



# *Disposal of Pesticides*

## *A “Burning” question?*

Tsakhkadzor, Armenia

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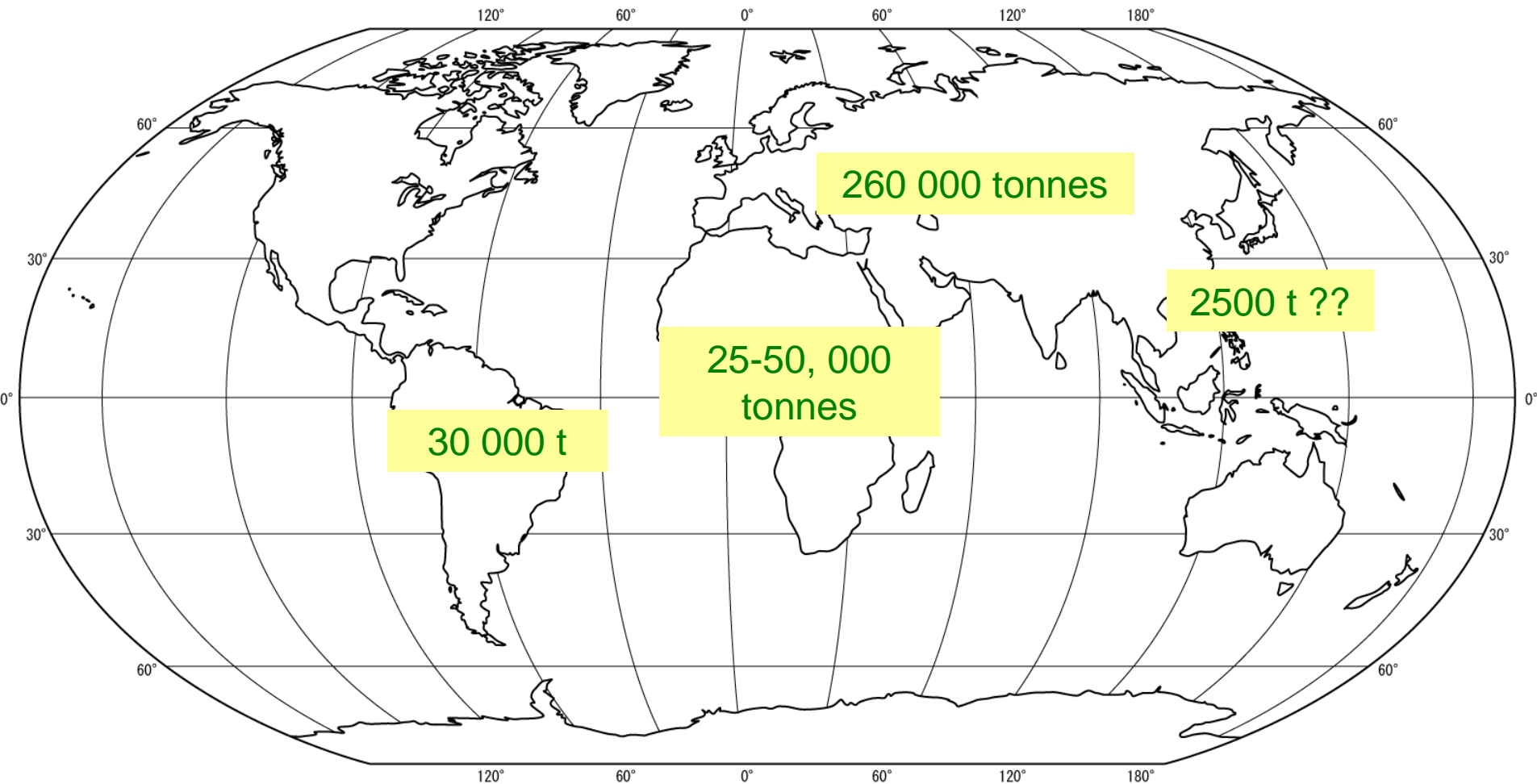
# Outline

What are:

- the Issues?
- the problems with landfill/Cement Kilns/Incinerators?
- the requirements of alternatives?
- the options to consider?

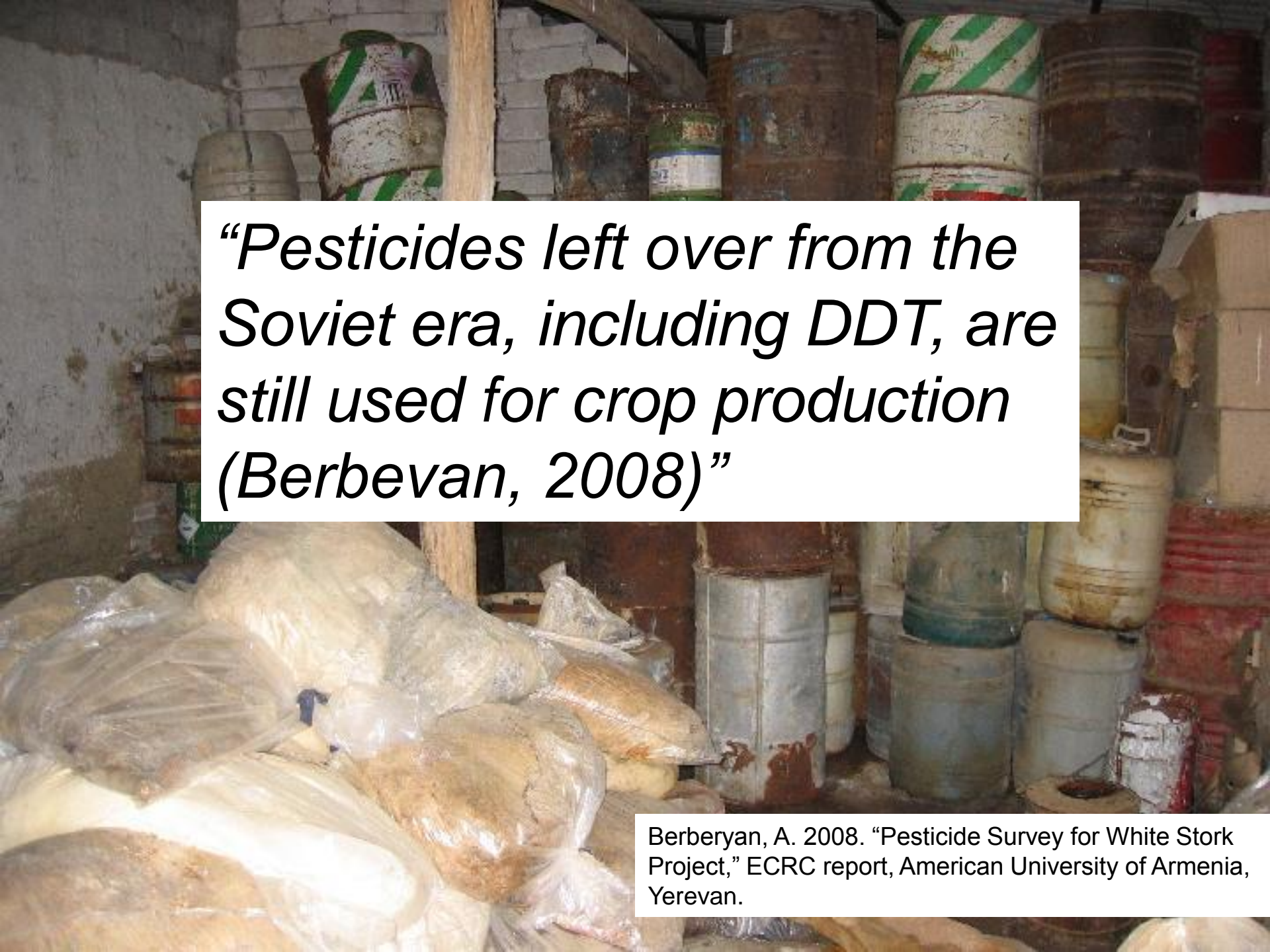
# Stockpiles of POPs Pesticides

## POPs wastes – a global issue





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*“Pesticides left over from the Soviet era, including DDT, are still used for crop production (Berbevan, 2008)”*

Berberyan, A. 2008. “Pesticide Survey for White Stork Project,” ECRC report, American University of Armenia, Yerevan.



*Berto Collet, Tauw, The Netherlands*



# Stockholm Obligations

Article 6, 1(d) (ii) requires POPs:

