From Waste to Energy: A New Way to Use Non-Recyclable Waste

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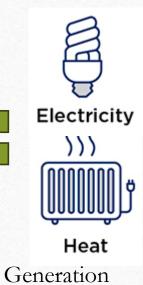
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Demand for Energy Growth



Waste Landfills Growth



Framework of Reference: UN's 2030 AGENDA and SDGs



SDG 7



- Use of solid waste to reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities



SDG 11



- Use waste solid as a source of energy
- Promote more efficient and sustainable waste management

Purpose of the Paper

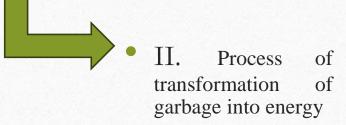
Address the problem of energy shortage

• Find solutions to waste problems

Solve both problems using the "Waste-to-Energy" method

Map of the Presentation

• I. The problem of energy scarcity



III. The advantages and disadvantages of the Waste-to-Energy Approach

• It is expected that this paper may inform the readers about the energy problem and show a new technique for obtaining energy.

Problem Statement: Solid Waste Impact

SOLID WASTE IMPACT

• With urbanization and improving living standards, the volume of MSW is increasing on a global scale.

• This waste can be of residential, urban, commercial, care, health, industrial or institutional origin and has long-term repercussions on human health and the environment.

Problem Statement: Solid Waste Impact



Open Dumpsites:

• Open dumpsites are locations where solid waste is indiscriminately deposited without operational control or environmental protection measures.

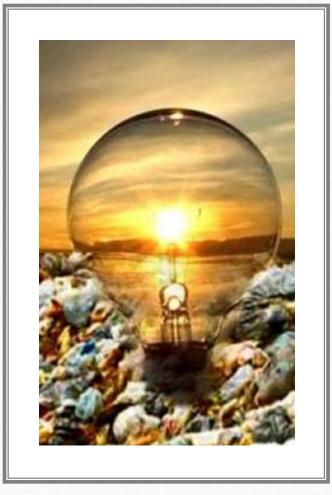
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Environmental issues dumpsites lead to:

- 1) Soil and water contamination
- 2) Greenhouse gas emissions
- 3) Impact on human health
- 4) Social issues
- 5) Impact on biodiversity

• INADEQUATE WASTE DISPOSAL = SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEAT RISKS



FROM WASTE TO ENERGY: THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

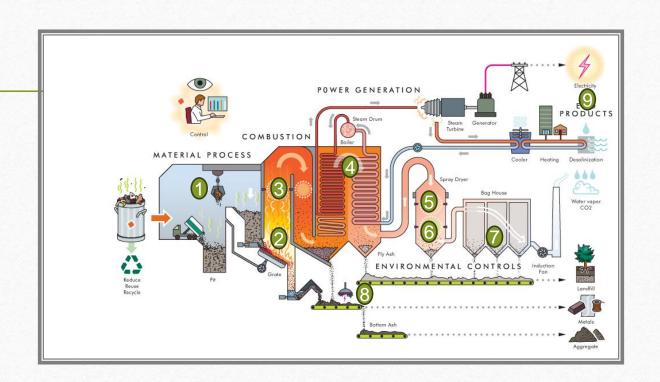
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW):

- MSW contains inorganic matter and mainly organic matter.
- The incineration is an alternative to recover the latent energy contained in organic matter.

Incineration Process

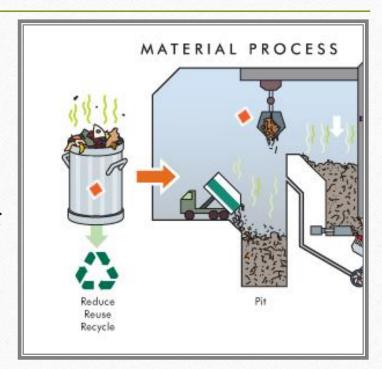
The waste transformation plants use household garbage as a fuel for generating power through incineration.

To start the process:



1) Material Process

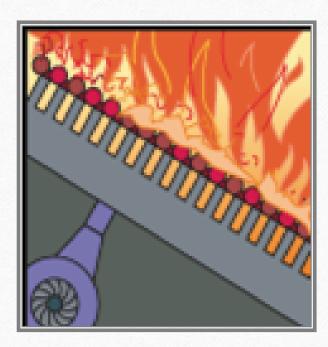
- -The trucks collect waste.
- -The waste material is received in the plant.
- -The waste is mixed and prepared for combustion.



