will require a visual, photographic or video assessment.

4. Schedule

A permittee shall develop and implement a monitoring program to survey the area of its discharge waste pile during the first full year of coverage of its facility under this Permit.

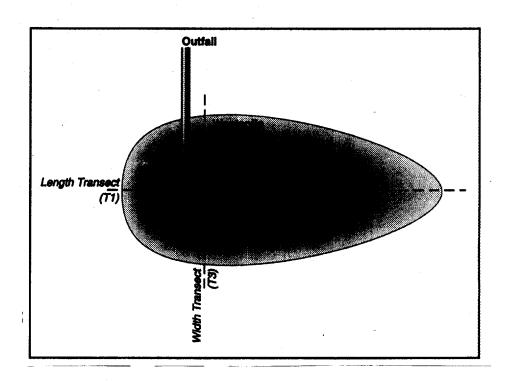
Tiered Monitoring

The monitoring program shall be tiered in levels of increasing complexity which are determined by the area of the discharge waste pile as assessed in previous seafloor monitoring surveys.

Tier one survey. A permittee shall develop and implement a monitoring program to survey the area of its discharge waste pile during the first full year of the facility's coverage under this Permit. If a permittee has relocated its discharge pipe during the preceding year of operation and discharge, has added a new production line, or has increased production over the production of the year of the previous seafloor monitoring survey by more than 25%, then a permittee shall develop and implement a monitoring program to survey the area of its discharge waste pile during the current year of the facility's coverage under this Permit.

a. The tier one bottom survey shall be conducted along two transects. The principal transect shall be oriented along the maximum horizontal dimension of the waste pile ("the length"). The second transect ("the width") shall be perpendicular to the principal transect, and shall cross it at the point where the waste pile is widest in that direction. The survey shall record and report the measurements of the distances of each transect under which any continuous part of the waste pile occurs.

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b. Tier two survey. If a permittee has concluded from its seafloor monitoring survey of the last previous year of operation and discharge that its waste pile is greater than one half of an acre in size (21,780 sq. ft.) and less than three quarters of an acre in size (32,670 sq. ft.), then a permittee shall develop and implement a monitoring program to survey the area of its discharge waste

pile during the current year of its facility's coverage under this Permit.

The tier two bottom survey shall be conducted along four transects. The principal transect shall be oriented along the maximum horizontal dimension of the waste pile ("the length"). The second transect ("the width") shall be perpendicular to the principal transect, and shall cross it at the point where the waste pile is widest

in that direction. The remaining two transects shall pass through the point where the first two transects intersect, and shall be at 45 degree angles to the first two transects. The survey shall record and report the measurements of the distances of each transect under which any continuous part of the waste pile occurs.

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