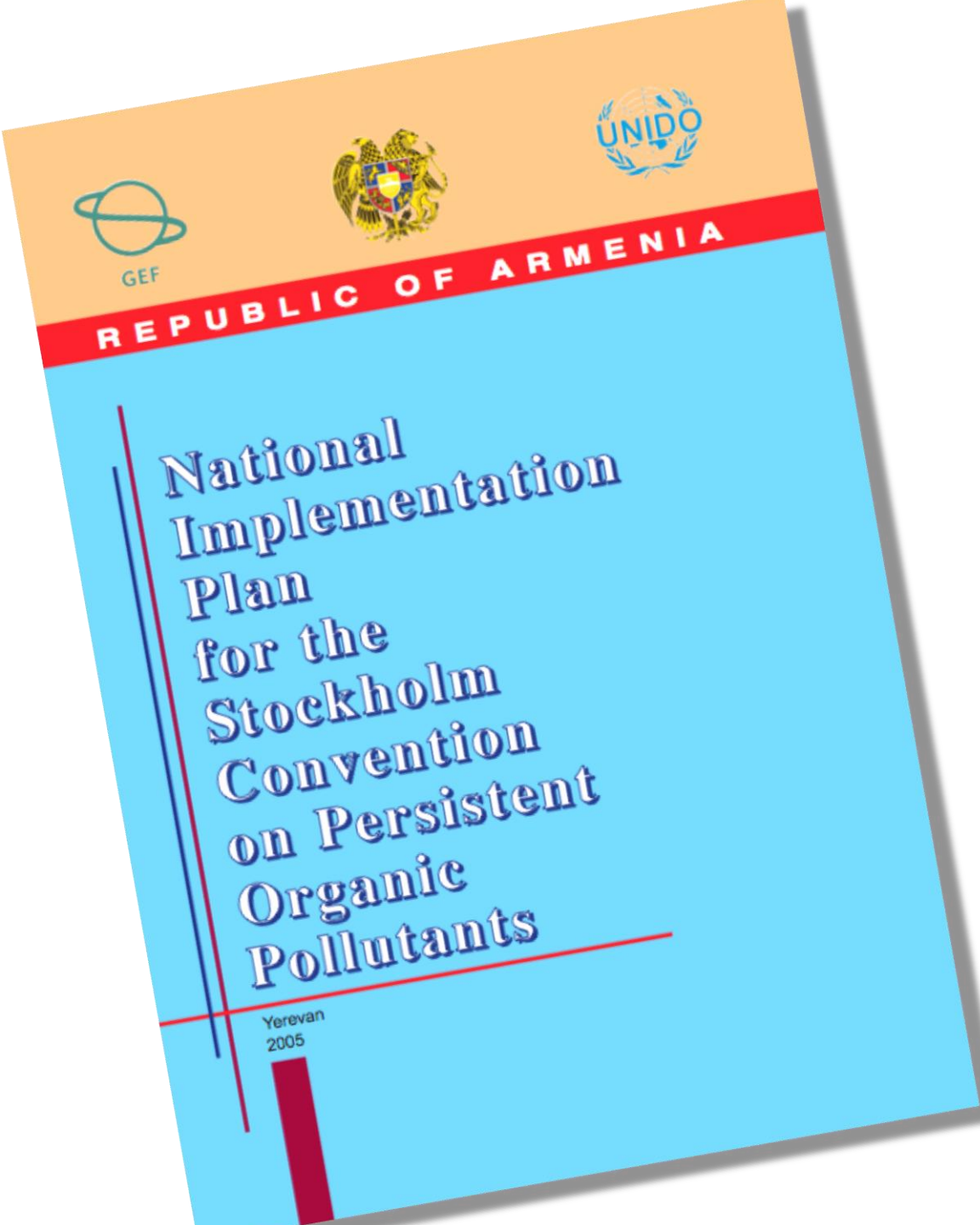
*"Disposed of in such a way that the **POPs content is destroyed or irreversibly transformed** so that they do not exhibit the characteristics of POPs or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally sound manner when destruction or irreversible transformation does not represent the environmentally preferable option"*



## Stockholm Convention (2) :

Also, parties must:

“...promote the development and, where it deems appropriate, require the use of substitute or modified materials, products and processes to prevent the **formation** and release of dioxins/furans and other by-product POPs.”



Main strategic trends of the National Action Plan for implementation of Stockholm Convention in Armenia are as follows:....

Replacement of PCB-containing oils and their disposal/ destruction in environmentally sound manner, **preferably using the non-combustion technologies;**



REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

**National  
Implementation  
Plan  
for the  
Stockholm  
Convention  
on Persistent  
Organic  
Pollutants**

Yerevan  
2005

Within the educational campaign it is urgent to draw attention to the following:

- Education, instruction on main aspects relevant to POPs.

- ...

- **Wide and transparent cooperation with NGOs in the sphere of ecological initiatives....**

# Treatment Options

1

**Tansboundary movement to dedicated hazardous waste treatment plant**

2

**Local Treatment:**

- **Modern Cement Kilns**
- **Alternative methods – non-combustion plant**

3

**Only in Exceptional cases:**

**Specially designed Landfills**

Concerned  
people  
living  
downstream

2006



**Concerned people living  
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**April  
2010**

# Swiss Chemical Wastes



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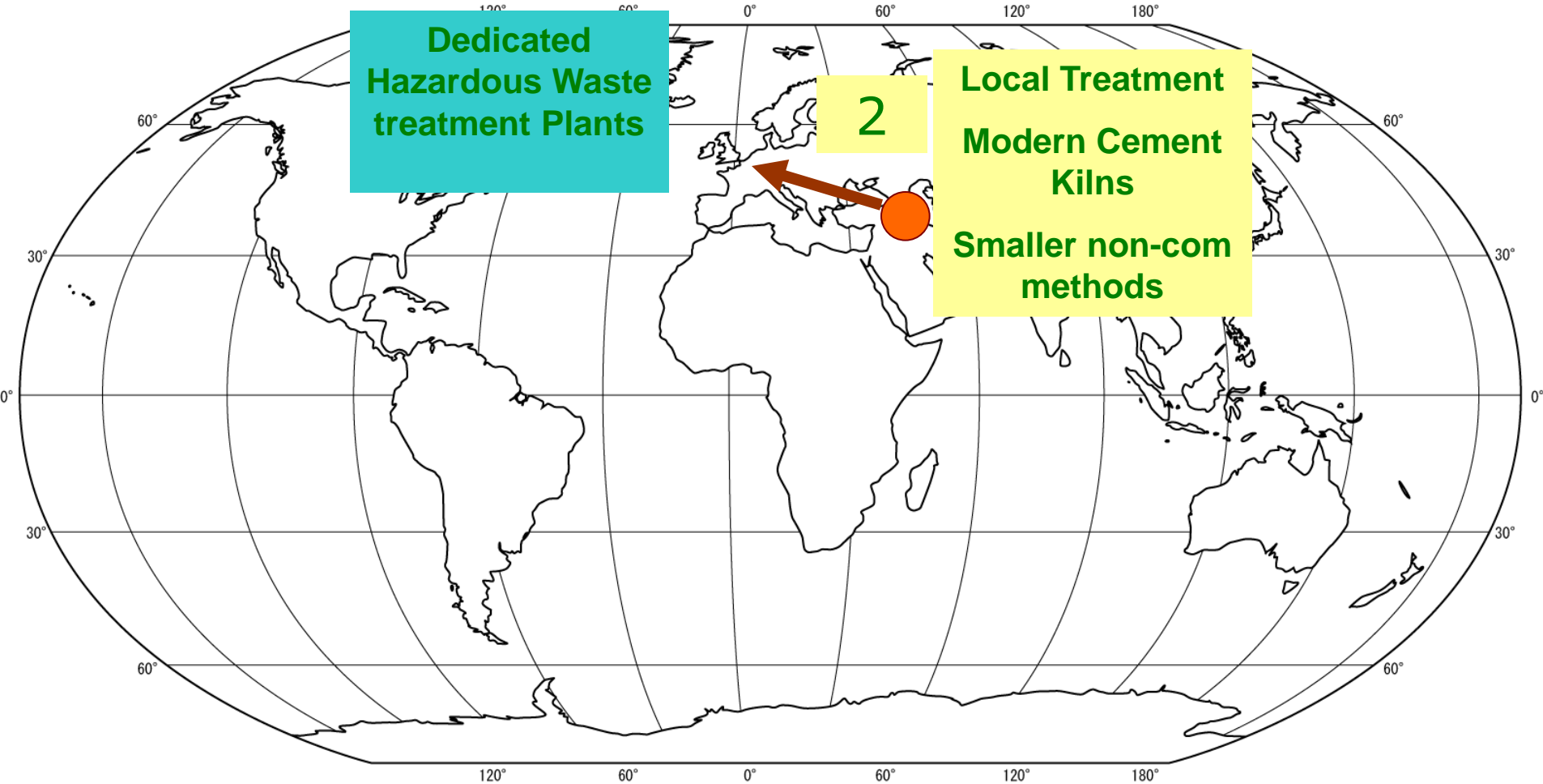
# Treatment possibilities

1

Dedicated  
Hazardous Waste  
treatment Plants

2

Local Treatment  
Modern Cement  
Kilns  
Smaller non-com  
methods







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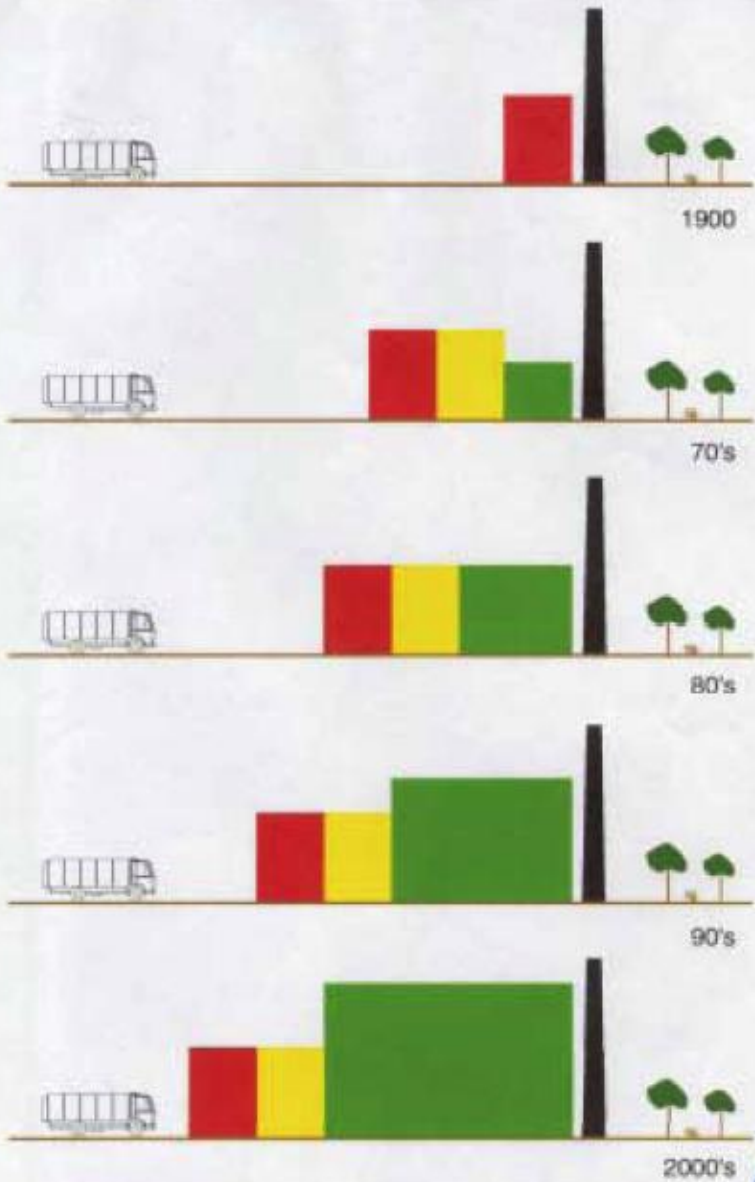
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STOP TOXIC  
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# Waste Incineration and Flue Gas Cleaning



