

CDM and Waste A Trade or a Fraud?

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THE BUSINESS OF WASTE!



The urban areas of Asia now spend about US\$25 billion on solid waste management per year; this figure will increase to at least US\$50 billion in 2025. Today's daily waste generation rate is about 760,000 tonnes. By 2025, this rate will be increased to about 1.8 million tonnes per day.

Waste Management: The Indian Scenario

- Approximately 100,000 TPD of total MSW generation in India.
- Poor implementation of MSW 2000 with little focus on source segregation.
- Globalized waste handling methods is becoming the norm with municipalities.
- Local free-market unfriendly community initiatives being marginalized.
- Shift from small labour with skill intensive private entrepreneurship to large capital investments in waste handling.
- Major shift towards outsourcing and privatization of waste collection and disposal services at huge cost to exchequer.
- Lack of transparency in waste policies.

Privatisation of Waste

- Waste collection traditionally the responsibility of the ULB.
- Privatisation = Outsourcing.
- Privatisation = mechanisation.
- Privatisation on the pretext of efficiency and social justice.
- Citizens as consumers of the “service”.

CDM and waste

AM0025 : CDM framework for waste management proposals

Avoided emissions from organic waste through alternative waste treatment processes



Treatment of
municipal solid waste (MSW)

Started in 2005

It presumes that waste would
have otherwise been dumped

CDM and waste

Project types under the AM0025

Treatment of municipal solid waste (MSW)

- Aerobic composting
- Landfill gas systems
- Incineration of fresh waste for energy generation

72 projects in CDM
pipeline

30 million CERs by 2012



Methane avoidance actually means
burning or burying waste

Reduction, re-use, recycling?
Clean energy?

