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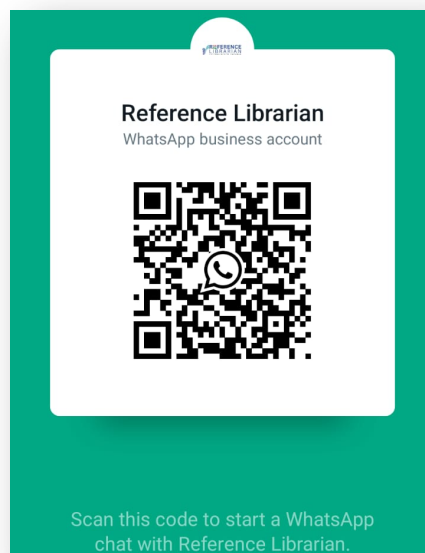
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A waste-to-energy (WtE) plant is a facility that converts municipal solid waste (MSW) into energy, typically in the form of electricity or heat. The process involves the combustion of waste materials to produce steam, which drives turbines connected to generators, thereby producing electricity. Alternatively, the heat generated can be used directly for industrial processes or district heating.

WtE plants are designed to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfills and to recover energy from waste that cannot be recycled. They are considered a form of renewable energy since they generate power from non-fossil fuel sources. Modern WtE plants are equipped with advanced emissions control systems to minimize pollutants released into the atmosphere, making them a cleaner alternative to traditional waste disposal methods.

Overall, WtE plants contribute to waste management and energy production, helping to reduce environmental impact and promote sustainability.

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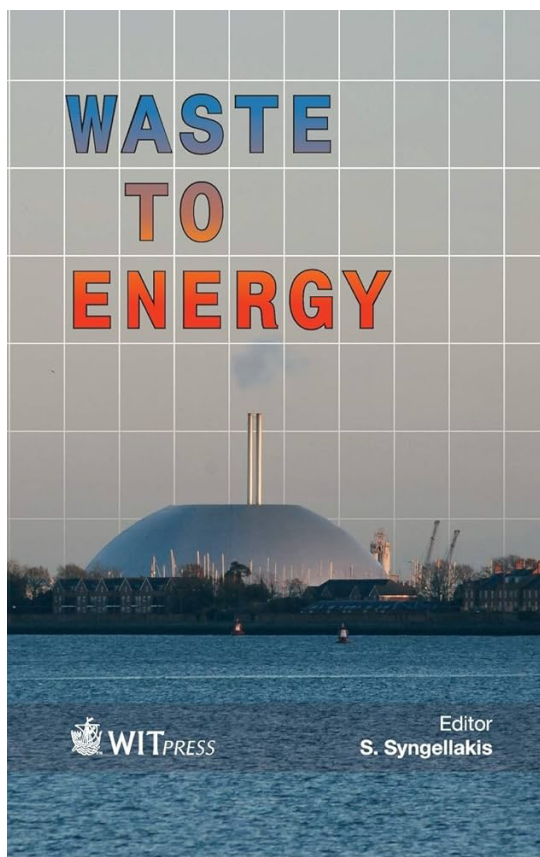
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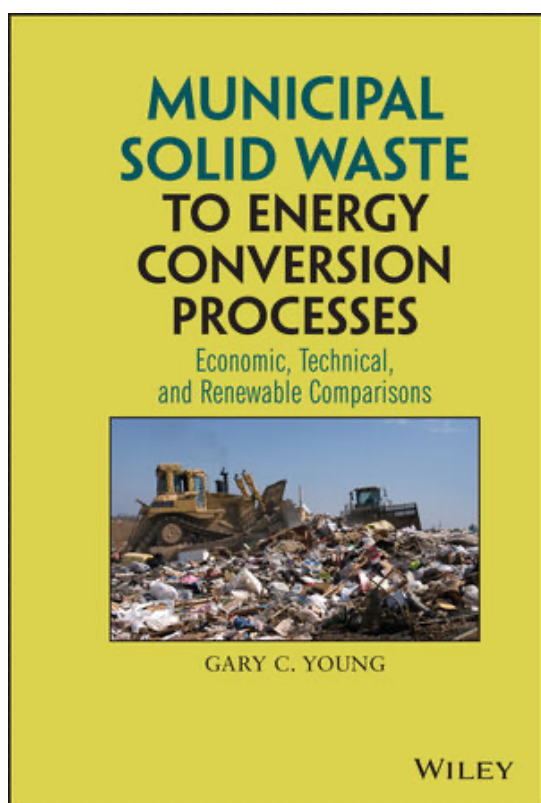