Furnace Boiler Gas cleaning



DE vs DRE

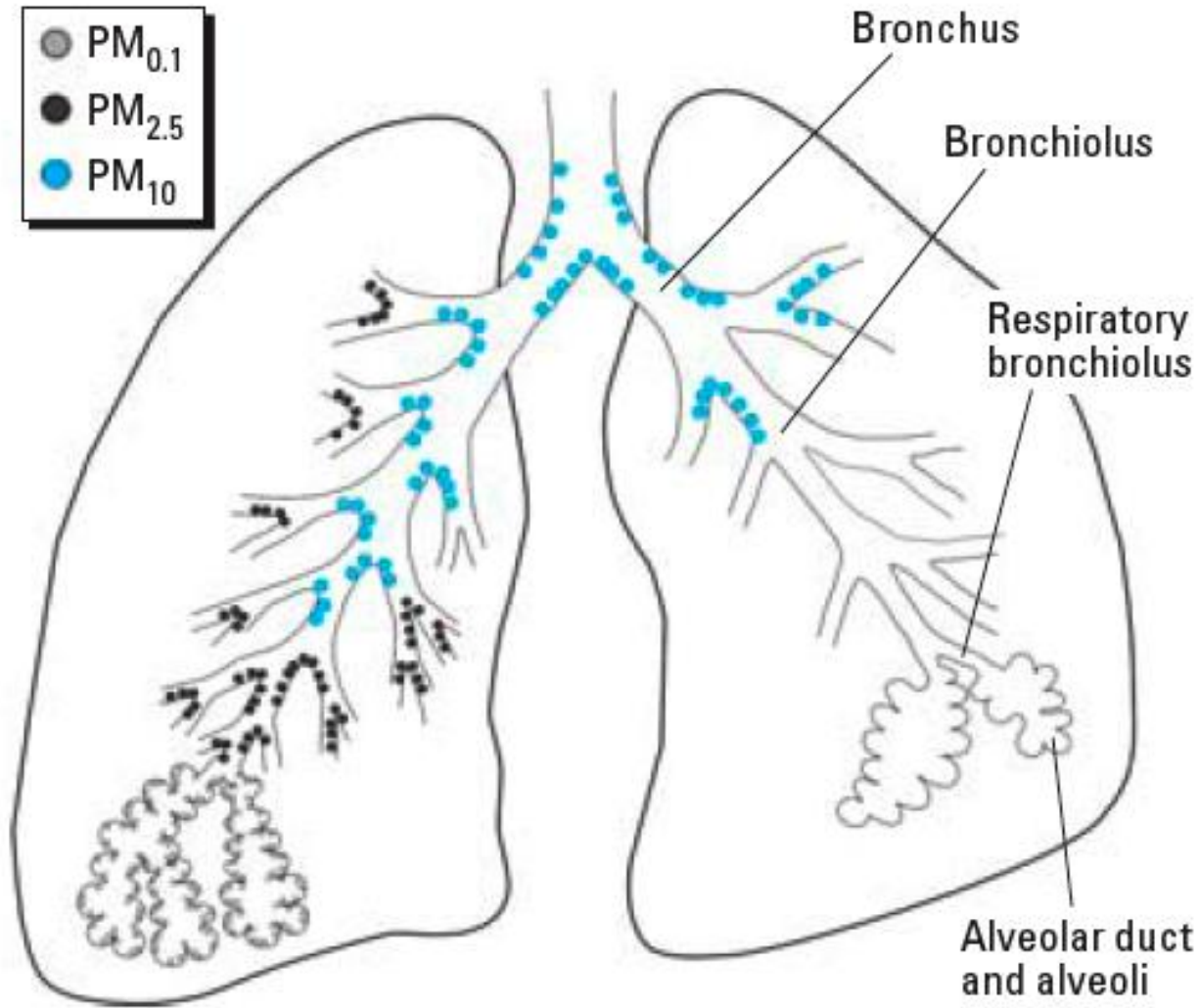
# VOCs in the Flue Gas of an Incinerator

3,3'-dimethylbiphenyl  
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hexadecane  
benzophenone  
tridecanoic acid  
hexachlorobenzene  
heptadecane  
fluorenone  
dibenzothiophene  
pentachlorophenol  
sulphonic acid m.w. 224  
phenanthrene  
tetradecanecarboxylic acid  
octadecane  
phthalic ester  
tetradecanoic acid isopropyl ester  
caffeine  
12-methyltetradecanecarboxylic acid  
pentadecanecarboxylic acid  
methylphenanthrene  
nonadecane  
9-hexadecene carboxylic acid  
anthraquinone  
dibutylphthalate  
hexadecanoic acid  
eicosane  
methylhexadecanoic acid  
fluoroanthene  
pentachlorobiphenyl  
heptadecanecarboxylic acid  
octadecadienal  
pentachlorobiphenyl  
aliphatic amide  
octadecanecarboxylic acid  
hexadecane amide  
docosane  
hexachlorobiphenyl  
benzylbutylphthalate  
aliphatic amide  
diisooctylphthalate  
hexadecanoic acid hexadecyl ester  
cholesterol.

pentane  
trichlorofluoromethane  
acetonitrile  
acetone  
iodomethane  
dichloromethane  
2-methyl-2-propanol  
2-methylpentane  
chloroform  
ethyl acetate  
2,2-dimethyl-3-pentanol  
cyclohexane  
benzene  
2-methylhexane  
3-methylhexane  
1,3-dimethylcyclopentane  
1,2-dimethylcyclopentane  
trichloroethene  
heptane  
methylcyclohexane  
ethylcyclopentane  
2-hexanone  
toluene  
1,2-dimethylcyclohexane  
2-methylpropyl acetate  
3-methyleneheptane  
paraldehyde  
octane  
tetrachloroethylene  
butanoic acid ethyl ester  
butyl acetate  
ethylcyclohexane  
2-methyloctane  
dimethyldioxane  
2-furanecarboxaldehyde  
chlorobenzene  
methyl hexanol  
trimethylcyclohexane

ethyl  
benzene  
formic acid  
xylene  
acetic acid  
aliphatic carbonyl  
ethylmethylcyclohexane  
2-heptanone  
2-butoxyethanol  
nonane  
isopropyl benzene  
propylcyclohexane  
dimethyloctane  
pentanecarboxylic acid  
propyl benzene  
benzaldehyde  
5-methyl-2-furane carboxaldehyde  
1-ethyl-2-methylbenzene  
1,3,5-trimethylbenzene  
trimethylbenzene  
benzonitrile  
methylpropylcyclohexane  
2-chlorophenol  
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene  
phenol  
1,3-dichlorobenzene  
1,4-dichlorobenzene  
decane  
hexanecarboxylic acid  
1-ethyl-4-methylbenzene  
2-methylisopropylbenzene  
benzyl alcohol  
trimethylbenzene  
1-methyl-3-propylbenzene  
2-ethyl-1,4-dimethylbenzene  
2-methylbenzaldehyde  
1-methyl-2-propylbenzene  
methyl decane  
4-methylbenzaldehyde

1-ethyl-3,5-dimethylbenzene  
1-methyl-(1-pro-penyl)benzene  
bromochlorobenzene  
4-methylphenol  
benzoic acid methyl ester  
2-chloro-6-methylphenol  
ethylmethylbenzene  
undecane  
heptanecarboxylic acid  
1-(chloromethyl)-4-methylbenzene  
1,3-diethylbenzene  
1,2,3-trichlorobenzene  
4-methylbenzyl  
alcohol  
ethylhexanoic acid  
ethyl benzaldehyde  
2,4-dichlorophenol  
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene  
naphthalene  
cyclopentasiloxanecarboxylic acid  
methyl acetophenone  
ethanol-1-(2-butoxyethoxy)  
4-chlorophenol  
benzothiazole  
benzoic acid  
octanoic acid  
2-bromo-4-chlorophenol  
1,2,5-trichlorobenzene  
dodecane  
bromochlorophenol  
2,4-dichloro-6-methylphenol  
dichloromethylphenol  
hydroxybenzotrile  
tetrachlorobenzene  
methylbenzoic acid  
trichlorophenol  
2-(hydroxymethyl) benzoic acid  
2-ethylnaphthalene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro  
4-ethylacetophenone



## Ultra Fine Particle Penetration into the lungs

Cormier, S. A., S. Lomnicki, et al. (2006). "Origin and health impacts of emissions of toxic by-products and fine particles from combustion and thermal treatment of hazardous wastes and materials." Environ Health Perspect **114(6): 810-7.**

# Dioxin Issues Remain....

PCDD/F emissions during start-up could reach 96.9 ng I-TEQ /Nm<sup>3</sup> (nearly 1,000 times the EU limit of 0.1 ng/m<sup>3</sup>)

- Gass, Lüder et al. 2002; Nordsieck, Neuer-Etscheidt et al. 2003; Environment Agency 2006; Neuer-Etscheidt, Nordsieck et al. 2006; Tejima, Nishigaki et al. 2007; Wang, Hwang et al. 2007; Wang, Hsi et al. 2007; Chen, Lin et al. 2008

# The Cement Industry

## Formation and Release of POPs in the Cement Industry

Second edition



World Business Council for  
Sustainable Development  
Cement Sustainability Initiative

23 January 2006

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# Holcim - GTZ

Holcim ([www.holcim.com](http://www.holcim.com)) is a major worldwide supplier of cement and aggregates as well as value-adding activities such as ready-mix concrete and asphalt, with other services.