Incineration of MSW



Air Emissions from Municipal Waste Incinerators

phthalic ester	ethylmethylcyclohexane	bromochlorobenzene		4-bromo-2,5-dichlorophenol
dodecanecarboxylic acid	2-heptanone	4-methylphenol		2-ethylbiphenyl
3,3'-dimethylbiphenyl	2-butoxyethanol	benzoic acid methyl ester		bromodichlorophenol
3,4'-dimethylbiphenyl	nonane	2-chloro-6-methylphenol		1(3H)-isobenzofuranone-5-methyl
hexadecane	isopropyl benzene	ethyl dimethylbenzene	pentane	dimethylphthalate
benzophenone	propylcyclohexane	undecane	trichlorofluoromethane	2,6-di-tertiary-butyl-p-benzoquinone
tridecanoic acid	dimethyloctane	heptanecarboxylic acid	acetonitrile	3,4,6-trichloro-1-methyl-phenol
hexachlorobenzene	pentanecarboxylic acid	1-(chloromethyl)-4-methylbenzene	acetone	2-tertiary-butyl-4-methoxyphenol
heptadecane	propyl benzene	1,3-diethylbenzene	iodomethane	2,2'-dimethylbiphenyl
fluorene	benzaldehyde	1,2,3-trichlorobenzene	dichloromethane	2,3'-dimethylbiphenyl
dibenzothiophene	5-methyl-2-furane	4-methylbenzyl	2-methyl-2-propanol	pentachlorobenzene
pentachlorophenol	carboxaldehyde	alcohol	2-methylpentane	bibenzyl
sulphonic acid m.w. 224	1-ethyl-2-methylbenzene	ethylhexanoic acid	chloroform	2,4'-dimethylbiphenyl
phenanthrene	1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	ethyl benzaldehyde	ethyl acetate	1-methyl-2-phenylmethylbenzene
tetradecanecarboxylic acid	trimethylbenzene	2,4-dichlorophenol	2,2-dimethyl-3-pentanol	benzoic acid phenyl ester
octadecane	benzotrile	1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	cyclohexane	2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol
phthalic ester	methylpropylcyclohexane	naphthalene	benzene	tetrachlorobenzofurane
tetradecanoic acid isopropyl ester	2-chlorophenol	cyclopentasiloxanecamethyl	2-methylhexane	Fluorene
caffeine	1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	methyl acetophenone	3-methylhexane	2-methylbiphenyl
12-methyltetradecacarboxylic acid	phenol	ethanol-1-(2-butoxyethoxy)	1,3-dimethylcyclopentane	2-nitrostyrene(2-nitroethylbenzene)
pentadecacarboxylic acid	1,3-dichlorobenzene	4-chlorophenol	1,2-dimethylcyclopentane	decanecarboxylic acid
methylphenanthrene	1,4-dichlorobenzene	benzothiazole	trichloroethene	hydroxymethoxybenzaldehyde
nonadecane	decane	benzoic acid	heptane	hydroxycycloacetophenone
9-hexadecene carboxylic acid	hexanecarboxylic acid	octanoic acid	methylcyclohexane	ethylbenzoic acid
anthraquinone	1-ethyl-4-methylbenzene	2-bromo-4-chlorophenol	ethylcyclopentane	2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenol
dibutylphthalate	2-methylisopropylbenzene	1,2,5-trichlorobenzene	2-hexanone	sulphonic acid
hexadecanoic acid	benzyl alcohol	dodecane	toluene	1,1'biphenyl (2-ethenyl-naphthalene)
eicosane	trimethylbenzene	bromochlorophenol	1,2-dimethylcyclohexane	3,4,5-trichlorophenol
methylhexadecanoic acid	1-methyl-3-propylbenzene	2,4-dichloro-6-methylphenol	2-methylpropyl acetate	chlorobenzoic acid
fluoroanthene	2-ethyl-1,4-dimethylbenzene	dichloromethylphenol	3-methyleneheptane	2-hydroxy-3,5-dichlorobenzaldehyde
pentachlorobiphenyl	2-methylbenzaldehyde	hydroxybenzotrile	paraldehyde	4-chlorobenzoic acid
heptadecanecarboxylic acid	1-methyl-2-propylbenzene	tetrachlorobenzene	octane	2,3,4-trichlorophenol
octadecadienal	methyl decane	methylbenzoic acid	tetrachloroethylene	1,2,3,5-tetrachlorobenzene
pentachlorobiphenyl	4-methylbenzaldehyde	trichlorophenol	butanoic acid ethyl ester	xylene
aliphatic amide	1-ethyl-3,5-dimethylbenzene	2-(hydroxymethyl) benzoic acid	butyl acetate	acetic acid
octadecanecarboxylic acid	1-methyl-(1-pro-penyl)benzene	hexachlorobiphenyl	ethylcyclohexane	aliphatic carbonyl
hexadecane amide	2-ethylnaphthalene-1,2,3,4	benzylbutylphthalate	2-methyloctane	formic acid
Docosane	tetrahydro	aliphatic amide	dimethyldioxane	
2,3,5-trichlorophenol	2,4,6-trichlorophenol	diisooctylphthalate	2-furanecarboxaldehyde	
	4-ethylacetophenone	hexadecanoic acid hexadecyl ester	chlorobenzene	
			methyl hexanol	
			trimethylcyclohexane	
			ethyl	
			benzene	

Source: Jay, K., and Stieglitz, L. "Identification and Quantification of Volatile Organic Components in Emissions of Waste Incineration Plants." *Chemosphere*, vol. 30, no. 7, pp. 1249-1260, 1995.

Incinerator Emissions

- Heavy metals including lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, beryllium
- Mercury
- Dioxins, furans and PCBs
- New pollutants: brominated flame retardants
- Nanoparticles

