

## Purpose and Scope

This Environmental Field Procedure (EFP) applies to all BC Timber Sales (BCTS) licensees, including their employees, agents and contractors involved in dryland sort operations that are not connected to a marine log handling facility. These operations may include log unloading & loading, log sorting, fibre production etc. Only sort areas which are under the exclusive use and tenure authority issued by BCTS are considered within the scope of the EMS. This EFP describes procedures to reduce the risk of negative impacts of these field activities on the environment. This EFP does not replace the requirements of legislation, licences, permits, and contracts.

## Dryland Sort Yard Care

1. Ensure the yard has sufficient and suitable capping material for the planned use of the yard.
  - a. Recap the yard with suitable material if required or at any time capping degrades to an unacceptable level (i.e., loss through breakdown and mixing with organic waste, loss of crowning and uncontrolled runoff).
2. Dryland sort runoff shall be controlled and drainage systems shall be kept in proper working order.
  - a. Ensure perimeter drains and sediment traps are in place to manage sedimentation.
  - b. Clean introduced debris from perimeter drains and sediment traps on an on-going basis to ensure effective operation of these systems.
3. Ensure secondary sediment control measures are in place (e.g., silt fencing, hay bales and maintenance equipment) and are readily available in the event of primary sediment control failure.
4. At all times, ensure garbage and industrial waste are placed in appropriate containers, kept in designated areas and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
5. Inspect the yard as per the authorization and ensure conformance with all operational controls and permit conditions.

## Solid Wood & Organic Waste Stockpiling and Disposal

1. Sort all solid wood waste from mixed organic and mineral waste.
  - a. Place each waste type in designated day use areas.
  - b. Minimize the amount of yard capping material in the organic waste.
  - c. Ensure timely removal of solid wood and organic waste from the yard area to designated stockpile areas or disposal areas for each waste type in accordance with the project plan
2. Minimize the potential for sediment impact on water quality and aquatic species.
3. Prevent the likelihood of organic leachate through timely removal of solid wood and organic waste to disposal sites.
4. Sort, stockpile, and load organic waste during favourable weather conditions.
5. At all times, ensure sediment control measures are in place around day use, stockpile and disposal areas.
6. Complete Fire Hazard Assessments at prescribed intervals in accordance with the Wildfire Act and Regulations. If a hazard exists it must be abated and/or removed.
7. If burning is part of the project plan, ensure required notification is made, approvals received and conditions followed. Ensure burn area is safe from escape and clear of hazardous or sensitive areas.
8. The sort yard must be maintained and left in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition during and prior to ceasing operations.

9. Organic material (e.g., log butt ends) must not be buried on the yard area.



**Stop Work – Contact Project Supervisor and BCTS Representative if:**

- There is a hazardous material spill, uncontrolled fire or erosion/landslide event
- There is uncertainty about the project plan, the responsibilities or the location of hazardous or sensitive areas.
- A previously unidentified resource feature, resource value or sensitive area is found (e.g., species of management concern, bear den, wildlife habitat feature, culturally modified tree).
- Unfavourable weather or site conditions could cause environmental damage.
- Conditions have the potential for immediate environmental damage.
- There is reason to believe the project plan will not work.