

## **WHAT IS HDPE?**

HDPE stands for high-density polyethylene. Most black plastic pipe, other than dripline, is HDPE.

## **WHAT IS LDPE?**

LDPE stands for low-density polyethylene. The drip line used on the leach fields is typically LDPE.

## **WHAT DO I DO WHEN I HAVE SCRAP HDPE OR LDPE FOR DISPOSAL?**

- All scrap HDPE should be transported to the Plastic Recycling Facility currently located next to the Conoco Tankfarm.
- HDPE will be stored in staging areas at the recycling facility prior to recycling
- LDPE is collected at the leach fields and shipped directly to the recycling/disposal facility.

## **WHAT IF I AM PERFORMING WORK IN THE FIELD AND I HAVE SCRAP PLASTIC SHAVINGS?**

Scrap plastic shavings may be placed in regular trash.

## **CAN SCRAP HDPE AND LDPE BE STORED IN LAYDOWN AREAS?**

Yes, scrap HDPE and LDPE can be stored in laydown yards provided the procedures outlined below are followed:

- Keep scrap HDPE and LDPE stacked neatly or place the material into a bin designated for scrap HDPE or LDPE only.
- Sort all plastics by type (i.e. HDPE, LDPE).
- For additional information on Laydown Areas refer to Environmental BMP No. 339 – Scrap Conveyor Belting Management.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

All personnel shall receive training or at the least have access to this BMP when dealing with scrap plastic on Morenci property.

Training will be provided by Supervisors and/or Team Environmental Coordinator.



**ENVIRONMENTAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE**  
**BMP No. 338**  
**HDPE/LDPE RECYCLING/DISPOSAL**

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