Incinerator Ash



New York State -- 2009

Annual Emissions

Municipal Waste Combustors - 2009 Data

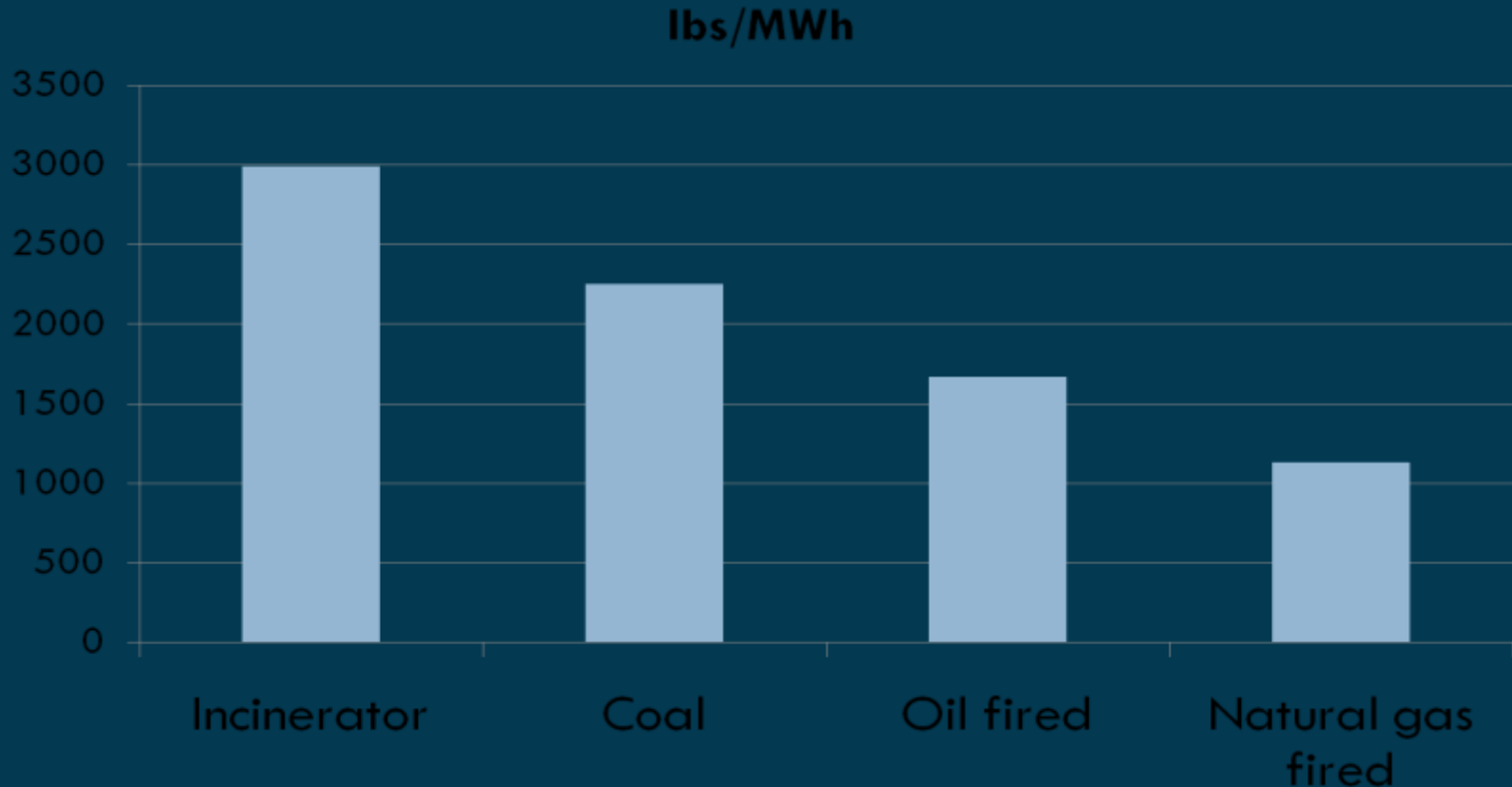
DEC ID	Facility	Hg (lbs)	Pb (lbs)	Cd (lbs)	CO (tons)	NOx (tons)	SO2 (tons)	HCl (tons)
1282001727	Hempstead Resource Recovery Facility	28.7	16.2	1.4	256.06	625.33	35.17	43.81
1472000777	Babylon Resource Recovery Facility	25.7	15.8	0.92	34.64	181.79	46.22	30.13
1472600790	Huntington Resource Recovery Facility	4.5	21.3	1.5	57.81	359.07	5.25	4.27
1472800185	Islip McArthur Resource Recovery Facility	1.84	0.55	0.14	64.36	198.05	24.53	12.39
3134600019	Dutchess Co. Resource Recovery Facility	7.24	2.49	0.82	85.39	166.78	28.69	26.82
3551200031	Wheelabrator Westchester LP	18	179	9	29.02	674.78	56.61	NA
5534400001	Wheelabrator Hudson Falls	5.8	40.7	3.9	9.6	117.28	14.65	10.1
7314200028	Onondaga Co. Resource Recovery Facility	2.1	26.5	1.7	22.09	539.31	28.86	10.14
7355800013	Oswego Co. Energy Recovery Facility	0.0065	0.0035	0.0055	0.58	161.15	23.06	12.66
9291100113	Covanta Niagara LP	34	80	0	95.55	746.72	136.7	89.95
Average Emissions		12.79	38.25	1.94	65.51	377.03	39.97	24.03
Total Emissions		127.88	82.55	19.38	655.10	3770.26	399.74	240.27