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Description:

"Waste to Energy" deals with the very topical subject of converting the calorific content of waste material into useful forms of energy. It complements and, to a certain degree, overlaps with its companion volume, "Biomass to Biofuels", since a significant proportion of biomass converted to energy nowadays originates from various types of waste. Conversions by thermochemical processes are discussed in the subsequent eleven articles of the volume. These cover combustion, the direct use of heat energy; using the heat produced in thermal power stations for steam and, ultimately, electricity generation; municipal solid waste and refuse-derived fuel. In another article, computational fluid dynamics modelling is applied to assess the influence of process parameters and to perform optimization studies. A group of articles deal with more complex thermochemical processes involving combustion combined with pyrolysis and gasification. Two articles focus on biofuels as feed for fuel cells. In the last six articles, the emphasis is on management and policy rather than technical issues.

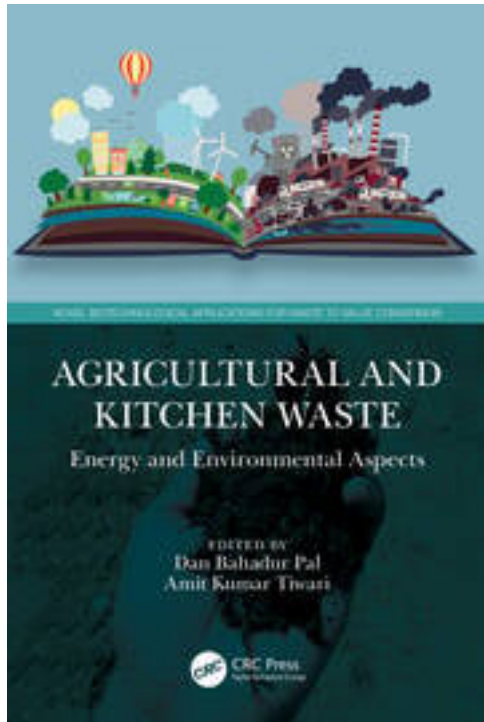


Title : **Municipal Solid Waste to Energy Conversion Processes: Economic, Technical, and Renewable Comparisons**
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Description:

Aimed at a broad audience, including engineers, academics, and decision-makers, Municipal Solid Waste to Energy Conversion Processes: Economic, Technical, and Renewable Comparisons explores the current state of the solid waste disposal industry. The book highlights how plasma gasification technology can manage Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) while generating energy and revenue for communities in an environmentally safe manner, with minimal waste. The book also provides extensive case studies showing how plasma gasification technology can process MSW and landfill waste into liquid fuels, electricity, and ethanol, effectively eliminating air and water pollution from landfills.



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Description:

In addition to being considered a source of pollution, agriculture and kitchen waste is also abundant in carbohydrates, minerals, antioxidants, and vitamins. This book explores how such waste can be transformed into value-added products and used for energy production. It emphasizes waste minimization through various methods, including converting it into bio-fertilizers, organic acids, other industrial products, and generating energy efficiently. The book covers a range of topics related to waste utilization, with contributions from leading researchers and experts. This book is aimed at researchers and graduate students in chemical and environmental engineering.

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Waste to energy and circular economy: the case of anaerobic digestion

Waste to energy and circular economy

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Abstract

Purpose – This paper highlights how biological waste materials can be used for generating the much needed energy and obtaining nutrient-rich compost for agriculture through anaerobic digestion (AD). The paper further highlights the importance of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in using AD for converting waste to energy (WTE), leading to many environmental benefits as well as clean energy generation. It would help to reduce pollution, water acidification and carbon emissions that eventually lead to climate change.