2) Efficient Combustion

• Mixed waste enters the combustion chamber.

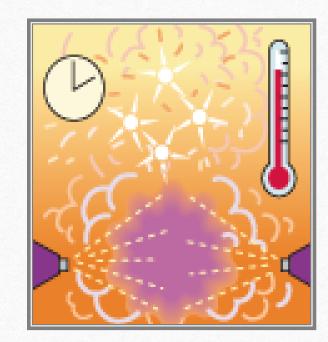
• The injection of oxygen causes complete combustion.



3) NOX Treatment Dioxins/Furans Treatment

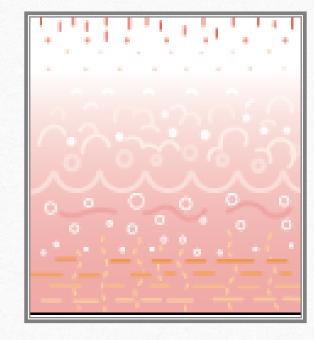
• Nitrogen is neutralized by the injection of ammonia or urea.

• The effectiveness of this process is 99%.



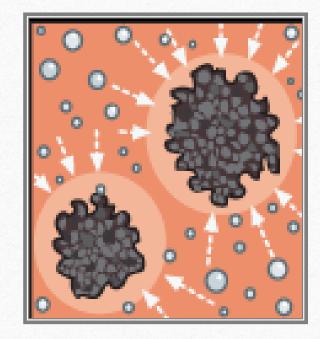
4) Steam Power Generation

- The steam is used to move the turbine
- The cooling steam is:
 - transformed into water.
 - diverted as a heat source.



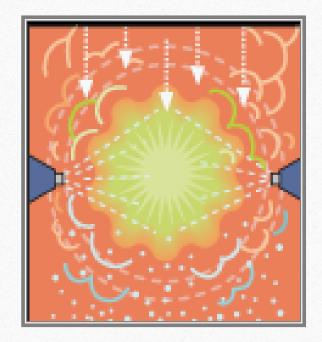
5) Mercury and Heavy Metal Capture

- Activated carbon is injected to remove heavy metals.
- Metals like:
 - Mercury.
 - Cadmium.



6) Acid Gas Treatment

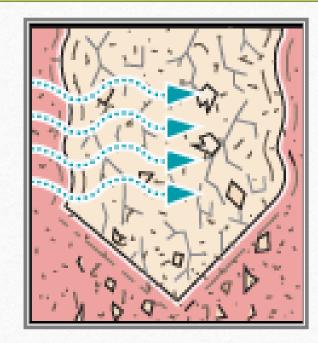
- The acidic combustion gasses are neutralized with an injection of lime or sodium hydroxide.
- The chemical reaction produces gypsum.
- The process is 94% effective.



7) Fly Ash Capture

• The finest airborne particles are removed in the filter baghouse.

• Captured fly ash is often returned to landfills.



8) Bottom Ash Recycling

• The bottom ash remains of combustion are passed by magnets.

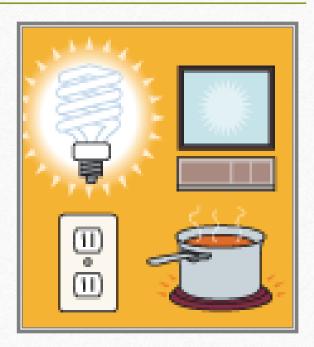
• The remaining ash can be used as aggregate.



9) Electric Power and Heat Generation

• A WTE plant produces enough electricity for 15,000 households.

• Each ton of waste can power a household for a month.



Advantages of the Proposed Method

- Reduction of up to 90% in the amount of solid waste
- Decrease in the demand for land for landfills
- Reduction in transportation costs to distant landfills
- Decrease in environmental pollution
- Electricity generation
- Heat generation

Disadvantages

• There is a requirement for qualified personnel in the plant.

• The residues can contaminate the environment if not handled appropriately.

Incineration does not encourage recycling or waste reduction.

Conclusion

- Addressing the global energy problem while tackling solid waste issues is a multifaceted challenge.
- The Waste-to-Energy method holds promise for sustainable development.
- This process should stimulate the reduction of waste generation and promote recycling.

Thanks for your attention!!



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