Industrial Waste Management - II

Hazardous Waste Management

- Thermal desorption
- Pyrolysis gasification
- Combustion
- Incineration
  Industrial furnaces/ Cement kiln
- Molten glass / Plasma
- Waste to Energy
- Solidification-Stabilization
- Land Disposal

Transitioning from Land Disposal To Treatment

Government policy is essential for managing hazardous waste (HW)

- Alone HW will be handled in cheapest way
- No natural market forces for HW
- Government provides incentive for management
- Without regulation dumping will prevail
- Even the best designed landfills leak
- Cleanup is always more costly than proper management

Industrial and Agricultural Solid Waste are Application Specific

Industrial Solid Waste
- Petroleum waste
- Packaging waste
- Metal waste
- Hazardous waste

Agricultural Solid Waste
- Cellulosic-plant waste
- Manure - high nitrogen
- Food waste
Hazardous Waste Treatment and Disposal is Multifaceted

Thermal Hazardous Waste Treatment Technologies

Thermal Desorption

- Incineration
  - Dedicated (no power or product)
  - High temperature oxidation
  - Air pollution control (APC)

- Industrial Furnaces
  - Boilers – produces steam for power
  - Kilns – produces product and reduces fuel
  - Furnace – provides process heat
  - APC part of industrial process

Pyrolysis Gasification

- Specialized Methods
  - Molten glass
  - Plasma arc

Thermal Desorption Very Flexible for Petroleum Waste Solids

- Desorption
  - ~150-400°C

- Vapor
  - Trapped
  - Solid
  - Condensed
  - Burned

- Rotary kiln or dryers
- Mobile or stationary
- Co-current or countercurrent
- Feed and product handling equipment

- Desorbed vapor
  - Trapped onto activated carbon
  - Condensed
  - Burned in afterburner or oxidizer

- Remaining solids cleaned

Thermal Desorption Pros and Cons

- **Advantages**
  - Low capital operating cost compared to other thermal technologies.
  - Low regulatory hurdles for permitting.
  - Can be applied in the field.
  - Allows for both destruction and recovery of organic contaminants.

- **Disadvantages**
  - Material larger than 2 inches needs to be crushed or removed.
  - Plastic soils tend to stick to equipment and agglomerate.
  - Pretreatment- shredding- blending with friable soils/ gypsum.
  - Highly contaminated soils will require multiple cycles.
  - Not amenable to semi-volatile or non-volatile, chlorinated hazardous constituents. (Example: PCBs, pesticides)
  - Fugitive emissions may present exposure risk to workers and environment.
Syngas Formation from Waste Involves Pyrolysis and Gasification

- **Pyrolysis (~500°C)**
  - Gases
  - Liquids
  - Char

- **Gasification (>1000°C)**
  - Syngas

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Pyrolysis Pros and Cons

- **Advantages**
  - Lower temperature process compared to incineration, increasing refractory life and reducing costs.
  - High feed rates, up to 5 tons/hour.
  - Downstream APC equipment needs reduced since metals and PM tend to be retained in char.
  - Degree of pyrolytic reaction can be controlled to yield syngas or products for recovery. Condensable vapors with economic value can be recovered. Non-condensable vapors can be used for energy.

- **Disadvantages**
  - High capital cost.
  - Char still retains hazardous constituents and metals, requiring subsequent treatment and controlled disposal.
  - Fume incineration needed to destroy Products of Incomplete Combustion (PICs), and other hazardous organic constituents.

Gasification Pros and Cons

- **Advantages**
  - Beneficial use of waste to produce syngas, energy or useable products.
  - High temperature process provides for destruction of hazardous constituents.

- **Disadvantages**
  - Extremely high capital cost $30 – 50M. Large scale operation required to make economics work.
  - Must be integrated into a chemical or petroleum refining plant. Not a free-standing technology like incineration.
  - Off-gas treatment still required, including downstream fume incineration.
  - Residues are generated which, like pyrolysis, may contain hazardous metals that require subsequent managed treatment and disposal.

