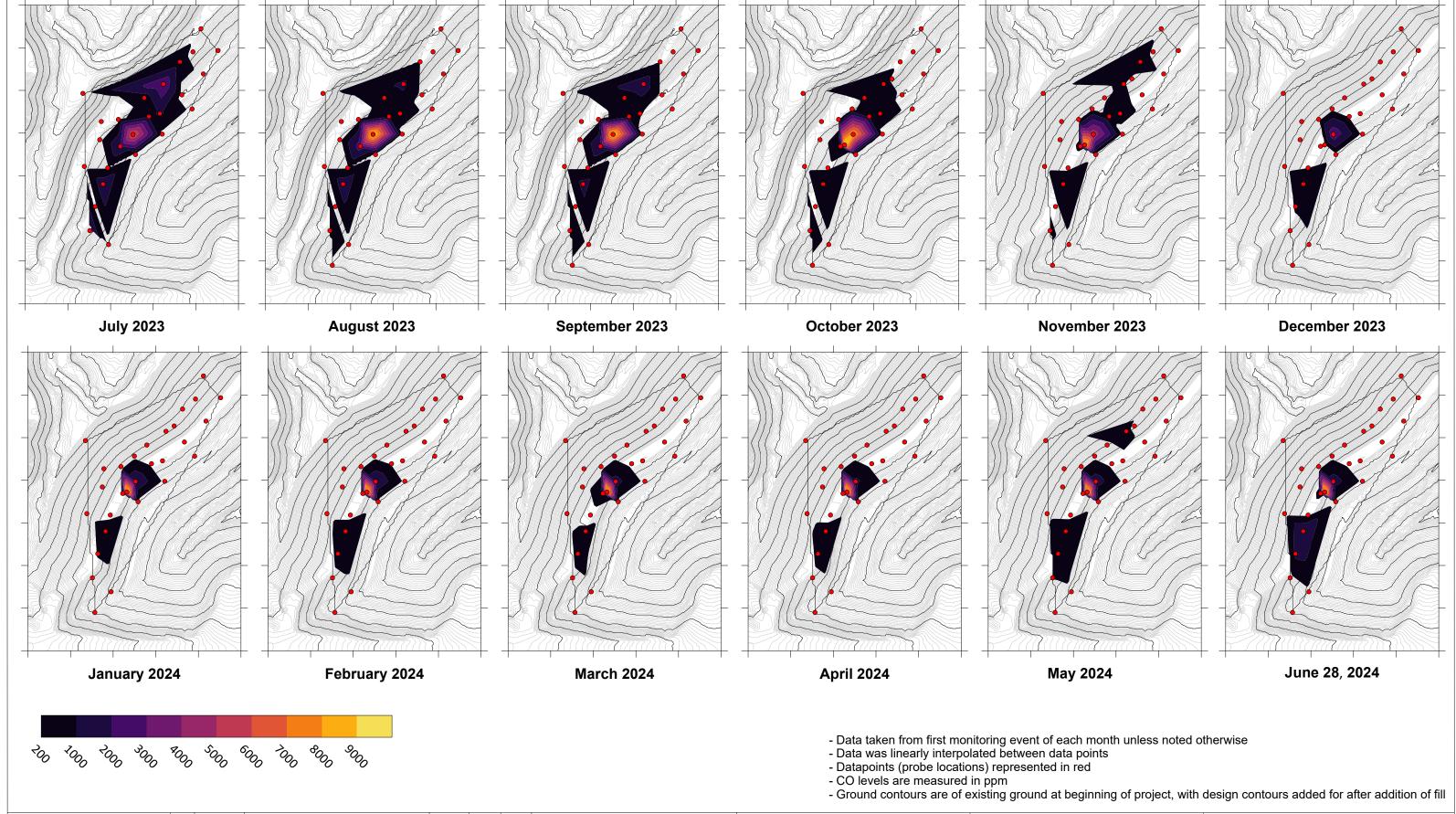
In LFCI experience, CO has been best indicator of suppression at other landfill sites. CO levels in T-3 have remained high, GP-7, GP-8, and GP-20 have increased since last month

High O2 continues to fluctuate - this is likely due to large atmospheric pressure swings and pervious waste mass allowing entry of ambient air.