GTZ ([www.gtz.de](http://www.gtz.de)) is a German government owned corporation for international cooperation for sustainable development with worldwide operations.



Holcim and GTZ (2006). Guidelines on Co-processing Waste Materials in Cement Production - The GTZ-Holcim Public Private Partnership.

# The Cement Industry as a Scavenger in Industrial Ecology and the Management of Hazardous Substances

*Lucas Reijnders*

## Keywords

biological analogy  
forced extraction  
hazardous materials  
industrial ecology

## Summary

The cement industry uses a variety of secondary materials and fuels, thus fulfilling the role of "scavenger" in industrial ecology (IE). The use of wastes in cement production has been advo-

Reijnders, L. (2007). "The Cement Industry as a Scavenger in Industrial Ecology and the Management of Hazardous Substances." Journal of Industrial Ecology **11(3): 15-25.**





**Ararat Cement Kiln**

# Ambient Dust Levels

- Hrazdan 3.8 X
- Ararat 5.4 X

Maximum permissible concentration

# Mozambique

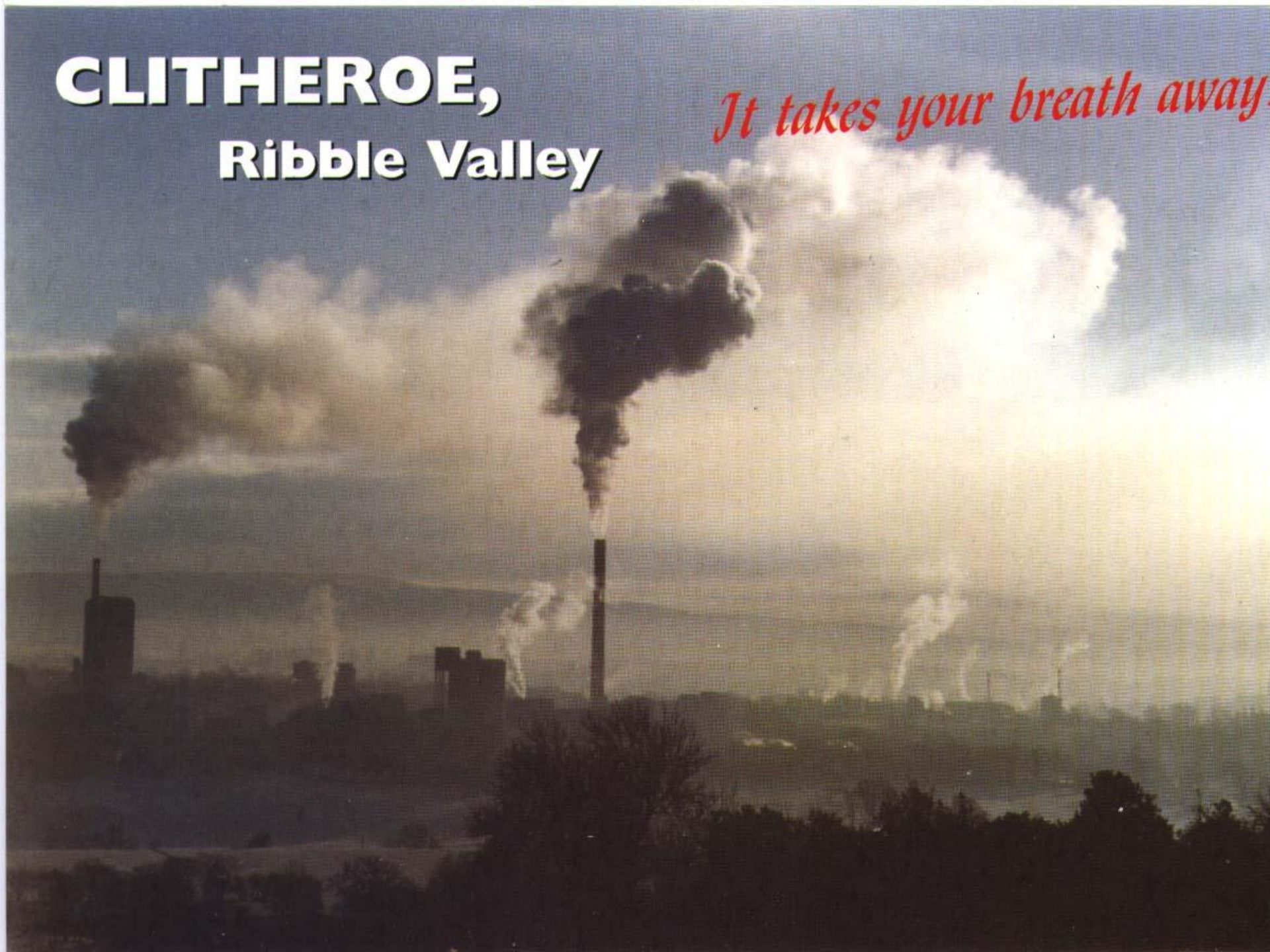


Mauricio Sulilia in front of the cement factory that LIVANINGO stopped becoming a toxic waste incinerator.

Photo: Paul Weinberg/OxfamAUS

**CLITHEROE,  
Ribble Valley**

*It takes your breath away.*



# Cemex - Rugby, UK



“Staff found a cement kiln door hanging off its hinges and tried to force it shut. Despite knowing the door was not secure, Cemex restarted the kiln, which was experiencing operating difficulties.

A Cemex spokeswoman said Cemex had achieved "exceptional levels of performance" since taking over the site.”

ENDS 381, 2006

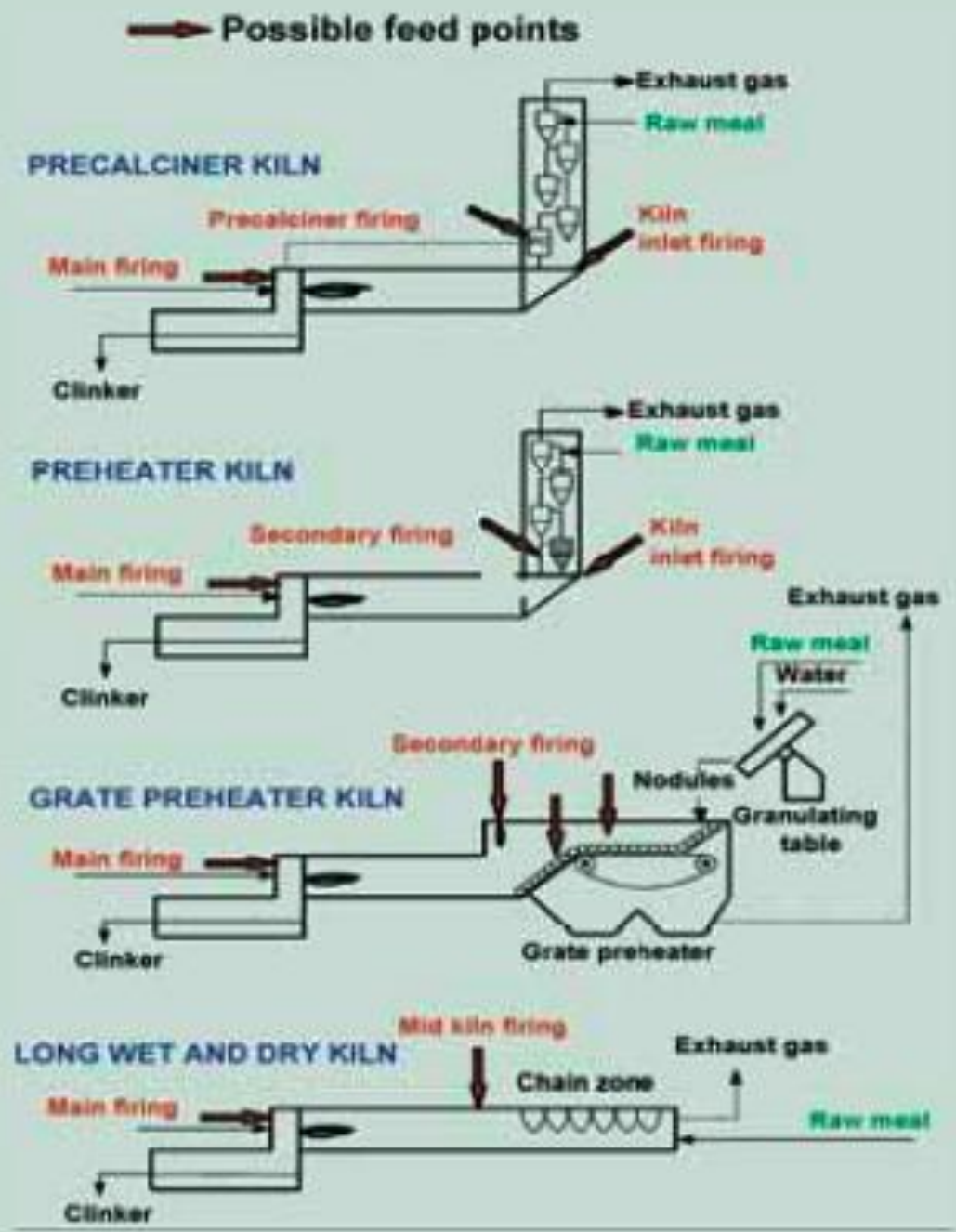
# Dioxin emissions at Padeswood North Wales