Reactions Occurring in the Gasifier

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C + O₂ & \rightarrow CO₂ & \text{Combustion} & \Delta H^- \\
C + CO₂ & \rightarrow 2 CO & \text{Boudouard} & + \\
C + H₂O & \rightarrow CO + H₂ & \text{Carbon-steam} & + \\
CO + H₂O & \rightarrow CO₂ + H₂ & \text{Water-gas Shift} & - \\
C + 2H₂ & \rightarrow CH₄ & \text{Hydrogenation} & –
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Synthesis Gas Reactions

**Combustion**
\[ \text{H}_2 + \text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \]

**Fischer Tropsch Synthesis**
\[(2n+1) \text{H}_2 + n \text{CO} \rightarrow C_n\text{H}_{2n+2} + n \text{H}_2\text{O} \]

**Direct Methanol Synthesis**
\[2 \text{H}_2 + \text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \]
\[3 \text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \]
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Incineration is the Controlled Combustion of Waste

Requires 3 “T’s”:
- **Time**: 2 seconds minimum
- **Temperatures**: 1000°C-1200°C
- **Turbulence**: Mixing during burn

Rotary Kiln or Fixed Grate Secondary Combustion Chamber (afterburner)
Rapid cooling of ash to prevent PCDD and PCDF

Source: http://www.pollutionissues.com/

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Incineration is not the Same as Open Burning

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Source: EPA/600/SR-97/134 March 1998

Waste to Energy = WTE

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Rotary Kiln Incineration Specifically for Waste Disposal
**Incineration Pros and Cons**

- **Advantages:**
  - Can be applied to a wide variety of hazardous wastes.
  - Provides destruction and volume reduction of the waste.

- **Disadvantages:**
  - Not amenable to waste containing high concentration of heavy metals (> 1%).
  - Waste feed mechanisms often complex.
  - High capital cost due to extensive Air Pollution Control (APC) system and sophisticated controls required to meet emission standards.
  - Ash must be treated for leachable metals prior to land disposal.

**Fluidized Bed Combustion**

- Fluidized sand recirculated
- 1,000 units operated worldwide
- Up to 140 million Btu/hr (2460 MJ/min)
- Transportable fluidized bed systems
- Halogenated waste (> 99.99% DRE at 1300 F)
- Lower capital and operating than rotary kiln
- Refractory life longer than rotary kiln

**Advantages**
- Well suited to refinery waste, pumpable sludges and halogenated waste.
- Excellent contact between gas and solid high DRE.
- Stable control temperature, residence time
- Vary air velocity at the bottom of bed.
- Better than other thermal methods for heat recovery.

**Disadvantages**
- Cannot feed containerized waste directly or non-pumpable solids.
- Pre-processing (homogenization) of waste is required so that all solids are less than 1/2 inch.
- Waste must have heat content > 3500 BTU/lb.
- Bed agglomeration and failure of the fluidized system can occur in the presence of > 2% sodium or other alkali salts.

**Incineration: Ash Treatment Standards**

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* Toxic Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP)
**Incineration: Air Emission Standards**

- Particulate Matter < 34 mg/dscm
- Dioxin < 0.2 ng TEQ/dscm
- Pb & Cd < 240 ug/dscm
- As, Be & Cr < 87 ug/dscm
- HCl < 77 ppm
- Hydrocarbons < 10 ppm
- CO < 100 ppm
- DRE > 99.99%
- PCB and Dioxin waste incinerators must demonstrate a minimum of 99.9999% Destruction Removal Efficiency (DRE)
- Products of Incomplete Combustion (PICs) must be evaluated in a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment.

**Air Pollution Control Equipment Essential for Hazardous Waste Incineration**

- Fabric filters – fly ash – 99% efficient
- Electrostatic precipitators – fly ash - 99% efficient
- Absorbers – Liquid /gas-70-99% acid gases
- Adsorbers – Activated carbon/gas - 95-98% organics
- Wet Scrubbers:
  - Flue gas desulfurization – 80-90% SO₂
  - Selective Catalytic Reduction - 80-90% NOₓ

Emissions also affected by feed and combustion conditions

**Industrial Furnaces: Kilns and Boilers**

(APC part of industrial process)

- Kilns
  - Cement
  - Lightweight Aggregate
  - Lime
- Furnaces
  - Halogen Acid
  - Sulfuric Acid
- Industrial boilers.
- Waste types and amount limited
  - Protect product and process quality
  - Cement and lightweight aggregate kilns only liquid waste
  - Minimum heat content > 5000 BTU/lb
  - Thermal substitution rate is limited to 50%.

**Typical Dry Process Cement Kiln**

- Precipitator
  - Gases: > 500 °C
  - Material: 700 °C
  - Retention time = 10 s
- Immobilization of materials

- Alternative Pots and Raw Materials
  - Inclined Gases: > 500 °C
  - Material: 1450 °C
  - Retention time = 10 s
Boiler, Furnace and Cement Kiln Pros and Cons

- **Advantages:**
  - Displace other fuels improve economics
  - Waste producers may pay for service
  - Can be applied to a waster oils and other solid waste (tires)
  - APC equipment in place
  - Residence times in kilns are high
  - Steady state is the rule

- **Disadvantages**
  - Industrial process and products may not permit
  - Waste feed mechanisms add complexity
  - Admixture rate may be low
  - Waste destruction may upset industrial process

Molten Glass Processes

- Used for the destruction and/or immobilization of hazardous wastes, particularly mixtures of hazardous waste and radioactive wastes.
- Destroy combustible hazardous constituents and simultaneously encapsulate residuals (ash and metals) into a stable glass form.
- Molten Glass process is known as “joule heating”
- Electrodes in the molten glass apply a voltage passing current through alkaline ionic components in the glass. Electric resistance of the glass creates heat which is distributed evenly by convective currents in the fluid.
- Two main applications:
  - Joule-heating glass melters
  - In situ vitrification.

