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Re: Transmittal Notice of Applied Materials – Semi-Annual Report No. 5 June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 TCEQ SWR No. 30097; EPA ID No. TXD008129983 Copano Site

Please find enclosed the above-referenced document prepared by Golder Associates Inc. on behalf of Copano Enterprises LLC, dba as CE Ranch LLC, in accordance with Section 11 of our 9019 Settlement Agreement with TCEQ. The report will be posted on the Copano website.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Morosky Operations Manager

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Copano Enterprises LLC (dba CE Ranch LLC) (CE) owns and operates the Copano Property (the Site), in San Patricio and Aransas Counties, Texas (Figure 1). CE and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) entered into a 9019 Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) on May 21, 2018 that outlines various environmental and other requirements. Section 11 of the Agreement requires semi-annual reporting for placement of various materials within the beds at the Site.

This Semi-Annual Report No. 5 has been prepared by Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) and summarizes the materials applied at the Site from June 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020. Section 2 of this report contains a description of the placement activities, and Section 3 describes planned activities for the next six months. Aerial photos of Bed 1 taken during the reporting period are included in Appendix A.

2.0 CURRENT CONDITIONS AND MATERIALS PLACEMENT

The entire Copano Property consists of more than 11,000 acres and is bisected (into north and south portions) by State Highway 188. Beds 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Site covers approximately 3,100 acres. From the time period of 1972 until 2016, bauxite residue was pumped to the Site via pipelines from the alumina refinery located approximately 10 miles to the south of the property.

2.1 Bed 1

Bed 1 is approximately 838 acres in surface area and is made up of three sections (Offset Area, Borrow Area and Inner Area) that are separated from each other with internal levees (Figure 2). The Offset Area (174 ac.) is the mostly vegetated perimeter area that is irrigated on a periodic basis with effluent water purchased from the City of Aransas Pass (AP); this portion of Bed 1 includes an external levee and a subsurface leachate collection system. Also located within the Offset Area is the Sump Area where stormwater accumulates from the Borrow and Inner Areas before it is either pumped to Bed 2 or evaporates. The Borrow Area (137 ac.) is situated inside of the Offset Area and includes subsurface leachate collection systems. The surface of the Borrow Area was covered with hay prior to the start of this reporting period; however, additional hay was applied to certain areas for continued dust control purposes. The remaining portion of Bed 1 makes up the Inner Area (527 ac.) which contains stacked bauxite residue, the surface of which has been ripped, disked, plowed and covered with mulch, and cotton gin residuals. The use of cotton gin residuals as a dust suppressant was approved by TCEQ

in a letter dated January 25, 2019 from Mr. Brent Wade. The entire Inner Area, along with the interior levee slopes and roadways have been covered with cotton gin residuals during the 2020 ginning season, which will be complete by mid-December 2020. The existing all-weather access roadways that were constructed during a previous reporting period across the Inner Area and along several of the internal levees to allow for the off-loading of mulch on Bed 1 without the need for additional road material placement during this reporting period. The type, estimated amount, source, and placement locations for the materials placed during the reporting period are listed in Table 1; also included are the approximate totals since May 2018. Figure 2 shows the coverage and general placement areas for hay, mulch, and cotton gin residuals on Bed 1 as of the end of November 2020. The aerial views that show the conditions of Bed 1 during the reporting period are included in Appendix A.

Material Description	Source of Material	Quantity During Reporting Period	Placement Location	Approx. Total Quantity Since May 2018
Нау	Off-site Suppliers and Copano Ranch	22 bales	See Figure 2 and Aerials in App. A	13,780 bales
Mulch	Dawson and Others	44,100 cubic yards	See Figure 2 and Aerials in App. A	347,500 cubic yards
Grass Seed	Off-site Source	0 pounds	N/A	61,570 pounds
Effluent Water	City of Aransas Pass	63,125,000 gallons	Offset & Inner Areas Irrigation & Flushing	1,336,070,000 gallons
Sludge (River Mud)	San Patricio MWD	119,220 pounds	Offset & Inner Areas	490,809 pounds
Mix of Stone, Crusher Run Limestone and Binder	Off-site Sources	0 cubic yards	N/A	6,100 cubic yards
	Gregory Gin 600 6 th Street Gregory, TX 78359	38,400 cubic yards	See Figure 2 and Aerials in App. A	74,160 cubic yards
Cotton Gin Residuals	Edcot Gin 5019 CR 51 Odem, TX 78370	31,920 cubic yards	See Figure 2 and Aerials in App. A	31,920 cubic yards
	Midway Gin 5455 CR 3567 Taft, TX 78390	11,400 cubic yards	See Figure 2 and Aerials in App. A	11,400 cubic yards

The total volume of the effluent water and sludge (river mud) applied during the reporting period is based on the estimated application rate. The quantities of hay, mulch, cotton gin residuals and crushed limestone placed on Bed 1 are based on estimated amounts recorded in the daily field records.

