## WXF Bio-Energy A Green, Sustainable Waste to Energy Process

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## **The Problem**

Landfills fail to meet the triple bottom line

#### **1.Environmental:**

Repeated occupancy of the land 1.Social:

Ineffective treatment of leachate and landfill gas contributing to pollution

#### .Financial:

**Financially unsustainable** 



## **Environmental: Lack of Space**

Due to steady increases of population and other social factors, waste increases rapidly and now many cities are facing the reality that their landfill may need to be transported elsewhere



## **Social: Green House Effect**

- The greenhouse effect and its causes must be kept under control
- Treatment of leachate and landfill gases
- Landfills contribute to this pollution through landfill gas for about 5% of total Greenhouse Gases (GHG), which contains methane and CO<sub>2</sub>



## Financial: High Costs

- Treatment and Maintenance-Landfill sites produce both liquids and gas wastes that are toxic and must be treated. Unfortunately this treatment is extremely expensive
- Transportation-Because many sites are over capacity, waste needs to be transported somewhere, adding to costs
- No economic benefit-Based on open rather than closed system model



## Lack of Money



# What If?

#### What if we can turn this:



#### Into this:



#### **And Profit!**

## Introducing...

- W&Y Environmental International Inc., a Canadian-owned company incorporated in Ontario in 2001. Solutions transcend the scope of any single economic sector, creating benefits and opportunities in:
  - Renewable Energy Generation
  - Innovative Waste Management
  - Sustainable Production of Alternative Fuels
  - Effective Utilization of GHG



# **W&Y Company Locations**

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#### Our newest product:

- We have created a new process that utilizes methane and CO2 to produce methanol or ethanol, a highdemand product and an important source of renewable energy
- Convert municipal, industrial and agricultural waste to gas by modified landfill and or modified anaerobic digester technology and then utilize the gas produced to produce methanol.



#### Process Summary



#### **Comparison of Technical Parameters:**

- Utilizes both methane and CO2 to produce methanol instead of conventional Fisher-Trip Process which relies 100% on fossil fuels
- The only by-products are CO2 and H2O
- Releases 60-80% less CO<sub>2</sub> compared to other methanol producing methods
- Consume more CO2 than it releaseshelps combat global warming
- Uses 20-40% less methane to produce identical amount of methanol







#### **Patent Status**

| Country       | Patent number  | Status      |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| United States | 11/962,206     | Complete    |
| Canada        | 2,616,265      | Complete    |
| China         | 200710017205.0 | Complete    |
| Japan         |                | In Progress |
| EU            |                | In progress |
| Russia        |                | In progress |

Note: Europe includes Germany, France and UK etc..

## Pollutions



Landfill sites produce two main hazards:

-Landfill Gas – an explosive, flammable combination of gases including methane and carbon dioxide, both strong contributors to the greenhouse effect. Methane contributes approximately 20 times more to greenhouse effect as carbon dioxide.

–Leachate – liquid resulting from rain and accumulated waste washing through and fermenting with the materials it flows through. Large volumes of leachate are produced every year and are extremely expensive to treat

#### **Production of Landfill Gas**

Landfill gas generation is complicated process Its bio-chemical process has not been studied in detail but can be outlined as follows:

Phase I — Aerobic decomposition of oxygen entrained at time of waste placement. Phase II —  $CO_2$  and some hydrogen gas is produced as result of above fermentation. Phase III —  $CO_2$  production begins and increases to 50% in 3 months, if landfill was wet. Phase IV —  $CO_2$  production remains steady for approximately 20-30 years before decreasing

#### Landfill Gas Composition

| Source                               | Landfill Gas     | % of Total by<br>Volume |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Product of Bio-degradation           | Methane          | 50-70                   |
|                                      | Carbon Dioxide   | 30-50                   |
|                                      | Hydrogen         | <5                      |
|                                      | Mercaptans       | 0.1-1                   |
|                                      | Hydrogen Sulfide | <2                      |
| Contaminants in the Municipal Sludge | Toluene          | 0.1-1                   |
| Waste                                | Benzene          | 0.1-1                   |
|                                      | Disulfates       | 0.1-2                   |
|                                      | Others           | traces                  |

#### **Release of Methane by the Landfill**



Figure 3. Annual emission rates (Mg yr<sup>-1</sup>) of biogas, CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> for the Akrotiri landfill A phase (2003-2007)

#### **Release of Methane by the Landfill**



*Figure 4.* Annual emission rates (Mg yr<sup>-1</sup>) of biogas, CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> for the Akrotiri landfill B phase (2007-2013)

#### **Release of Methane by the Landfill**

#### Landfill Gas Extraction: Basics



## Rate of Production of Landfill Gas from Urban Municipal Waste $(CO_2+CH_4)$ :

| Source  | L/Kg    |
|---|---------|
| Typical U.S. municipal refuse; theoretical estimate                           | 520     |
| Bio-degradable organic components; theoretical estimate                       | 100-300 |
| Anaerobic digestion of refuse with sewage sludge;                             | 210-260 |
| Lysimeter or closed container; varying success in obtaining CH <sub>4</sub> ; | 0.5-40  |
| Full-size landfills projected from existing short-term data                   | 50-400  |

#### **Current Methods I**

#### 1.)Allow to accumulate:

Cons: space consuming, leachate toxic and landfill gas flammable, and explosive.