Glass Processes can use Joule Heating

- Electrical current produces melt
- Waste fed to pool of molten glass (1000°C to 1200°C)
- Glass is contained within the melting cavity, airtight steel lined with insulating refractory.
- Initial heat-up of the melt cavity uses natural gas burners or electric heaters
- The molten glass/encapsulated waste residual is drained through an overflow

Molten Glass Processes Pros And Cons

- **Advantages**
  - Permanent treatment and encapsulation of waste in geologically stable form
  - Final material is delistable as “non-hazardous” under EPA regulations.
  - High degree of volume reduction; up to factors of 100.
  - No CO is generated.
  - DRE’s of 99.9999% demonstrated for PCBs.

- **Disadvantages**
  - High capital and operating costs, because of electricity.
  - Costs for radioactive waste have been as high as $3.90/kg.
Plasma Arc System-Batch Process

- High voltage arc - two electrodes
- Inert gas under pressure injected sealed container of waste material
- Plasma temperature 6,000 °C
- Furnace chamber 1,800 °C
- Plasma destroys HW
- Operates at a slightly negative pressure
- Gas removal system to APC and/or production of syngas.

Advantages
- Plasma systems can transfer heat much faster than conventional flames.
- Very effective for organic halogens, (PCBs and Dioxins). Eight “9’s” DRE has been observed.

Disadvantages
- Extremely high temperatures, material durability of equipment.
- High capital costs.
- Complex process control and highly trained professionals are required.
- Electricity is required as an energy source. This is more expensive than most thermal processes.

Solidification and Stabilization Processes

- Solidification methods physically encapsulate hazardous waste into a solid material matrix of high structural integrity.
- Stabilization techniques chemically treat hazardous waste by converting them into a less soluble, mobile or toxic form.
- Principally used for metal-bearing wastes.
- Limited applicability to organic wastes.
- 2 Main types of processes: cement and pozzolanic.

Advantages: low cost, low technology, suitable for many types of waste
Disadvantages: increases volume, may leak

Waste Treatment Options – Energy Considerations

Energy Produced
- Gasifier
- Incinerator - Heat -Electric
- Anaerobic or Aerobic Bioreactor
- Landfill - CH4 to electricity
- Landfill – No Gas Recovery

Complexity
### Comparison of 95 U.S. WTE plants with EPA Standard - (2001 Success story!)

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**Unit: Waste to Energy = WTE**

**Source:** http://www.energyanswers.com/pdf/awma_final.pdf

### Example: Anaerobic Biosolid Digestion Reduces Solids - Makes Methane

Anaerobic sludge digestors produce methane (65% CH₄ - 35% CO₂)

On-site electricity is produced with the methane 50% of plant power (2.2MW)

**Source:** Albuquerque NM Waste Water Treatment Plant

### Example: Coconut Charcoal (WTE) Reduces Air Pollution Makes Electricity

Recogen-Badalgama Sri Lanka-8 MW

**Example:** Coconuts are used to make charcoal and electricity.

**Source:** http://www.eurocarb.com/

### Example: Palm Oil Mill Effluent and Waste to Energy Plant

Crude Palm Oil

**Source:** Chemical Engineering Magazine

**Example:** Fresh Fruit Bunches → Palm Oil Mill Effluent (POME) → Anaerobic lagoon/reactor → methane → compost → electricity → charcoal
Landfill Design and Construction

- Landfill Liners
  - Clay
  - Flexible membrane
  - Liner/waste compatibility
- Landfill Cap
  - Leachate
  - Collection-Removal-Recirculation
  - Primary leachate
  - Leak detection
- Surface water collection
- Gas collection and removal

No free or bulk liquids
- Mixed with sorbent
- Small ampoules
- Container is item—battery
- Container is lab pack

Landfill with Flexible Membrane Liner Plus Compacted Soil Double Liner

Groundwater and leachate monitoring important

Deep Well Injection is an Important Technology

- 550 Class I wells in the United States (22% for HW)
- 43% of all HW in United States !!!