2.2 Bed 2

Bed 2 is approximately 1,203 acres in surface area, contains bauxite residue, and is used for water management. Bed 2 is the destination point for water (i.e., leachate, effluent water, stormwater, and surface water) pumped from Bed 1. In the past, impounded water in Beds 3 and 4 was pumped to Bed 2 to lower the water levels in those two beds to mitigate foam generation. With less than 10 inches of rainfall received during the reporting period, there has not been a need to pump surface water from Beds 3 or 4 into Bed 2, where evaporation (from Bed 2) is significant, averaging >7.65 million gallons/day, and is higher during the summer months. Because wind and wave action can generate foam that accumulates along the downwind shorelines at the base of the interior levees, an anti-foaming agent (Unfoamer®) mixed with water (from an on-site well) is sprayed along the shorelines on an-as needed basis. Table 2 lists the type, amount, source, and location for the materials placed within Bed 2 during the reporting period and since May 2018.

Material Description	Source of Material	Quantity During Reporting Period	Placement Location	Approx. Total Quantity Since May 2018
Effluent Water	City of Aransas Pass 18,500,000 gallons		Discharged in SW Corner	367,225,000 gallons
Sludge (River Mud)	San Patricio MWD	54,205 pounds	Discharged in SW Corner	178,387 pounds
Leachate	Bed 1	60,760,800 gallons	Discharged in SW Corner	235,833,200 gallons
Storm Water	Bed 1	54,756,000 gallons	Discharged in SW Corner	1,021,015,000 gallons
Surface Water	Beds 3 & 4	0 gallons	N/A	853,170,000 gallons
Groundwater (Foam Elimination)	On-site Well	333,000 gallons	Unfoamer and groundwater mixture sprayed on Foam accumulated	1,586,000 gallons
Unfoamer (Anti- foaming Agent)	Off-site Supplier	13.88 gallons	along Bed 2 shorelines	77.76 gallons

TABLE 2: PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS - BED 2

Quantities are estimated based on the daily flow rates for effluent water, leachate, and storm water. The total volume of sludge (river mud) placed during the reporting period is based on the estimated application rate. The quantities of groundwater and Unfoamer used during the reporting period were estimated amounts recorded in the daily field records.

2.3 Bed 3

Bed 3 is approximately 415 acres in surface area and contains bauxite residue and impounded water. With the lower water level within Bed 3 to control foam generation Unfoamer was not applied during the reporting period. However, to control dusting from within Bed 3, exposed areas were scarified and covered with hay to the extent possible. Table 3 lists the type, estimated amount, source and location for the materials placed within Bed 3 during the reporting period and since May 2018.

Material Description	Source of Material	Quantity During Reporting Period	Placement Location	Approx. Total Quantity Since May 2018
Surface Water	Bed 4	0 gallons	N/A	236,880,000 gallons
Нау	Copano Ranch	42 bales	Exposed residue area along west side	942 bales
Groundwater (Foam Elimination)	On-site Well	0 gallons	N/A	195,000 gallons
Unfoamer (Anti- foaming Agent)	Off-site Supplier	0 gallons		8.13 gallons

TABLE 3: PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS - BED 3

The quantity of hay applied during the reporting period was based on amounts recorded in the daily field records.