Coal Fired Electric Generating Stations - 2009 Data

DEC ID	Facility	Hg (lbs)	Pb (lbs)	Cd (lbs)	CO (tons)	NOx (tons)	SO ₂ (tons)	HCl (tons)
3334600011	Danskammer Generating Station	26	0.013	16	77.69	915.49	3770.73	186.48
7034600045	AES Westover	0.14	112.80	0.38	53.73	714.99	6232.56	128.95
7503200019	AES Cayuga	2.21	784.74	2.62	153.86	2110	2196.4	369.25
8573600004	AES Greenidge LLC	0.015	33.009	0.11	47.76	381.16	427.72	6.41
9060300021	Dunkirk Steam Generating Station	39	101	15	398.85	2270.4	4317.8	26.9
9146400130	Huntley Steam Generating Station	26	30	6	297.03	1541.1	6018	18.35
9291100152	Niagara Generating Facility	0.0094	0.018	0.04	1.53	3.45	0.01	NA
9293800003	AES Somerset LLC	0.15	301.28	1.0058	312	3748.2	5070.1	791.86
Average Emissions		11.69	170.36	5.14	167.81	1460.60	3504.17	191.03
Total Emissions		93.52	162.86	41.15	1342.45	11684.79	28033.32	1528.20

Facility & place	Year	Investment
Timarpur, New Delhi	2000	Rs.44 Crore
Hyderabad, (SELCO)	1999	Rs. 50 Crores
Lucknow	2000	Rs.84 Crore
Vijayawada (Shriram)	Dec 2003	Rs. ??? Build, own, operate and transfer(boot)
Chandigarh		Rs.60 crores
Bangalore, Srinivas Gayathri Resource Recovery Limited	Ongoing	Rs.100 crores
Timarpur-Okhla New	Ongoing	Rs.200 crores
Hanjer – Pune, Nagpur and Rajkot	Ongoing	Total Rs.500 crores

CO2 emissions from incineration



Source: U.S. EPA, 2007, epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-and-you/affect/airemissions.html

Including biogenic emissions, according to the IPCC

Incineration and fossil fuels

World Bank review of calorific value of waste in China

- low calorific value, mostly **organic**, so **wet**
- need to use **supplemental fuel** to burn solid waste