136 ng TEQ/m<sup>3</sup>

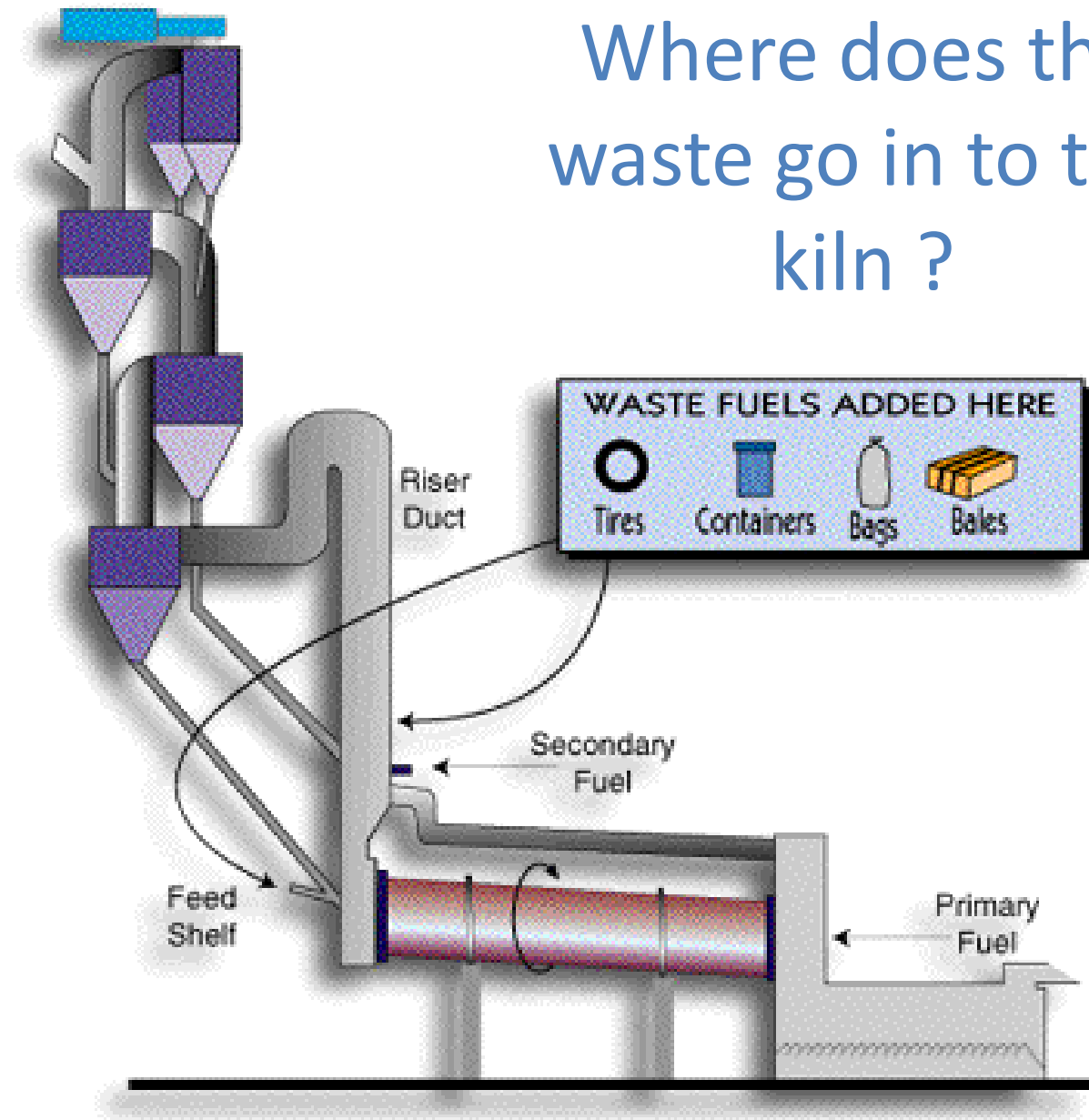
## SCHEDULE

Sampling 2004/2005	Final report From AES	EA Notified	Results	Quarter	Sum's	TIC's
Kiln 3						
09-Mar	03-Jun	01-Jul	17	Quarter 1	2	
10-Mar	Failed	01-Jul	-			
15-Apr	Failed	-	-	Quarter 2		
27-Apr	Failed	06-Oct	-			
20-Apr	Alcontrol	-	<0.1			
11-Jun	Failed	-	136			2
11-Jun	Failed	-	114			
13-Jul	Failed	-	-	Quarter 3		
13-Jul	Failed	-	-			
14-Jul	Failed	-	-			
15-Jul	Failed	-	-			
15-Jul	Failed	-	-			
27-Jul	Failed	-	-			
28-Jul	Failed	-	-			
02-Sep	Failed	-	-			
03-Sep	21-Dec	-	50			2
12-Oct	17-Jan	18-Jan	56	Quarter 4		2
13-Oct	17-Jan	18-Jan	26			2
07-Dec	17-Mar	18-Jan	42			2
08-Dec	17-Mar	18-Jan	23		2	
28-Feb	06-May	-	1.8	Quarter 1		
Kilns 1 & 2						
24-Mar	03-Jun	01-Jul	2.4	Quarter 1		1
20-Apr	Alcontrol	-	0.26			
10-Jun	Failed	18-Jan	2.6	Quarter 2		
10-Jun	Failed	-	3.3			2
26-Jul	21-Dec	-	3.5	Quarter 3	2	2
29-Jul	21-Dec	-	2.6			2
15-Sep	21-Dec	-	3.5			2
16-Sep	21-Dec	-	1.8			2
05-Oct	17-Jan	18-Jan	4.6	Quarter 4		2
06-Oct	17-Jan	18-Jan	3.6			2
10-Dec	Failed	18-Jan	1.7			2
01-Mar	06-May	-	0.7	Quarter 1		
11-Mar	06-May	-	1.2			
15-Mar	06-May	-	1.1			
23-Mar	06-May	-	0.54			
31-Mar	06-May	-	1.2			

# Waste Feeds

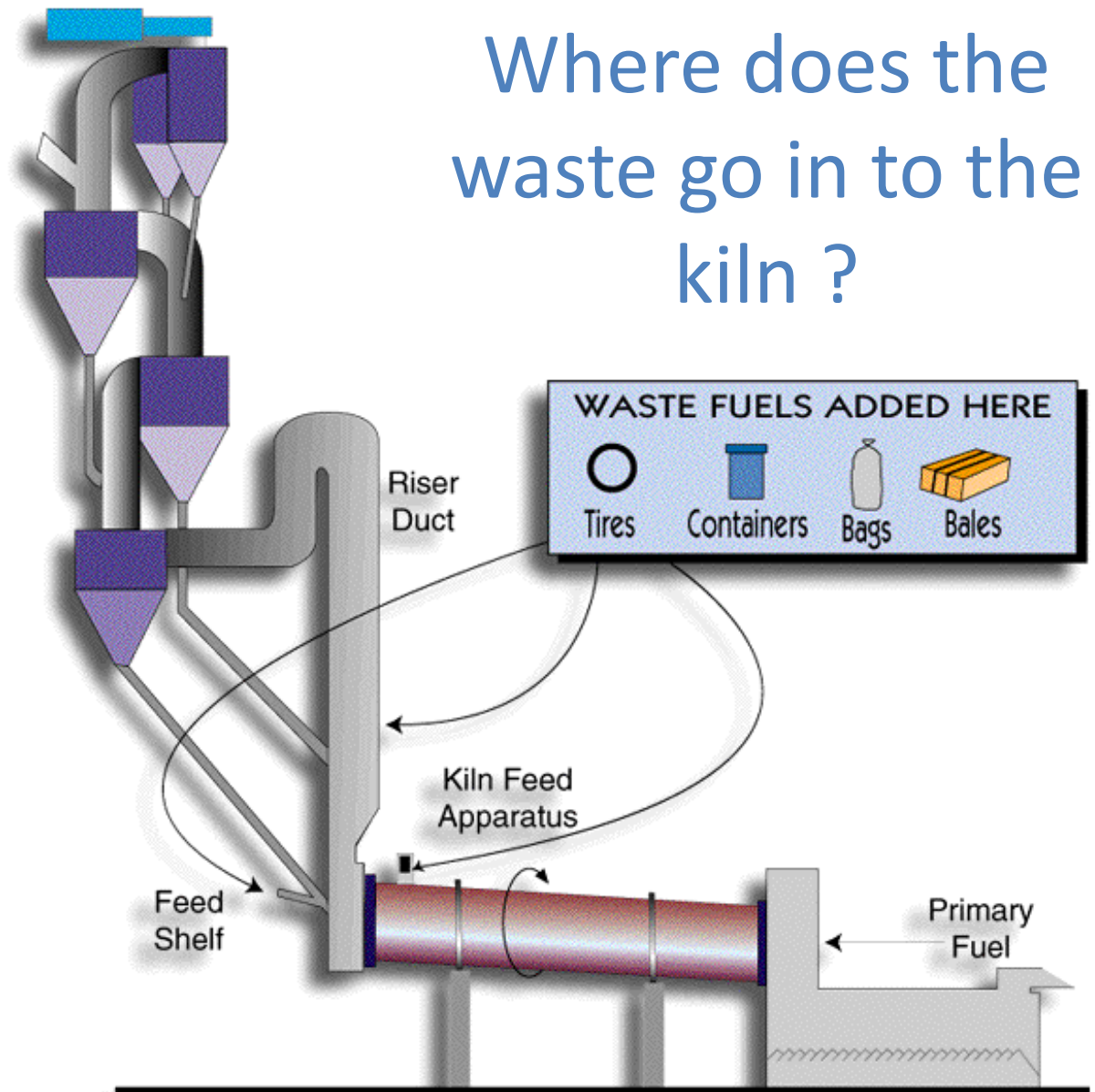


Where does the waste go in to the kiln ?