O2 levels have dropped off significantly in most probes in the upper bench since last monitoring event.

Temperature has dropped significantly all around, GP-3 has continued to fall, but at a slower rate than before.

Overall, it appears that the waste is smoldering underneath GP-3 and T-1 (elevated temperature) and a 'chimney' effect is occurring, causing higher CO and VOC's in T-3 and GP-7.



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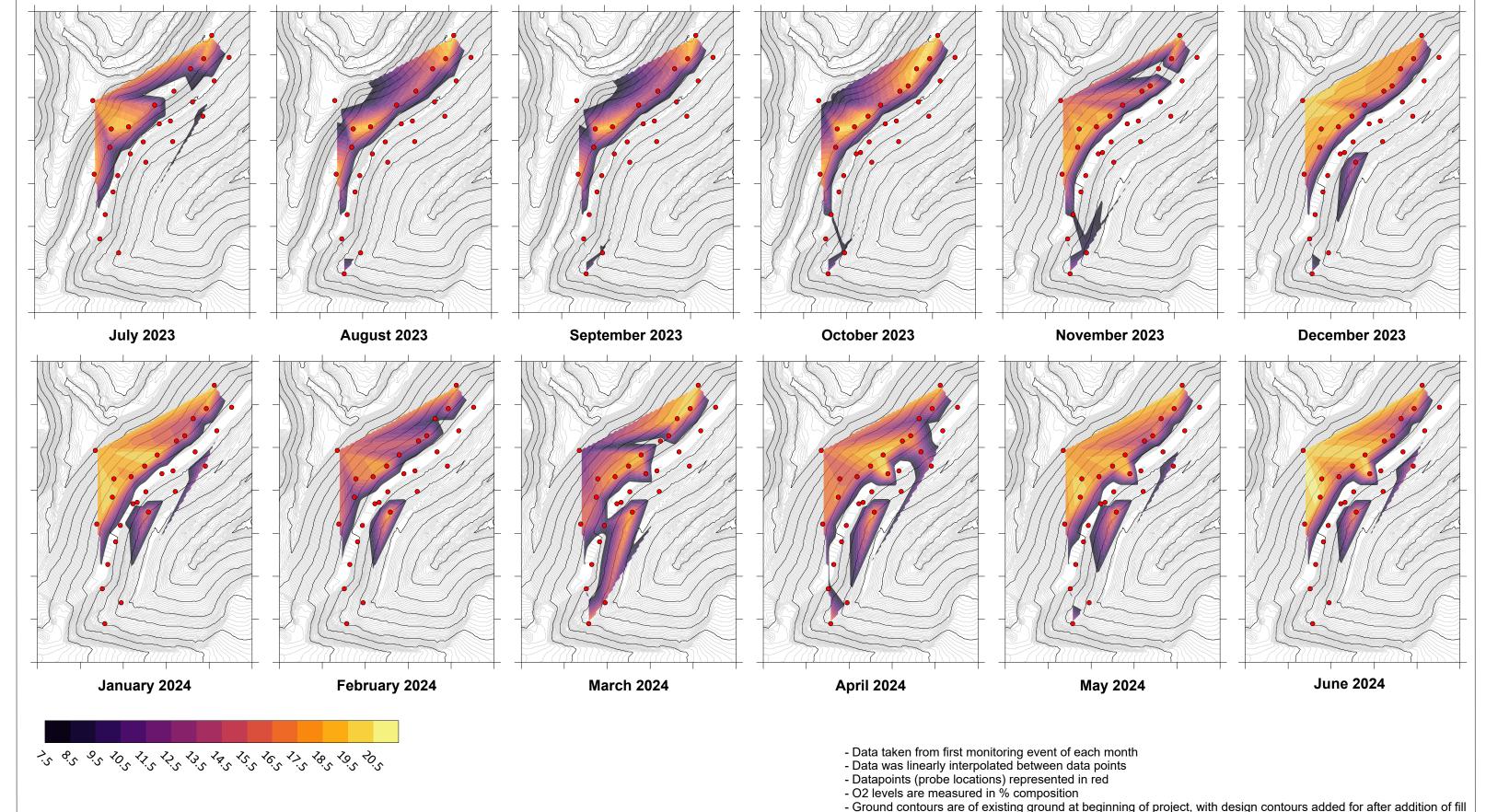
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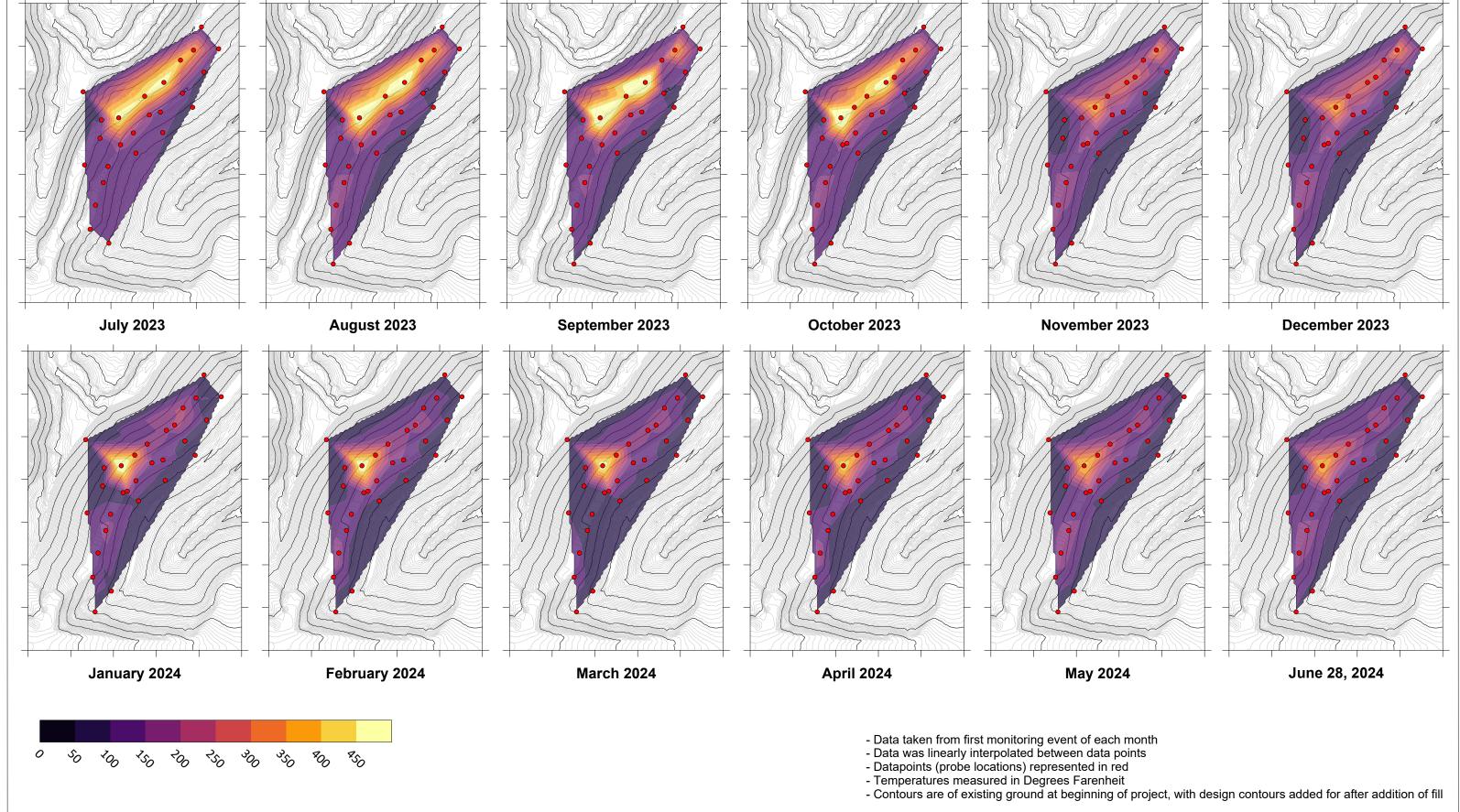
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