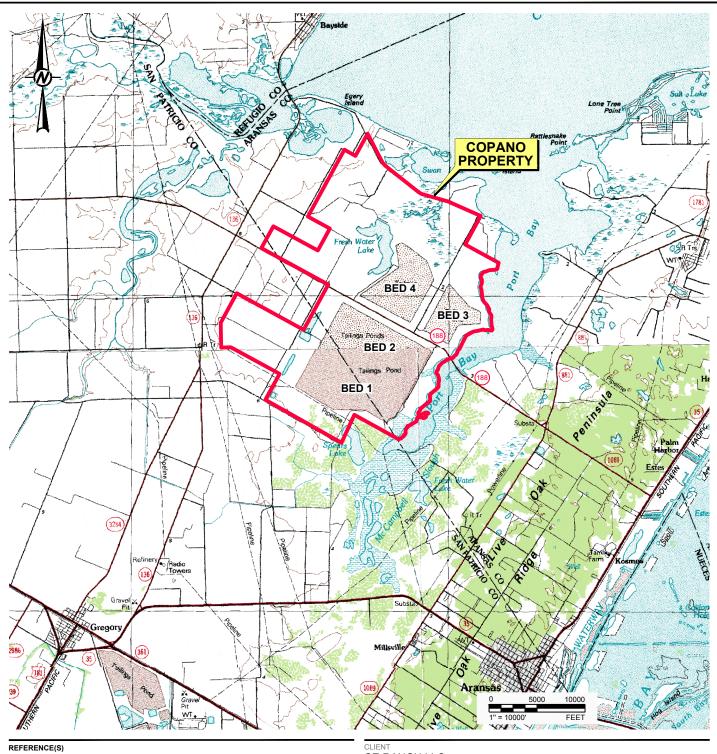
3.0 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Maintaining adequate water volumes and placement of materials into the beds will continue primarily for dust and foam control. Specifically, within Bed 1, placement and incorporation of materials into the upper surface layer will continue to improve conditions to support vegetative growth and promote clean stormwater runoff. CE currently has existing stock or orders for hay and mulch and will continue to receive effluent water and sludge (river mud) from the City of Aransas Pass and San Patricio Municipal Water District, respectively, for the foreseeable future. Cotton gin residual materials will be applied on a

seasonal basis. On November 19, 2020, CE submitted a request for approval from the TCEQ for the application of soil amendments (gypsum/calcium sulfate and fertilizer) within the upper surface of Bed 1. It is expected that beginning in 1Q2021, portions of Bed 1 will become suitable for gypsum/calcium sulfate application. Once approval from the TCEQ has been received, CE will proceed with the procurement, delivery, spreading and disking of those materials.

Figures





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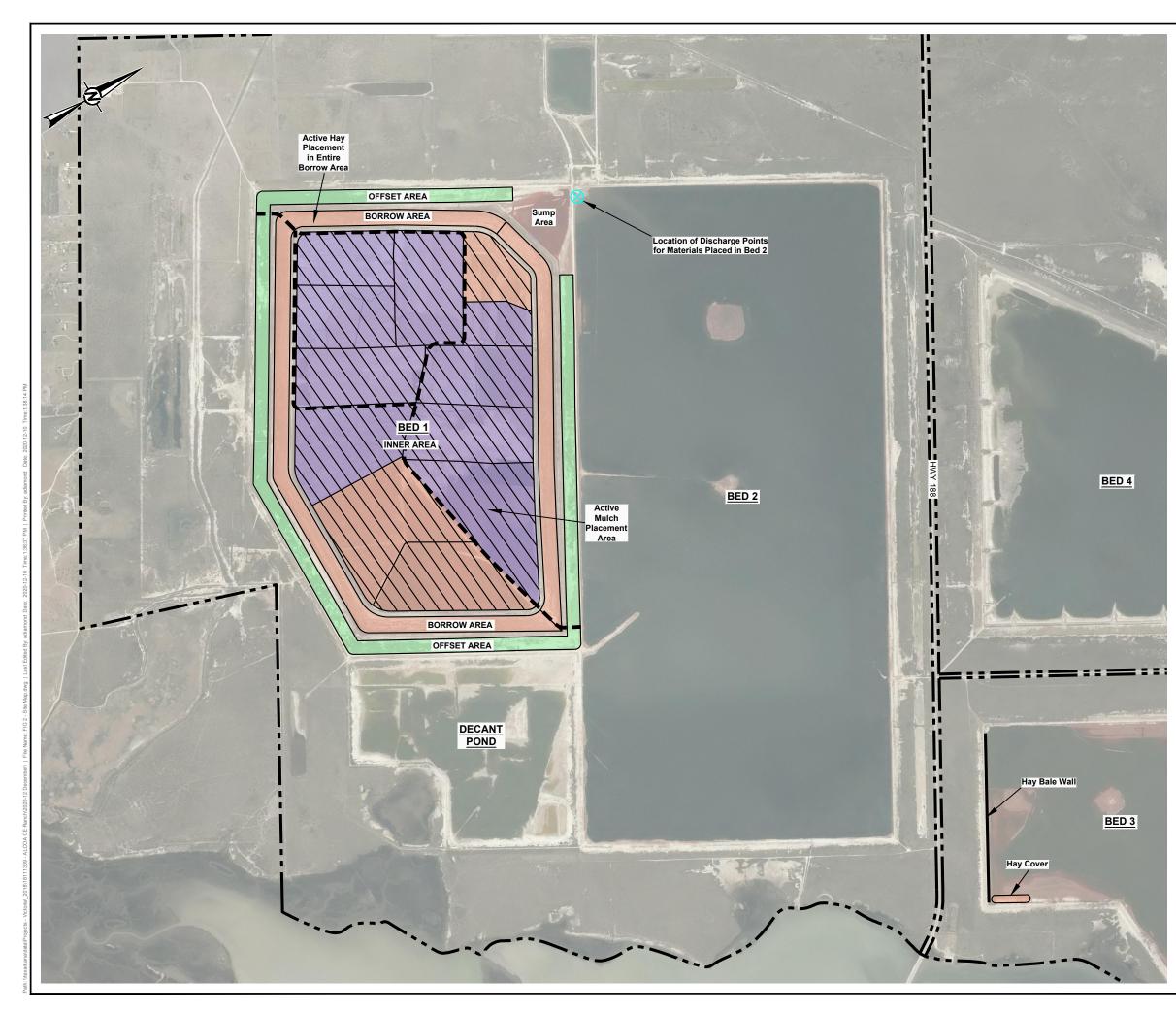
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GRASS/VEGETATION COVER