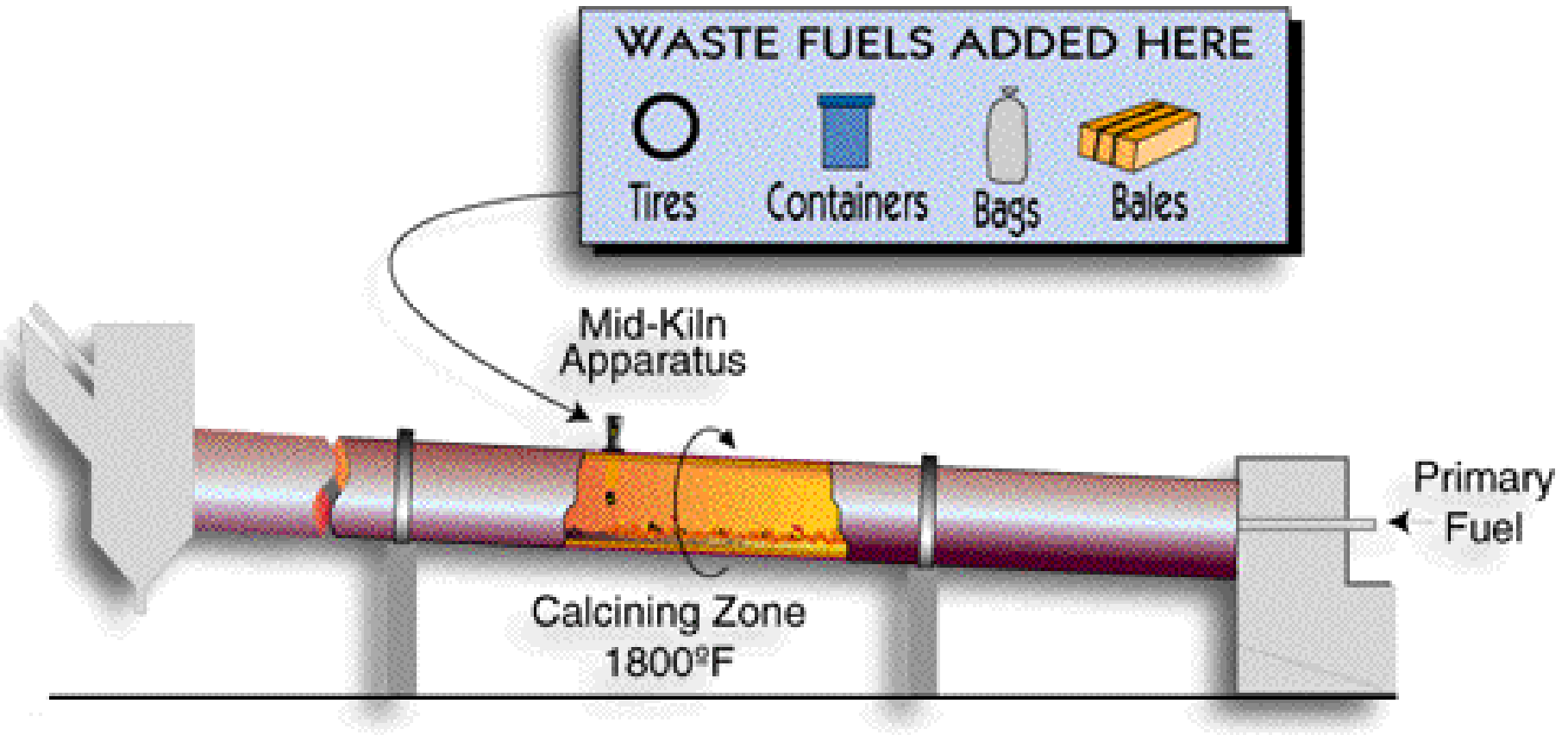


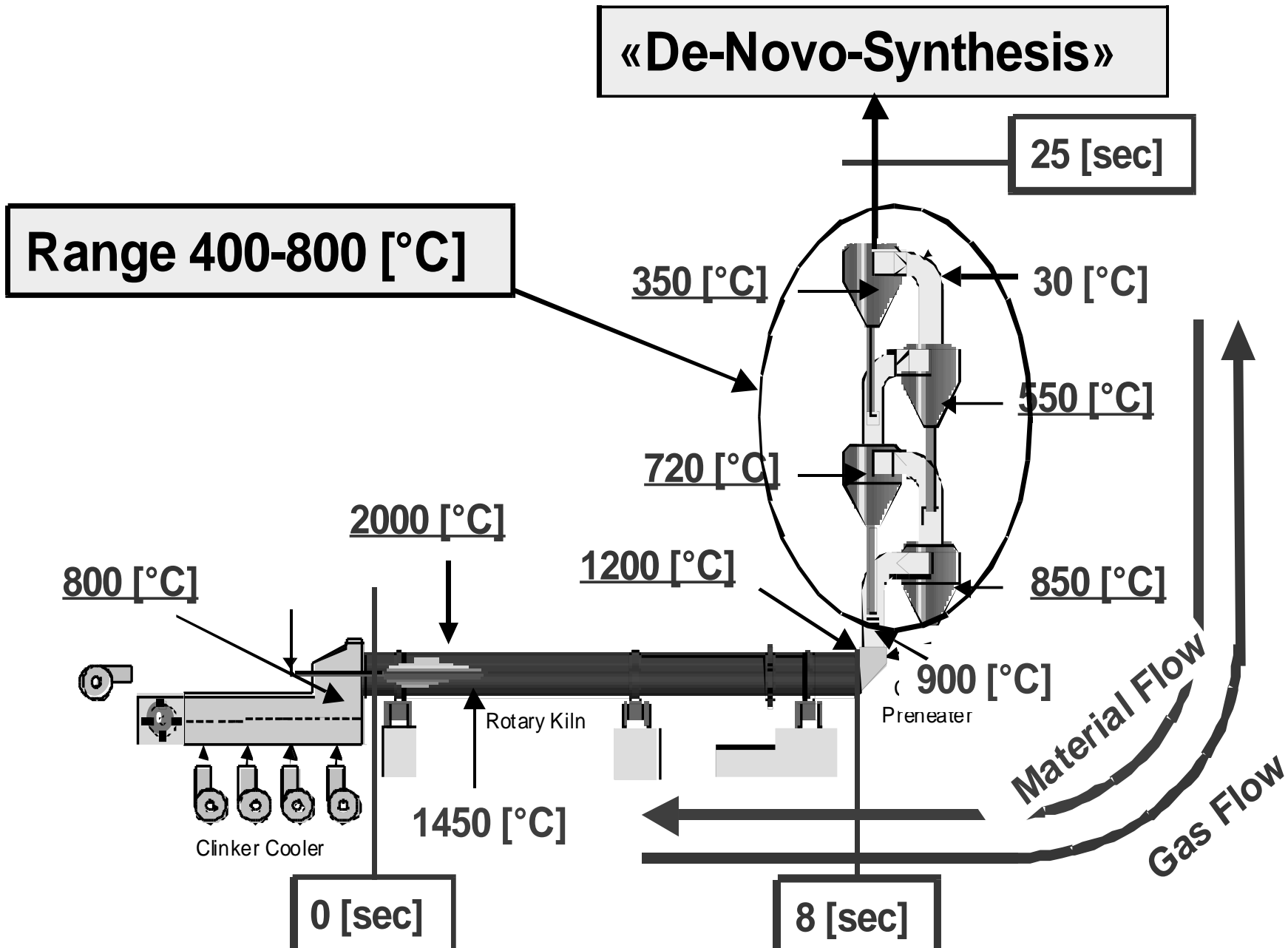


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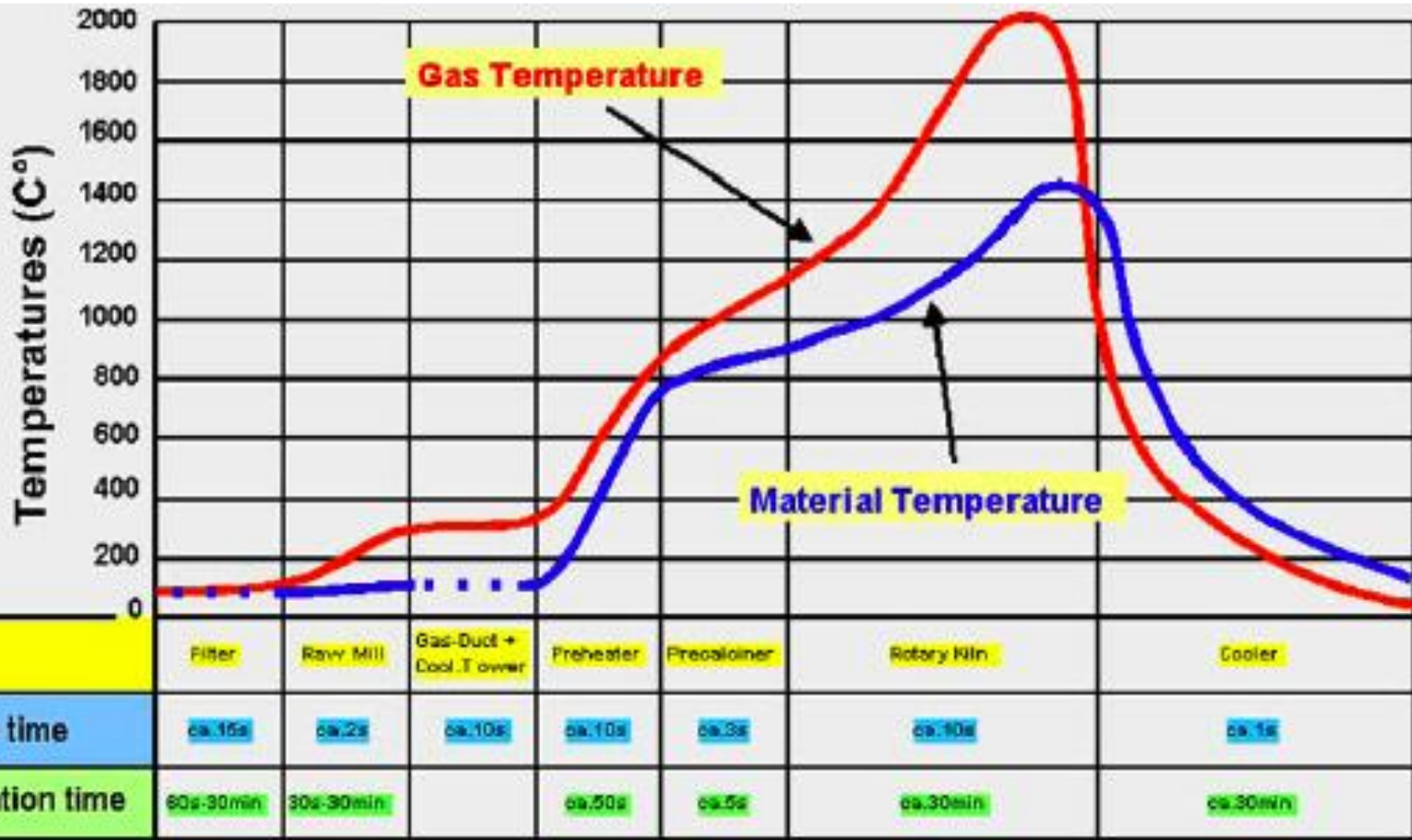
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Temperatures and retention time in a preheater cement kiln