2.)Collecting system: Collect landfill gas and combust.

Cons: eliminates fire and explosive hazards but does not capitalize on it as a resource and also generates greenhouse effect



## **Current Methods II**

- 3.)Combust methane for thermal or electric generation.
  - Cons: Although economic benefits exist that capitalize on methane, process only uses 50% of released methane, and none of CO2 (In fact, even more carbon dioxide is produced).. More importantly, since amount of methane produced from landfill is inconsistent, output of thermal and electric energy is also inconsistent, making it difficult to market because it is an unreliable source.



#### **WXF-Sustainable Bio-energy**

WXF-Sustainable Bio-Energy Process

#### Separation

WXF-Multilayer Multi Cavities Bioreactor Type Successive Landfill Process

Methanol Manufacture

#### **Process Flowchart**



#### **Current Sanitary Landfill Process**



## Soil Municipal Waste

# Municipal Waste

Soil

Leachate To the treatment plant

#### WFX Bio-Energy Landfill Process



Agricultural and Garden Waste

Selected Organic Waste

Leachate

#### Advantages I

- Recycling Using Landfill Site
- Avoid Land Occupation and Landfill Site Construction Repeat. Free Up The Land For Other Usage



#### **Advantages II**

Agricultural/Landscape Waste Are Used to Treat Leachate

So far, method of elimination is through combustion which produces not only carbon dioxide, but other toxins obtained through additives used in the cultivation of these agricultural materials. Ash is also another difficult-to-treat by-product



## Advantages III

Recycling what can be recycled use what can't.

- The Received Trash can be Sorted to:
- Reusable
- Recyclable
- Biodegradable
- Toxic and Hazardous



#### Advantages IV

 Capitalize on methane and carbon dioxide from <u>landfill gas</u> to produce Methanol, a sustainable source of renewable energy. Also, because the product can be stored, output to consumers can be steady/constant



#### Advantages V

Reduce Green House Gas Release Carbon Credit Trade



#### ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. 33

#### Advantages VI

#### Leachate Recycling:

- Recycling Leachate, Limited Expensive Treatment Process,
- By Doing That has Increased Organic Content,
- Increase Moisture of Landfill Bed,.
- This will Speed Up Biodegradation
  Then Speed Up Gas Production



## Methanol

#### **Methanol Sales:**

- Methanol is a product with many applications, 50 million tonnes of methanol were consumed in 2011 in the world.
- Mainly produced by natural gas or coal; some by heavy oil.
- Utilization of methane and CO2 from landfill sites not only eliminates landfill gas and leachate but also provides the raw materials needed to make this high demand product



## **Methanol Demand**

Methanol demand has the potential to grow. Because it is recognized of renewable energy, It can be developed to use as a low-cost, and extremely clean fuel. can also be created from this versatile



#### PRINCIPAL USES OF METHANOL

Formaldehyde



Adhesives for Wood Industry - eg. Plywood, Particle Board and Laminates;Resins for treatment of Paper Products; Thermosetting Plastics

Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE)



Octane Booster for Unleaded Gasoline Oxygenate used in Reformulated Gasoline

#### Acetic Acid



Acetates for use as solvents in Paints and Adhesives

Dimethyl Terephtalate ( (DMT) Polyester Fibers and Fabrics for Clothing and Carpeting

Methyl Methacrylate (MMA)



Acrylic Plastic Sheets for Signs, Lighting etc.

Methylamines



Pesticides, Solvents for the Textile Industry

Fuel



Direct use as Fuel in Automobile Engines Direct Blending with Gasoline (M85)

Antifreeze Applications

Windshield Wiper Fluid



## **Energy Applications**

•Methanol can used as fuel to power automobiles by an ICE or a fuel cell.

•Heat homes, power small appliances etc as costs drop even more

#### **Meth Heads**





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#### **Economic Benefits I**

- Eliminates cost of transportation.
   Since each city can have its own generating station
- Sale of Carbon Credit. Every tonne of Methanol Made, 11 tonne of Carbon Credit Produced



#### Conclusion

 Successfully Resolved the long term Un-Solved Problems of Municipal Solid Waste Treatment

 First Technology Can Treat Pollutions and At Same Time Create Huge Profits

 Turn A Social Benefit Project to A Sustainable Development Project



#### Landfill Site Can Be A Park



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Your time and consideration is appreciated!

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