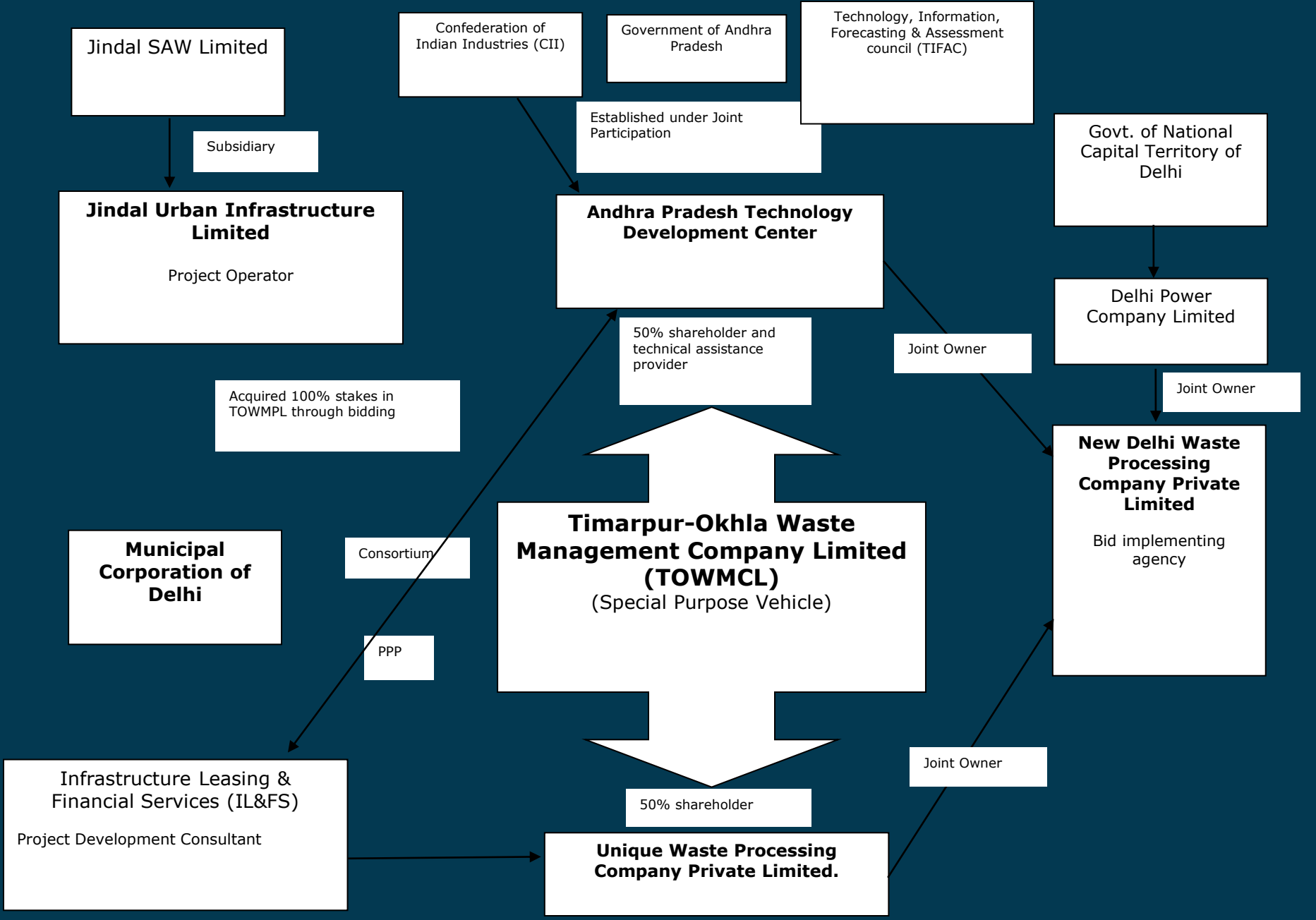
Reports on this situation say:

Normally, Chinese municipal waste incinerators cannot be operated without support firing (Solenthaler and Rainer, 2004)

Some incinerators may only operate if diesel fuel is added to waste, which defeats arguments that waste-to-energy is energy efficient (Forsyth, 2006)

TIMARPUR-OKHLA WTE

- Huge public and WP opposition
- Representation at the Public Hearing
- Questionable technology.
- Representation at the Public Hearing.
- Missing EIA??
- No standards for incinerator emissions in India.
- Deviations from the approved proposal.
- Paved way for two more incinerators in Delhi



Landfill gas collection of MSW



Municipal Waste Dump or Landfill



Sanitary Landfill with Landfill Gas Collection System under Construction (dwells and plumbing to collect the gas)