# Residence times in cement kilns



# Vietnam Trial Burns

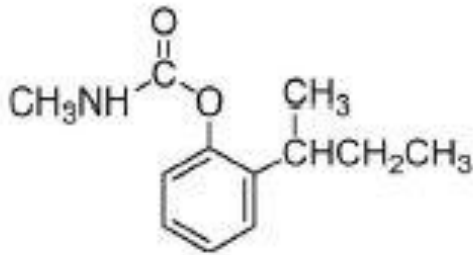


Fig. 1 - Chemical structure of Fenobucarb.

Environmentally sound  
in developing countries

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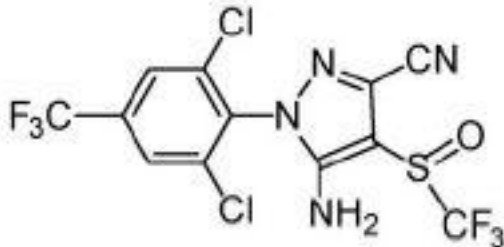


Fig. 2 - Chemical structure of Fipronil.

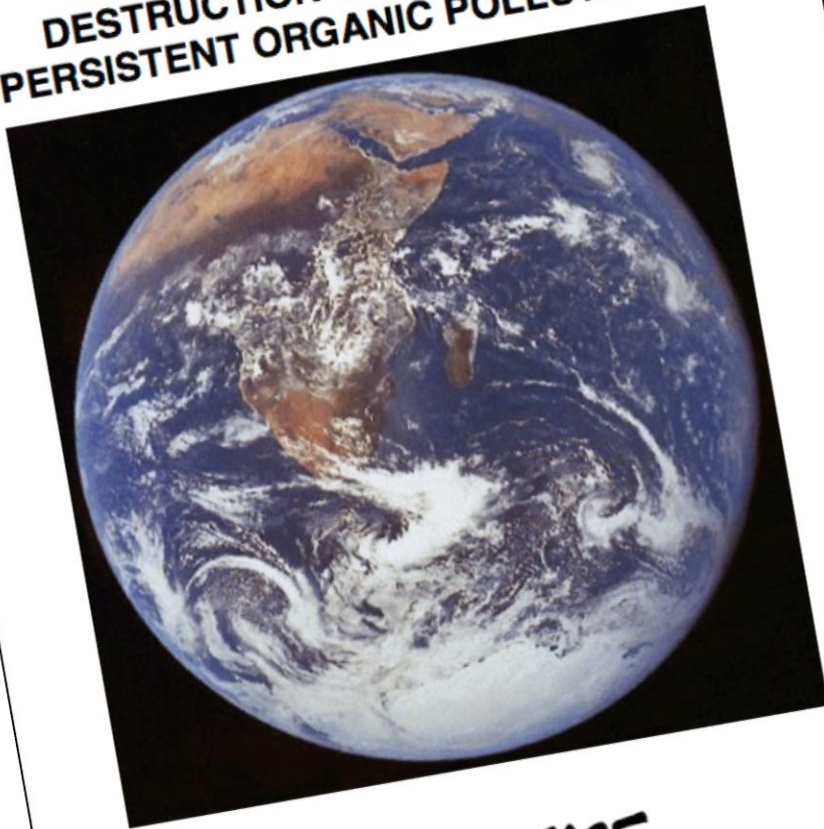
Table 3 - Gaseous compounds (mg/N m <sup>3</sup> )			
	Baseline	Test burn	ELV Vietnam
HCl	2.1	2.4	90
HF	<0.21	<0.23	4.5
NH <sub>3</sub>	<1.0	<0.44	45
CO	99	131	225
O <sub>2</sub> (%)	5.24	5.21	-
SO <sub>2</sub>	1.8	2.0	225
NO <sub>2</sub>	21	40	-
NO	760	1220	-
NO <sub>x</sub> expressed as NO <sub>2</sub>	1180	1910	1000

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Karstensen, K. H., N. K. Kinh, et al. (2006). "Environmentally sound destruction of obsolete pesticides in developing countries using cement kilns." *Environmental*

*Science & Policy* 9(6): 577-586.

**TECHNICAL CRITERIA  
FOR THE  
DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILED  
PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS**



**GREENPEACE**

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# Criteria (1)

## Closed Systems

**Complete  
containment of  
all residues**

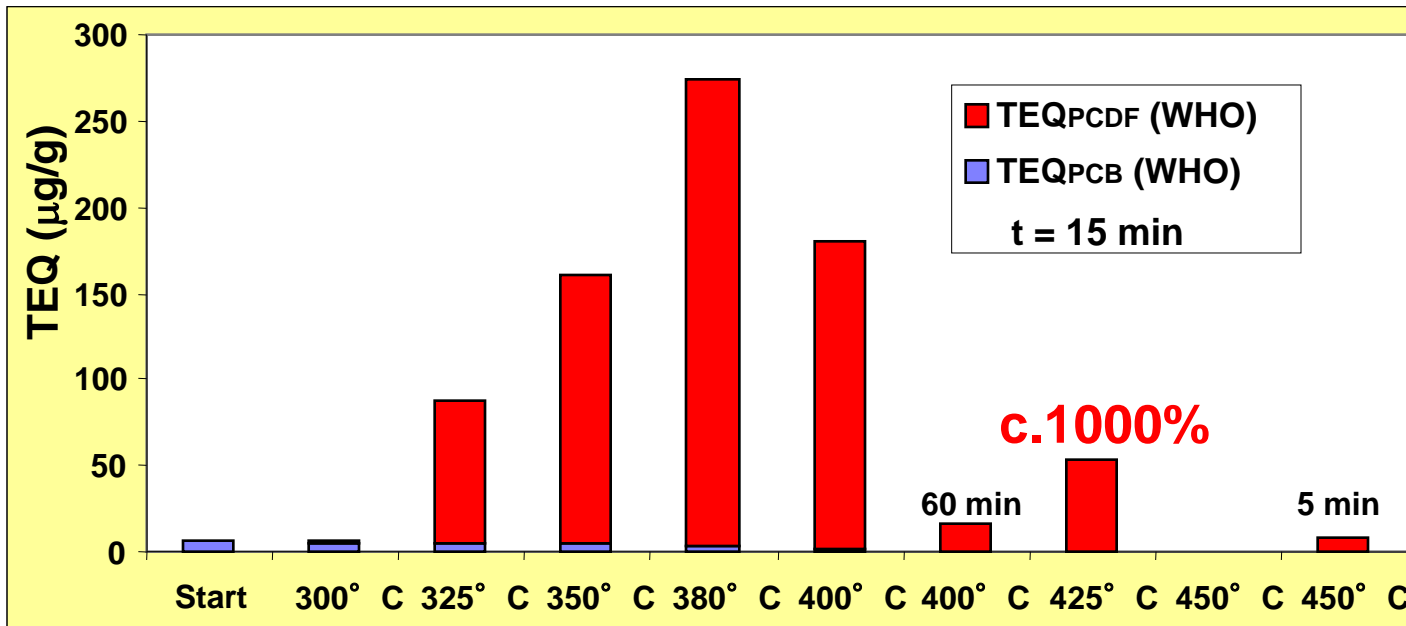
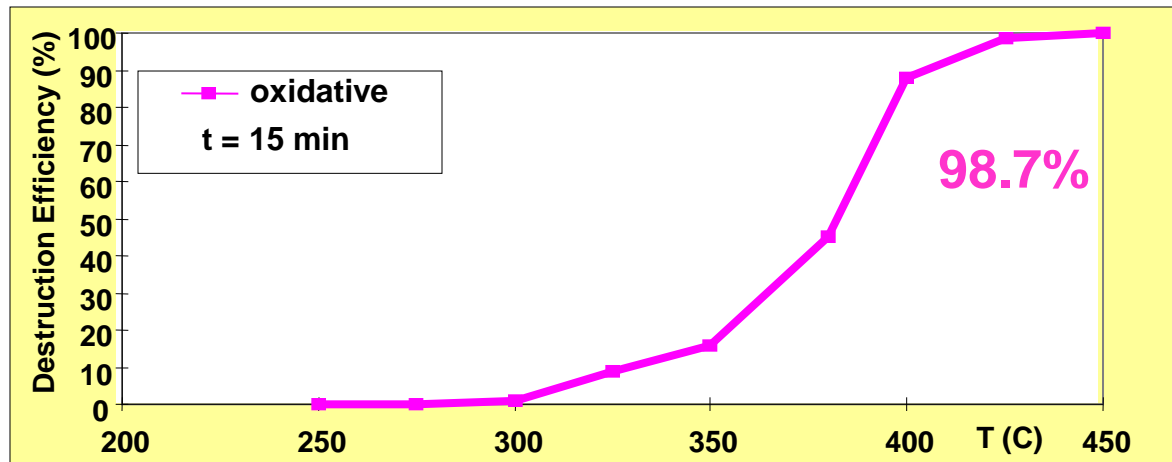
## Criteria (2)