Design/methodology/approach – The researchers undertook an in-depth study to highlight the role played by an SME in converting WTE and helping towards achieving circularity. An exploratory case-based approach was used to understand value leakage for an AD plant operating on WTE principles in the UK. The plant is still currently active, and it is located in the Midlands, England. Fifteen semi-structured interviews were undertaken with different stakeholders.

Findings – This paper reveals the importance of WTE and the significant role played by AD in converting food waste into useful matter. It reports further into the value leakage issue faced in the AD plants. It demonstrates the importance of technological innovation in SME to capture value leakages in a circular model. Most importantly, it demonstrates how SMEs gain competitive advantage and generate value proposition, while they aim for zero waste to landfill objective.

Research limitations/implications – The research involves a case study based on an SME, operating on a circular business model. It will be worth investigating how other businesses could gain competitive advantage. For SMEs interested in AD for WTE, this paper introduces further technological innovation to the AD process to leverage further potential for reuse of waste liquid. Any SMEs entering WTE market ought to take into consideration such design implications.

Practical implications – The paper reveals how the use of waste by SMEs would lead to many environmental benefits as well as clean energy generation. It would help to reduce pollution, water acidification and carbon emissions that eventually lead to climate change. It is useful for addressing the needs of waste food producers and is a cheap raw material for generating energy. The benefits to the public are that it reduces the need for landfill and increases recycling.

Social implications – The WTE is an effective way of making use of last-stage waste.

Originality/value – Despite SMEs being the powerhouse of the European economies, there is limited research investigating how circular economy (CE) could unlock their potential. Moreover, development of AD in the UK has lagged behind other EU countries. We highlight value leakages and argue how technological innovation should be used to close the value chain loop in the WTE production process. This paper, therefore, demonstrates the important role of an AD process, which involves decomposition of biodegradable materials. It shows that AD is an economically viable and environmentally friendly process of obtaining clean energy at low cost.

Keywords Circular economy, Waste to energy, Anaerobic digestion, Small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

Paper type Research paper



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Business Models for Negative Emissions From Waste-to-Energy Plants

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Negative emissions of carbon dioxide will likely be needed to meet the $<2^{\circ}\text{C}$ warming above the pre-industrial level goal of the Paris Agreement. A major technology option is combining Biomass Energy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) in the industry and power sectors. Biogenic waste contributes a major share for the numerous waste-to-energy plants around the world. This implies that adding a CCS facility to a waste-to-energy plant could establish a value chain for negative carbon dioxide emissions. Hence a waste-to-energy plant could deliver four services to society: waste management and avoided pollution, service district heating system, remove carbon dioxide from fossil-based waste categories, and generate negative carbon dioxide emissions from biogenic waste. A major barrier to deploying Bio-CCS at a waste-to-energy plant is a high investment and operation cost for the carbon dioxide capture plant, combined with lacking reward for the negative carbon dioxide emissions. In this paper I explore promising business models that could incentivize owners of waste-to-energy plants to install CCS facilities, assuming that government has established an infrastructure for transportation and permanent storage of carbon dioxide, as well as the basic framework for accounting for negative emissions. The business models are either founded on waste renovation customers being able and willing to pay for the additional cost of producing negative emissions of carbon dioxide directly or through certificates, or investments in CCS being incentivized by government through a guaranteed price or tax rebates for negative emissions of carbon dioxide.