Key issues of LFG system

Consume vast quantities of resources, it's a **waste-of-energy**

Undermine sustainable alternatives like **recycling and composting**

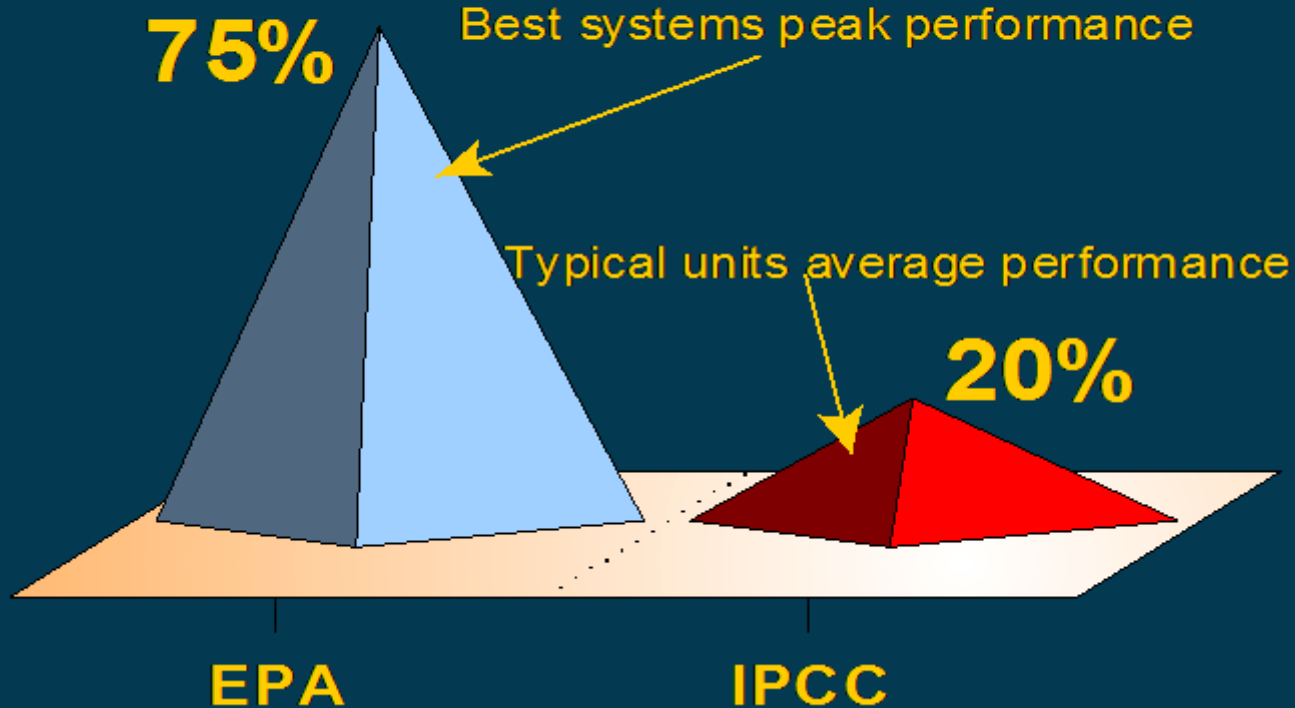
Exaggerated methane recovery, **no energy efficiency**

Perverse incentives to methane production



Landfills gas capture systems do not work as expected

Gas Collection Efficiency



GORAI CAPPING PROJECT

- 35 years or about 2.7million tons of waste.
- Expected to generate 300,000 CERs worth \$5.2 million.
- Displaced 300 wastepickers
- Toxic legacy !
- No emphasis on remediation.
- Encourages business as usual

Other CDM-backed waste projects

Mixed waste processing for compost and RDF

Mixed waste stream (plastics, paper, glass, metals, cardboard, organics) are processed to extract compost and RDF.



Other CDM-backed waste projects

Burning agriculture waste for fuel

Coconut shells, rice husks,
sugarcane leftovers, palm oil remains

Produce of **unsustainable large-scale, intensive, monoculture plantations**

Burning biomass for fuel

"Waste" from forestry operations (sawdust, sawmill chips, etc)

Perverse incentive from not counting biogenic emissions

CDM and Cement

Methodologies supporting Cement Kilns

- AMC 0003: Partial Substitution of fossil fuels.
- AMC0005: Feedstock replacement, use of fly ash/slag to replace clinker
- AMC0015: Feedstock replacement with low carbonates
- AM0024: Waste heat recovery

