

PMPC ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Name: Saratoga Landfill Lateral Expansion and Permitting

Client: Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal District

Location: Saratoga, Wyoming

Status: Completed 2004

Project Description:

PMPC has prepared a major amendment for a 40 acre lateral expansion at the Saratoga Landfill, which serves the waste disposal needs of 3600 residents in the Upper Platte River Valley. The process has included a site search, site selection and purchase, zoning change, subsurface investigation, groundwater monitoring, well installation and groundwater data analysis. A location variance by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality was also required since the landfill and expansion area are within one mile of occupied dwellings. The controversial variance was obtained in the late fall of 2003.

The expansion area will have a useful life of approximately 40 years but will not be used for over a decade. The amendment was structured to address neighbors' concern while requiring that some operational decisions be made in the future to take advantage of technological advances that occur before waste disposal begins on the site.

The amendment was prepared under time constraints so the permitting process could be completed before expected residential developments would create additional obstacles. The State Oversight Department is currently reviewing the amendment. Residents will be able to voice their opinions on operating a landfill on the site at a public meeting that will be held during the summer of 2004.