Keywords: negative emissions, carbon capture and storage, waste-to-energy (WTE) plants, incentives for industry, business models

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INTRODUCTION

To meet the climate policy goal of the Paris Agreement of $<2^{\circ}\text{C}$ warming above the pre-industrial level, large volumes of negative emissions of carbon dioxide will likely be needed due to slow and insufficient reductions of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (IPCC, 2018). Negative emissions or “Carbon Dioxide Removal—CDR” means removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and permanent or at least long-term storage underground, in trees or other biomass, or in soil, minerals or the deep ocean. Combining bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), so-called BECCS or Bio-CCS, is one of the technologies for negative emissions that has spurred most interest (Torvanger, 2019). Bio-CCS can be applied to power plants producing power and heat from biogenic materials, and waste-to-energy plants that have a sizeable share of biogenic feedstock. CCS

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WTE plants installed in European cities: a review of success stories

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Abstract

Purpose – Waste is a resource. Generating energy from waste instead of sending it to landfill avoids methane gas which equals 25 times CO₂ in mass. In combination with the energy efficiency thresholds set in Waste Framework Directive, this could prevent up to a further 45 million tons of CO₂ eq. per year. The purpose of this paper is to present the waste-to-energy (WTE) plants installed in ten European cities which have been selected among the most sustainable cities or among the best cities to live in.
Design/methodology/approach – The work is based on literature review and a combination of several statistical data and reports that include the required data.

Findings – The European Directives, along with the general thinking that wastes are resources and the effort to reduce the environmental impact in urban environment from waste management, were the driving forces. The most sustainable cities in EU considered that their sustainability is based also in energy recovery from wastes. All of them are using WTE facilities to treat a significant part of their waste in order to produce energy in the form of heat and electricity. And they do it in a very successful and environmental friendly way, as they mainly utilize the waste fractions that cannot be recycled or reused, and they do not landfill these resources. This approach is proving that the sustainable waste management cannot be achieved without WTE facilities, since a fraction of wastes consists of non-recyclable and non-reusable materials, which present significant heating value that cannot be neglected as an energy source.

Originality/value – This paper presents the WTE plants installed in ten European cities which have been selected among the most sustainable cities or among the best cities to live in. This work aims to present the strong and successful relation between WTE and sustainability in the modern complex urban environment.

Keywords Sustainable cities, Energy recovery from wastes, Success stories, Sustainable waste management, Waste-to-energy

Paper type General review

1. Introduction

The different waste management methods reduce the severe environmental and economic impacts of waste disposal. The first priority in EU is the prevention of waste production, following by reuse and recycling and also composting of source-separated organic wastes (food and yard waste). Except recycling, the EU promotes the energy recovery by thermal treatment that provides electricity and heat to industrial, commercial and domestic consumers, and also minimizes the volume of wastes to be landfilled (European Environmental Agency (EEA), 2007; International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), 2012; Psomopoulos *et al.*, 2013; Themelis *et al.*, 2013).

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Barriers to implementing waste-to-energy projects in Sri Lanka: a PESTEL analysis

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Abstract

Purpose – It is no surprise that garbage is not garbage for some. It is money. This is why garbage has been overestimated to a point that money allocated for waste-to-energy (WtE) projects feed individual pockets. Many countries have already adapted WtE as a successful solution for both energy and waste crisis. Although in Sri Lanka six WtE projects were promised, the government abruptly decided that it would not have any more projects other than the two plants that were under construction. The purpose of this paper is to analyse barriers to the implementation of WtE projects in Sri Lanka.

Design/methodology/approach – An exploratory case study was selected as the research strategy to achieve the research aim. In total, two WtE megaprojects, which have been initiated implementation in Sri Lanka, were used as cases. A total of 12 semi-structured interviews with four personnel from each case and four government officials were used as the data collection technique. Data analysis was carried out using code-based content analysis. The barriers were extracted through analysis of case findings using an abductive analysis. The strategies to mitigate identified barriers were formulated based on attributes highlighted through case study findings and further validated through the opinions of three experts.

Findings – Barriers were analysed using the PESTEL framework to get ample insight into barriers that impact on the implementation of WtE projects in Sri Lanka. Less support from the government due to their less awareness on WtE, high investment and operational cost, lack of expert knowledge on WtE technologies in Sri Lanka, absence of a proper regulatory framework for implementation WtE technologies, lengthy process and delay in getting approvals from government process, poor attitudes of public and their protests due to the less awareness on WtE are the foremost barriers identified in this study. Further, strategies were proposed based on the empirical research findings to overcome barriers to facilitate the successful implementation of WtE projects in Sri Lanka.