Waste Categories for which Co-Incineration is permitted

1. Hazardous

Paint Sludge from automobile sector

Refinery Sludge

TDI Tar Waste

ETP Sludge from pesticide and pharma

2. Other waste

Plastic waste

Tyres

RDF from Municipal waste



Issues and Concerns

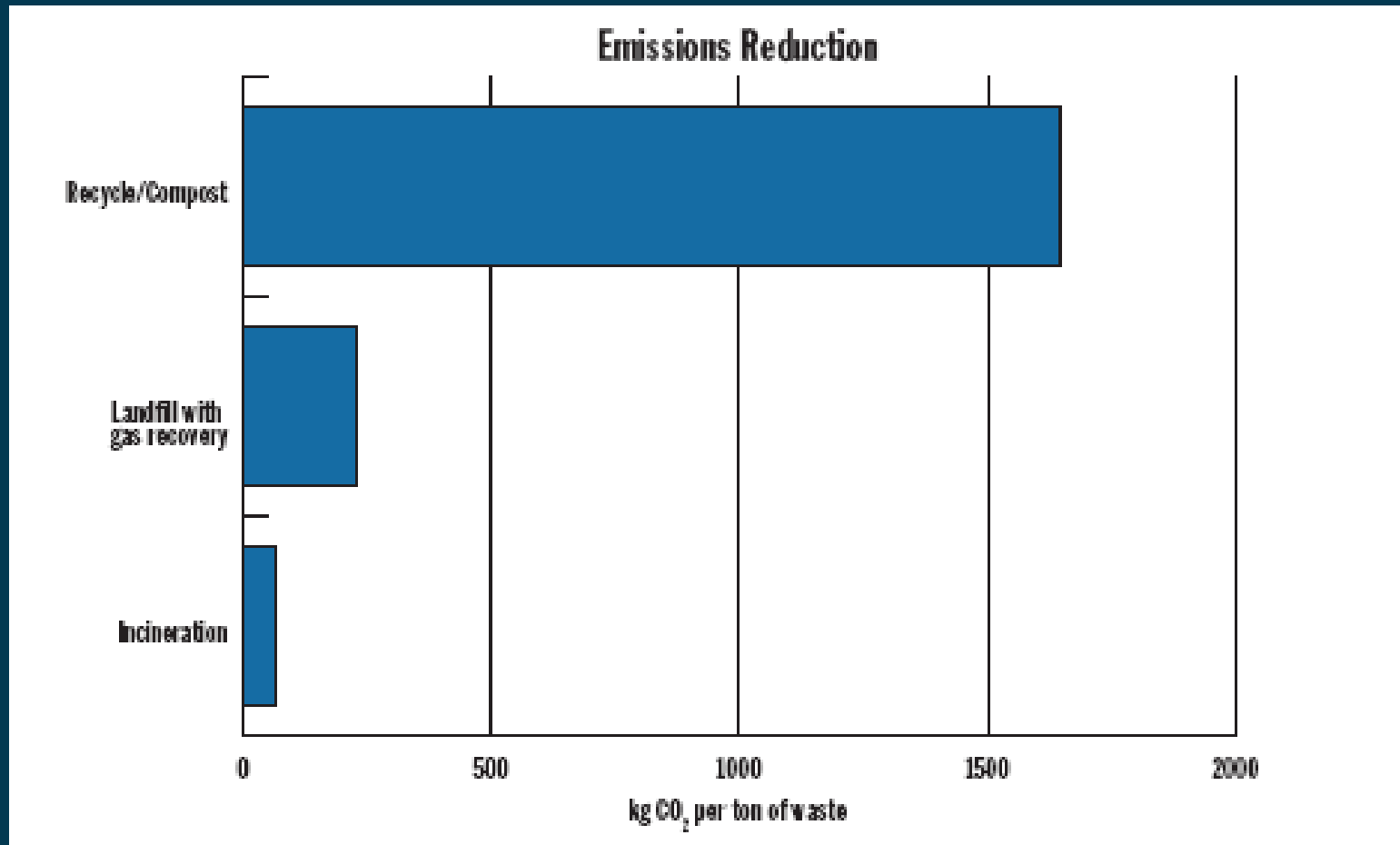
- No regular monitoring mechanism in place by regulatory authorities.
- No heavy metal monitoring.
- Clearance granted based on trial runs.
- GIZ is playing a major role in facilitating co-incineration without considering ground realities in countries like India.
- The cement industry is insisting on outlining the emission parameters and monitoring protocols with little state intervention.
- Indian Railways to be roped in for transportation of Hazardous Waste to cement plants. This is proposed considering cost effectiveness of this method.