HAY COVER

MULCH APPLIED

COTTON GIN RESIDUAL APPLIED

ALL WEATHER ACCESS ROADWAY

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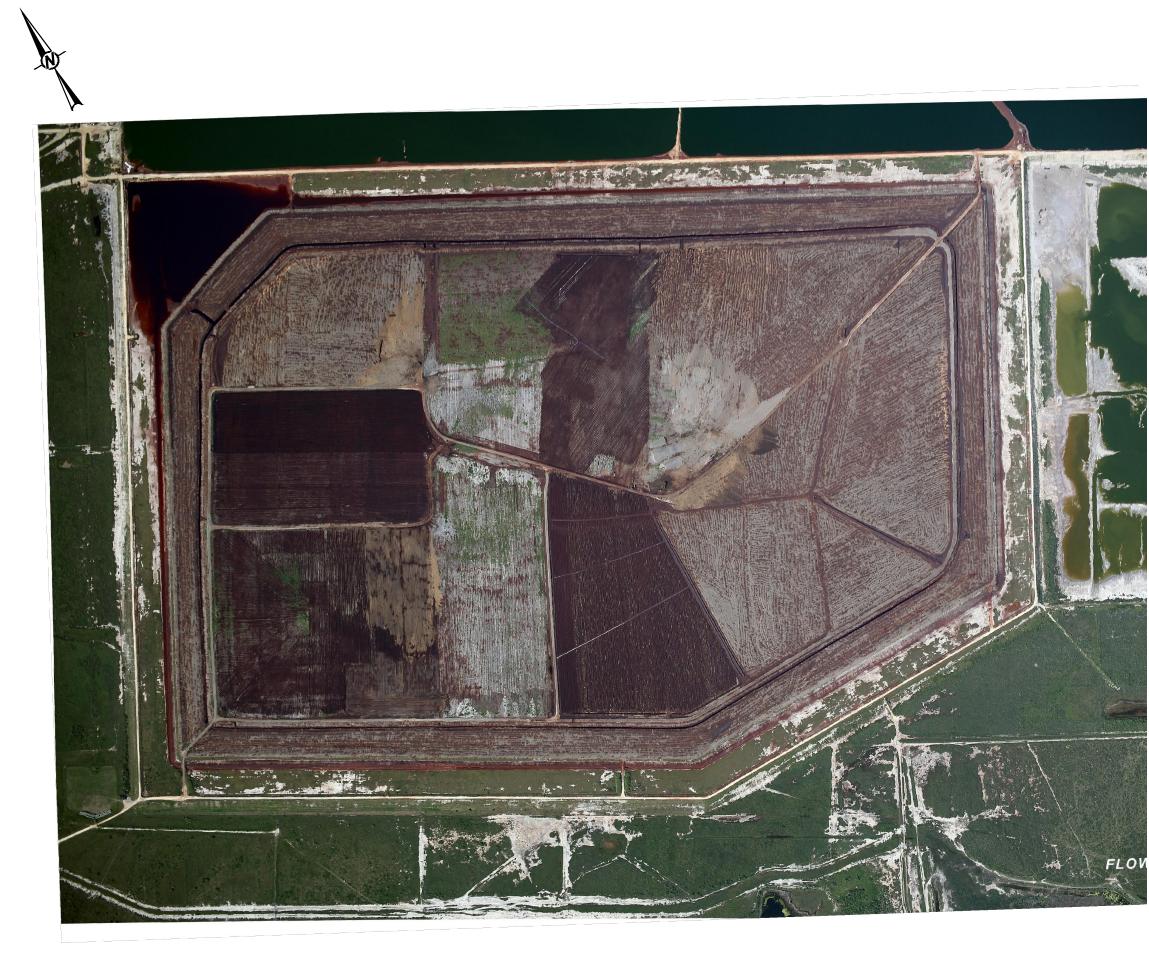
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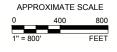