**Destruction Efficiencies (DEs)**

**Effectively 100%  
for chemicals of  
concern**



# Evaluation of Toxicity based on TEQ



# Criteria (3)

## Releases

**No**

**uncontrolled  
releases**

# Non Combustion Alternatives:

1. Base-catalysed decomposition (BCD)
2. Bioremediation/Fenton reaction
3. Catalytic hydrogenation
4. DARAMEND® bioremediation
5. Enzyme degradation
6. Fe (III) photocatalyst degradation
7. Gas-phase chemical reduction (GPCR)
8. GeoMelt™ process
9. In situ bioremediation of soils
10. Mechanochemical dehalogenation (MCD)
11. Mediated electrochemical oxidation (AEA Silver II)
12. Mediated electrochemical oxidation (CerOx™)
13. MnOx/TiO<sub>2</sub> – Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst degradation
14. Molten metal
15. Molten salt oxidation
16. Molten slag process
17. Ozonation/electrical discharge destruction
18. Photochemically enhanced microbial degradation
19. Phytoremediation
20. Plasma arc (PLASCON™)
21. Pyrolysis
22. Self-propagating high-temperature dehalogenation (SPHTD)
23. Sodium reduction
24. Solvated electron technology
25. Supercritical water oxidation (SCWO)
26. TiO<sub>2</sub> – based V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/WO<sub>3</sub> catalysis
27. White rot fungi bioremediation

BC Training Manual: <http://www.basel.int/meetings/sbc/workdoc/techdocs.htm>

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# Technology Reviews

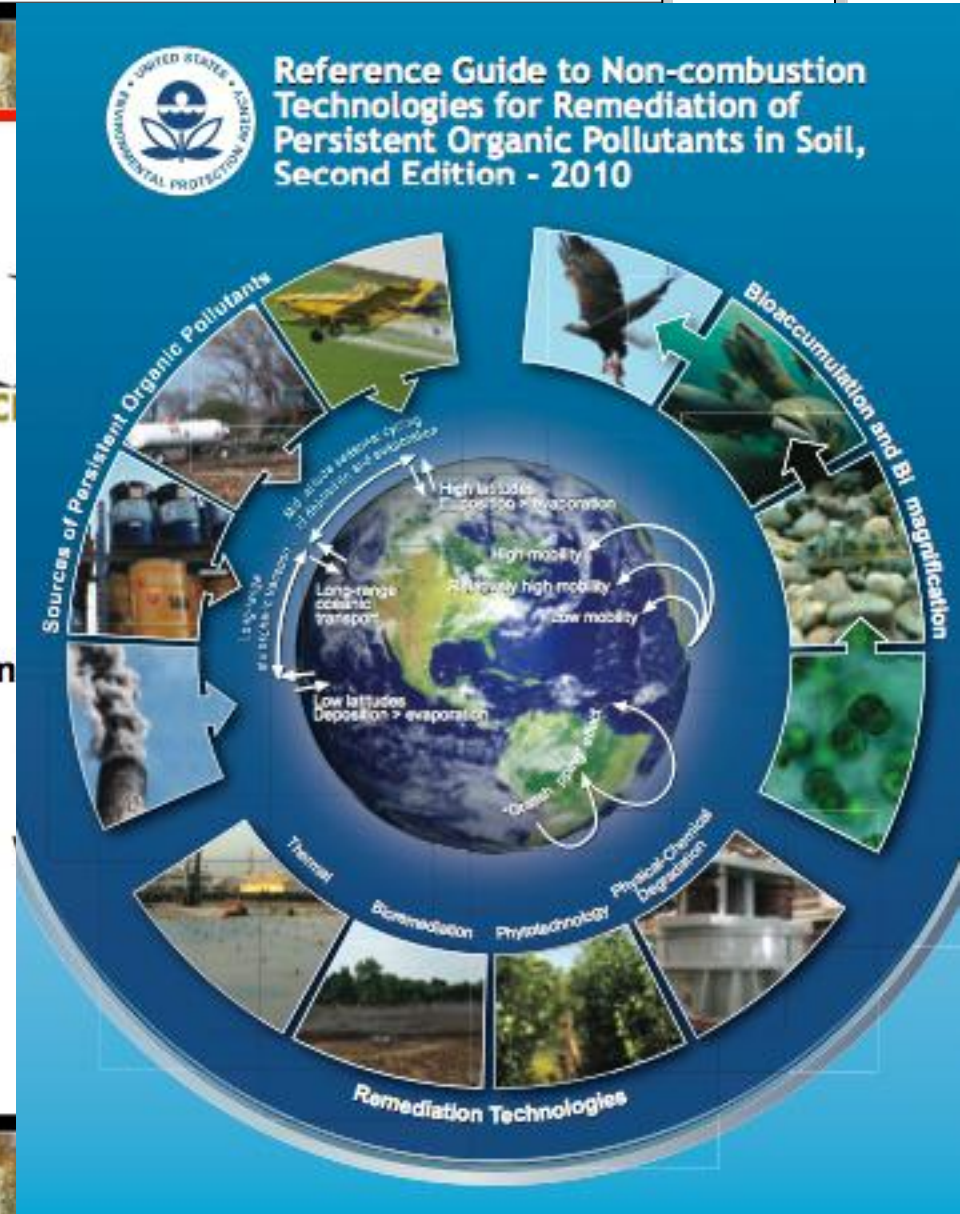
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# Non-Combustion Review History

- **1986:** USEPA (1986) evaluated ten combustion-based and eight non-combustion technologies.
- **1991:** Greenpeace catalogued 28 technologies, including biological, chemical, photochemical, electrochemical, neutralisation, chemical reprocess, and thermal processes potentially applicable to stockpiles of obsolete chemical weapons;
- **1992:** U.S. Office of Technology Assessment reviewed eight thermal technologies, eight chemical dechlorination technologies and bioremediation.
- **1998:** Greenpeace publishes Technical Criteria for the Destruction of Stockpiled Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- **2002:** NATO/CCMS Pilot Study . John Vijgen evaluated eleven non-combustion technologies.
- **2003:** GAIA –the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives – described 9 non-combustion technologies for POPs stockpiles in their broad critique of incineration.
- **2004:** STAP/GEF released their detailed review and classification of some 27 technologies
- **2005:** USEPA review published - Evaluated 17 technologies
- **2006:** Final Draft BAT BEP guidelines for Stockholm Convention completed
- **2007:** ICS – UNIDO review completed considering 15 technologies
- **2008:** WTO ASP project reviews alternatives for ASP- 7 non com technologies +ISTD, cement kilns and HTI
- **2010:** USEPA review updated

# Maturity criteria

Established	Emerging	Transition	Promising
<b>BCD</b> <b>GPCR</b> <b>PLASCON</b> <b>SR</b>	Ball Milling MSO PWC SET SCWO	CerOx GeoMelt PACT	HydroDec Silver II SPHTD

<i>Status</i>	<b>Commercial status</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Applicability proof</b>	<b>Data</b>
<b>Established</b>	established	large	applied	available
<b>Emerging</b>	emerging	large/medium	applied/demonstrated	recent/limited
<b>Transition</b>	established/emerging	large/medium	theoretical/trial	scarce/no
<b>Promising</b>	none/neo-commercialized	lab/pilot	trial	available

<b>Technology</b>	<b>Commercial scale</b>	<b>Countries where licensed and/or used for commercial treatment</b>
Gas Phase Chemical Reduction	full	Australia, Canada, USA, Japan
Sodium reduction	full	France, Germany, UK, Netherlands, South Africa, Australia, USA, Saudi Arabia, Japan, New Zealand
Base Catalysed Dechlorination	full	Australia, USA, Mexico, Spain, New Zealand, Japan, Czech Republic
Solvated electron	full	USA
Electrochemical	limited	USA, UK
Copper Mediated Destruction	pilot/limited	Poland, Czech Republic
Super-critical water oxidation	limited	USA, Japan
Ball milling	full	Japan



# Challenges

- **Over-capacity of high temperature incineration capacity in Europe.**
- **Interdependence of criteria (e.g. DE, DRE, depend on waste type/strength, waste strength and throughput depends on configurations, consumables and prices depend on everything, etc.)**
- **Short experience or early development phase of most technologies (no large plants, or the existing plants differ from each other)**
- **Missing/Poor information on many existing projects**
- **Lack of feedback from technology vendors**



**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

**GOVERNMENT OF SLOVAKIA  
PROJECT DOCUMENT**

(21 November 2005)

**Project Number:** GLO/03/G3X/A/1G/72 PIMS: 2115

**Project Title:** Global Programme to Demonstrate the Viability and Removal of Barriers that Impede Adoption and Successful Implementation of Available, Non-Combustion Technologies for Destroying Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

**Short Title:** Non-combustion Demonstration project in Slovakia

**Starting Date:** March 2006

**Completion Date:** December 2011

**Summary of Financing (US\$)**

UNDP (in-kind)	US\$	95,000
Others: GEF		
GEF (incl. AOS)	US\$	10,004,040
Parallel Funding: Phase I		

**GEF Slovakia Project**

# BCD Plant - Spolana



# Kwinana GPCR plant Australia



# PLASCON



# Current Situation

- C. 75-90% of all pesticides are destroyed by dedicated incinerators mainly in Europe
- Major interest by international cement industry
- Alternative technologies: smaller part of market and work in specialised niches

# NGO Principles

- Precaution
- Social acceptability
- Transparency - Right to Know
- Hazard avoidance - Zero Discharge
- Internalising environmental costs

AT LAST, WE'VE  
CRACKED IT — WE  
FINALLY ATTAINED **ZERO**  
EMISSIONS...

