Construction Resumes at WDE Landfill Site on 3/23/2020
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Construction at WDE Landfill will resume on Monday, March 23rd. The site was buttoned up for the winter after the following activities were completed:

- Early February – The temporary enclosure was dismantled and removed from the site.
- Late January – All hazardous waste materials were removed from the site. The final numbers included:
  - 13,729 tons (more than 27 million pounds) of contaminated soils were sent to incineration facilities in Kimball, NE, Aragonite, UT, or Clive, UT. These soils were predominantly within and below the drum layer.
  - 7,124 tons of contaminated soils were sent to an industrial waste landfill in Becker, MN. These were soils from the waste pit area that had levels of contamination below hazardous concentrations.
  - 397 drums were sent to incineration facilities in Kimball, NE, and Aragonite, UT. These are all of the drums from the hazardous waste pit that had recoverable materials still inside.
  - More than 2,500 empty drum carcasses.
- Early January -- A layer of clay soils were placed over the backfilled pit to prevent infiltration of water from snow melt and precipitation. All vapor control equipment and air monitoring equipment were removed from the site.
- Late December – All drums and contaminated soils were excavated from the hazardous waste pit and placed in containers, and the pit was backfilled with clean soils.

The remaining work on the site includes:

- Replacing the municipal solid waste materials in the working area where the temporary enclosure and supporting equipment were set up. This will be the first activity for the spring and should be completed by mid-April.
- Reinstalling the pollution control equipment, including a groundwater extraction well, groundwater monitoring wells, and landfill gas extraction wells. These will be reconnected to the existing systems. This work should be completed by mid-May.
- Installation of a geomembrane (thick plastic) cover over the work area. This work should be completed by early June.
- Replacement of the soil layer and topsoil over the geomembrane cover and final site restoration activities, including site seeding. This work should be completed by the end of June.
The photos below were taken on February 4th shortly after the temporary enclosure had been dismantled.