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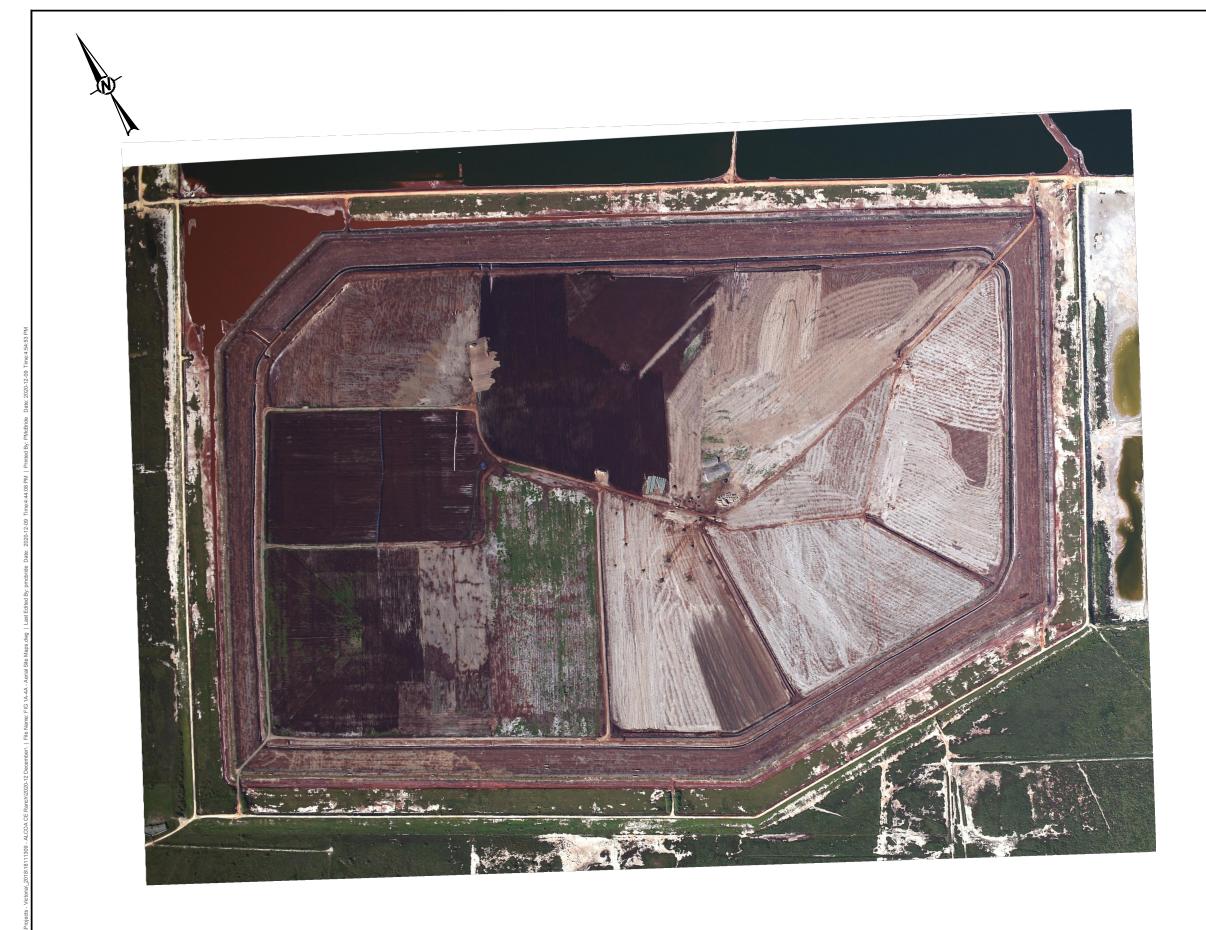


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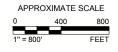


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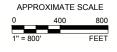




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