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Standard Specification for Geosynthetic Alternate Daily Covers¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for reusable and nonreusable geosynthetic alternate daily covers (ADCs) used on the working face of municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs). Geosynthetic ADCs include a wide range of products including, but not limited to: reinforced film, unreinforced film, reinforced sheet, unreinforced sheet, coated geotextile, and uncoated geotextile.

1.2 This standard addresses the base ADC materials and does not address grommets, straps, or other fabricated parts.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D882 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting

D1004 Test Method for Tear Resistance (Graves Tear) of Plastic Film and Sheeting

D4355/D4355M Test Method for Deterioration of Geotextiles by Exposure to Light, Moisture, and Heat in a Xenon Arc-Type Apparatus

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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D4533/D4533M Test Method for Trapezoid Tearing Strength of Geotextiles

D4632/D4632M Test Method for Grab Breaking Load and Elongation of Geotextiles

D4833/D4833M Test Method for Index Puncture Resistance of Geomembranes and Related Products

E96/E96M Test Methods for Gravimetric Determination of Water Vapor Transmission Rate of Materials

2.2 Other Standards:

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 701 Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles

Geosynthetic Research Institute (GRI) Specification GM11 Accelerated Weathering of Geomembranes using a Fluorescent UVA-Condensation Exposure Device

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms related to geosynthetics, refer to Terminology D4439.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *alternate daily cover, n*—an alternative to the traditional 15-cm (6-in.) soil cover required by the USEPA for landfill working faces to “control disease vectors, fires, odors, blowing litter, and scavenging, without presenting a threat to human health and the environment.”

3.2.2 *fire retardant, adj*—in geosynthetic ADCs, meeting the requirements of NFPA 701, Method 1, Standard Method of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films.

3.2.3 *nonreusable, adj*—in geosynthetics, a fabric or film intended to be placed once and then disposed of, discarded, or left in place.

3.2.4 *reusable, adj*—in geosynthetics, a fabric or membrane material intended to be retrieved and installed more than once to perform the cover function.

3.2.5 *working face, n*—the area of a landfill in which waste is actively being deposited.

4. Classification of Geosynthetic ADCs

4.1 *Nonreusable*—Nonreusable geosynthetic ADCs consist of disposable films or geotextiles, intended to be left in place without retrieval. Special equipment exists to facilitate the placement and anchoring of these materials to cover the