Research limitations/implications – So far only two WtE megaprojects have been initiated the implementation in Sri Lanka. Therefore, the scope of the study was limited only to those projects. Moreover, the type of waste considered in this study is municipal solid waste (MSW), which has become a bigger problem in Sri Lanka.

Originality/value – The current study unveils an analysis of barriers for implementation of WtE projects in Sri Lanka, including strategies for mitigating identified barriers. The findings would enable relevant stakeholders, i.e. policymakers, industry practitioners, investors, government bodies and researchers to make informed decisions on implementation of WtE projects and thereby promote successful implementation of WtE projects in Sri Lanka.

Keywords Barriers, Case studies, Municipal solid waste, PESTEL, Waste-to-energy, Strategies

Paper type Research paper

1. Introduction

The trend of boosting municipal solid waste (MSW) generation is higher in the world due to economic development, rapid population growth, urbanisation and changing consumer choices (Palanivel and Sulaiman, 2014). World Bank estimations show that nearly 1.3 billion tons per annum of MSW are generating currently and expecting an increase of 2.2 billion tons per annum by 2025 (Hoornweg and Bhada, 2012). Consequently, MSW generation has led to different adverse environmental impacts, public health and socio-economic problems (Ramachandra *et al.*, 2018). Although many techniques have been used in Municipal Solid Waste Management (MSWM) including landfilling, recycling of organic waste, aerobic composting, thermal treatment techniques and recovery of recyclable materials (Sharholy *et al.*, 2008), countries have paid their attention towards the concept of waste-to-energy (WtE). Because, generation of waste volume would be reduced by approximately 90% by saving



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Council approves preliminary design of co-digestion project

Organic waste could be converted to clean energy, Crown agency says

NICOLE STOFFMAN

Timmins residents might be one step closer to reducing household waste that winds up in the city's landfills.

At an Aug. 13 council meeting, city council approved the preliminary design of a co-digestion system that would combine organic waste with sewage sludge.

The organic waste collected from residents — food waste, grass clippings, leaf and yard waste and tissue and towelings — would be broken down using the anaerobic digesters at the city's Mattagami Water Pollution Control Plant.

The design will help identify what new processes and technology will be used for the project, which will help council understand the future operating cost of introducing an organic waste program to Timmins.

Scott Tam, director of growth and infrastructure for the City of Timmins, recommended the city approve J.L. Richards & Associates' proposal of the preliminary design at a cost of \$283,359 + HST. The amount was identified in the 2024 sewer capital budget.

The firm was the lowest compliant bidder among three proposals as high as \$824,500 + HST.

"The Source Separated Organics Co-digestion and Energy Generation project supports plans for the city to reduce food and organic waste going to landfill, which frees up limited capacity in the landfill and reduces greenhouse gas emissions from methane generation from the breakdown of organics in the landfill," read the explanation in the administrative report present-



ed to council and available online for the public to read. Scott Tam, director of growth and infrastructure for the City of Timmins, is seen at an Aug. 13 council meeting. Tam recommended the city approve a preliminary design for a co-digestion project that would convert organic waste to clean energy. The recommendation was approved. NICOLE STOFFMAN

A feasibility study for the project was first presented to council in January of 2022 by Indra Maharjan of the Ontario Clean Water Agency. In March of that year, council resolved to develop the idea and explore funding opportunities with the agency.

Millions are available in funding from both levels of government who want to see municipalities reduce landfill and the greenhouse gas emissions that result. The project was pitched by Maharjan as a revenue generator for the city by offsetting the cost of operating the city's wastewater treatment plant because it would qualify for government funding.

The resulting biogas could also be injected into a natural gas pipeline to offset the gas the city buys from Enbridge.

Biogas could also produce electricity and offset the electricity bill used by the Mattagami wastewater treatment plant.

In February, Maharjan returned to present a proposal by the agency to use biogas resulting from organ-

ic waste collection in Timmins to produce natural gas with Enbridge.

The proposal was deferred 5-4 when Ward 5 Coun. Steve Black expressed concern about the impact on taxpayers of the annual \$1 million project.

Maharjan countered other savings that would come from reducing landfill had let to be factored in.

The Ontario Clean Water Agency is a Crown agency administered by a board whose members are recommended by the ministry of environment, conservation and parks. The agency provides water and wastewater services in Ontario.

The agency has been very active helping municipalities to convert landfill waste to energy.

Mayor Michelle Boileau mentioned the project in her 2024 State of the City Address as an example of how the city is looking to generate electricity.

"We also requested information for a collaborative funding delivery model for the project, which will help inform Council's decision on whether or not to move on to Phase 2," she said.



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Waste-to-energy projects need to be accelerated to address pollution

HANOI: As landfill solutions become increasingly outdated, the development of waste-to-energy plants is expected to be the key answer to environmental problems.

Notably, waste-to-energy projects not only help to handle a large amount of waste but also provide a significant source of renewable energy.

The government has been reiterating the message of "not trading off the environment for economic growth" on many occasions, reflecting their consistent stance on environmental protection.

However, with the advent of waste-to-energy technology, the concepts of "environment and economy" can progress in tandem with no longer any need to trade off or sacrifice one for the other.

Vietnam is currently among the top 20 countries in the world with the largest amount of waste, exceeding the global averages, due to limited waste management and treatment facilities.

It is estimated that the average Vietnamese generates 1.2kg of waste per day (equivalent to nearly 70,000 tonnes across the whole country).

Currently, over 70% of waste in Vietnam simply ends up in landfill, with only 13% being incinerated to recover energy.

The combination of modern science and technology with environmentally-friendly waste treatment processes creates a comprehensive solution for waste issues and sustainable energy production.

Notably, landfill sites are becoming increasingly difficult to source, as the land available for this purpose is gradually shrinking.

To cope with this acute and growing problem, the development of waste-to-energy plants is seen as not only economically beneficial, but also as providing a significant and positive contribution to the environment.

The combination of modern science and technology with environmentally-friendly waste treatment processes creates a comprehensive solution for waste issues and sustainable energy production.

This helps solve the pressing issue of increasing and growing mountains of waste

and the worsening air and water pollution levels.

Thus, the development of waste-to-energy plants is seen as a dual-benefit solution, expected to be a strategic approach that hits two targets with one arrow: addressing both economic and environmental concerns simultaneously.

According to statistics from the Department of Environmental Pollution Control, Vietnam currently has 15 waste-to-energy plants under construction, with three of them already generating electricity including the largest, the Soc Son plant operated by the Hanoi Thien Y Environmental Energy Joint Stock Co. This has a treatment capacity of 1,000

tonnes per furnace per day, receiving 5,000 tonnes of waste daily and generating 90 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

The Vinh Tan plant in Binh Thuan Province has a capacity of treating 600 tonnes of waste per day and generates 30MW of electricity.

The Phu Ninh plant in Phu Tho Province can incinerate 500 tonnes of waste per day and generate 25 MW of electricity, while the Cu Chi plant in Ho Chi Minh City can process 1,000 tonnes of waste per day and generate 50MW of electricity.

The Soc Son plant is the biggest waste-to-energy plant in Vietnam and the second largest in the world, after the Shenzhen plant in China.

The plant has 16 waste disposal gates, each designed to accommodate different types of rubbish trucks in Vietnam and since becoming operational it has processed over 1.46 million tonnes of household solid waste.

Waste incineration technology to generate electricity is increasingly favoured because of several advantages over other technologies, such as reducing waste volume and mass by 90% to 95%, utilising heat, reducing greenhouse gas emissions compared to landfill and minimising water pollution. — Viet Nam News/ANN



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Can waste incineration save Metro Manila?

METRO Manila, a bustling metropolis, is again grappling with severe flooding, a problem exacerbated by Typhoon Carina and the seasonal Habagat.

The city's waste management system is critically flawed, prompting the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority to propose waste incineration as a controversial solution.

Incineration, the process of burning trash at high temperatures, is not new.

Countries like Singapore, South Korea, and Japan use this technology to manage waste effectively.

It reduces waste volume by up to 90 percent, converting it into ash, flue gas, and heat for energy production. Proponents argue it's cleaner than landfills, which cause methane emissions and groundwater contamination.

Improper waste disposal in Metro Manila clogs drainage systems, rendering flood control measures ineffective.

Garbage-choked waterways during the rainy season highlight the public's lack of discipline in waste management.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. lamented this issue, which worsens flooding.

Public Works Undersecretary Catalina Cabral emphasized regular drainage maintenance, while Environment Undersecretary Noralene Uy blamed poor urban planning and weak governance.

Waste Incineration for Manila

Strengths:
Reduction in Waste Volume: Incineration significantly reduces solid waste, alleviating landfill overflow.

Energy Generation: It produces electricity, offering dual benefits of waste management and energy production.

Less Land Requirement: Incineration plants need less land than landfills, crucial in densely populated Metro Manila.

Weaknesses:
Environmental Concerns: Incineration can emit harmful substances like dioxins and furans, posing health risks.

High Cost: Building and maintaining incineration plants is expensive.

Public Opposition: Communities may resist due to perceived environmental and health risks.

Opportunities:
Technological Advancements: Modern incineration technologies are more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Public Education: Increased awareness could garner public support.

Government Support: Political will and policy backing could streamline implementation.

Threats:
Regulatory Hurdles: Stricter environmental regulations could impede development.

Alternative Solutions: Recycling and composting might undermine incineration efforts.

Natural Disasters: Typhoons and earthquakes pose risks to incineration plant infrastructure.

Practical Perspective: Incineration offers a pragmatic solution in urban areas like Metro Manila, where space is limited.

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The proposal to incinerate waste in Metro Manila is a bold step towards addressing a multifaceted problem”

It can complement existing waste management strategies and reduce landfill pressure.

The integration of waste-to-energy plants can also help mitigate the city's power supply issues, contributing to a more sustainable urban environment.

Environmental Perspective: Modern incineration plants minimize emissions, but potential toxic releases remain a concern.

Strict regulatory oversight and advanced emission control technologies are essential.

The Clean Air Act of 1999 mandates air pollution control, ensuring any incineration process adheres to air quality standards.

Moreover, continuous research and development in incineration technology can further reduce environmental impact, making it a more viable option for the city.

Legal Perspective: The Philippines' waste management legal framework needs updating to accommodate incineration, including setting stringent emission standards and ensuring compliance through regular monitoring.

Legal reforms should also include provisions for community health monitoring and transparent reporting mechanisms to address public concerns about potential health risks.

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Recommendations

Pilot Projects: Initiate small-scale projects to demonstrate incineration's effectiveness and safety. This can build public trust and gather data for larger-scale implementation.

Public Awareness Campaigns: Launch educational campaigns to inform the public about incineration's benefits and safety measures. Engaging with communities through workshops, seminars, and informational materials can help dispel myths and build support for the initiative.

Regulatory Reforms: Update legal frameworks to facilitate incineration plant development, including robust monitoring to ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act's environmental standards. Establishing a dedicated regulatory body to oversee waste-to-energy projects can ensure consistent enforcement of environmental and health regulations.

Integrated Waste Management: Develop a holistic strategy that includes recycling, composting, and incineration to address waste comprehensively. Encouraging businesses and households to segregate waste at source can enhance the efficiency of waste management processes and reduce the burden on incineration plants.

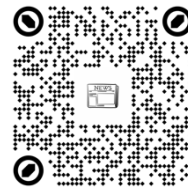
Community Involvement: Engage local communities in decision-making to address concerns and gain support. Creating community advisory panels and feedback mechanisms can ensure that residents' voices are heard and their concerns are addressed in the planning and implementation phases.

The proposal to incinerate waste in Metro Manila is a bold step towards addressing a multifaceted problem.

It is not a panacea but a potential component of a broader, more integrated approach to waste management and flood control.

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