The solution is not techno-enthusiasm



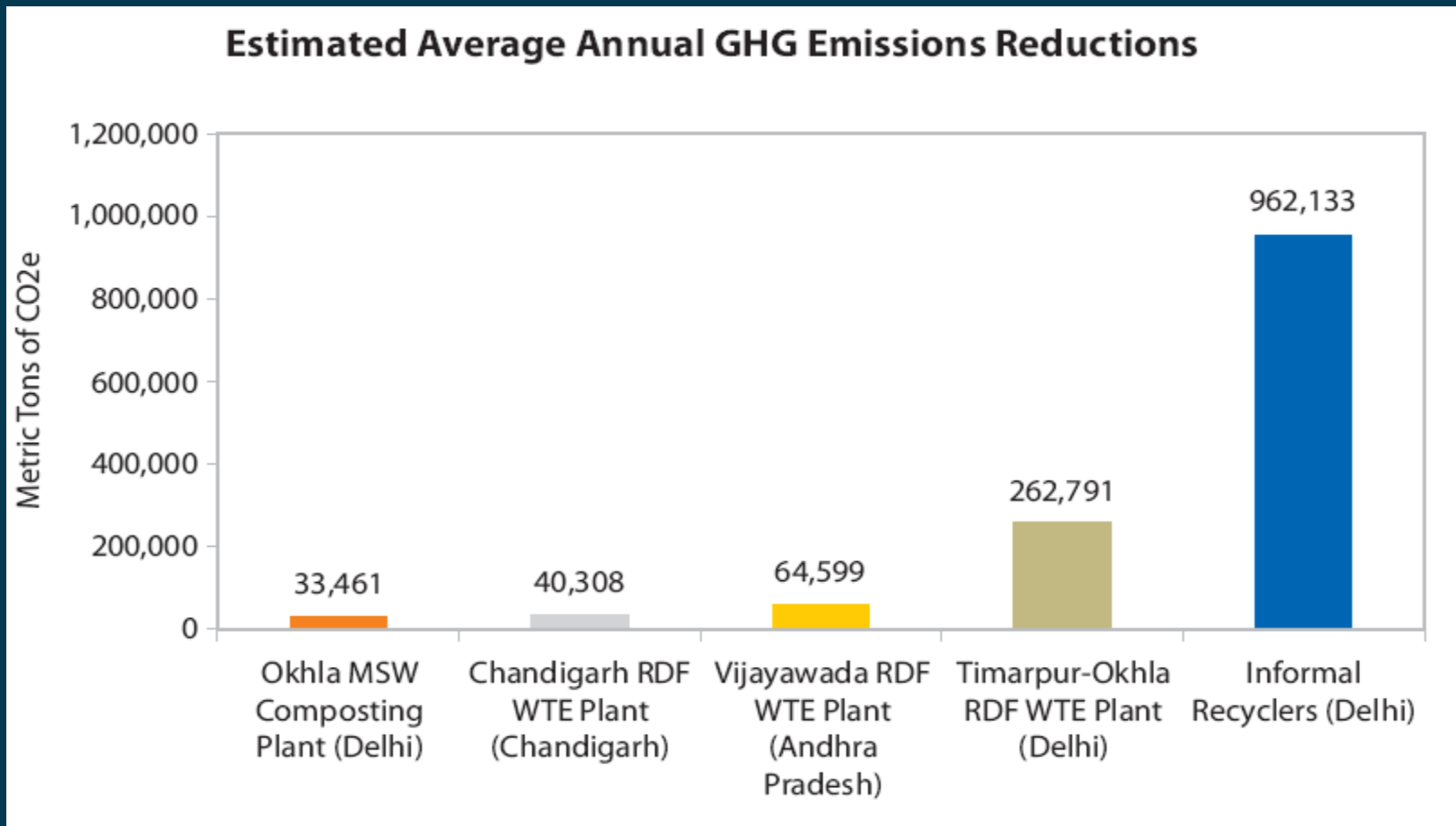
Trashing the planet

CDM ignores the real alternatives



Source: "Assessment of Materials Management Options for the Massachusetts Solid Waste Master Plan Review," Tellus Institute December 2008, p.2.

India: Recyclers are the Real Climate Heroes



Source: *Cooling Agents*. Chintan, 2008.

WIKI-LEAKS

- The cable notes that these companies "conceded that no Indian project could meet the 'additionality' in investment criteria' to be eligible for carbon credits."

WIKI-LEAKS

- “National CDM Authority "takes the 'project developer at his word' for clearing the ‘additionality’ barriers.”
---R K Sethi, Member Secretary of the National CDM Authority.

WIKI-LEAKS

- "project developers prepare two balance sheets to secure funding: one showing the viability of the project without the CDM benefit (which is what the bank looks at) and another demonstrating the non-viability of the project without the CDM benefit. No bank would finance a project which is viable only with carbon revenues because of the uncertainty of the registration process, unclear guidelines on qualifying CDM projects and because carbon revenue is only a by-product revenue stream of the main operations of the company."

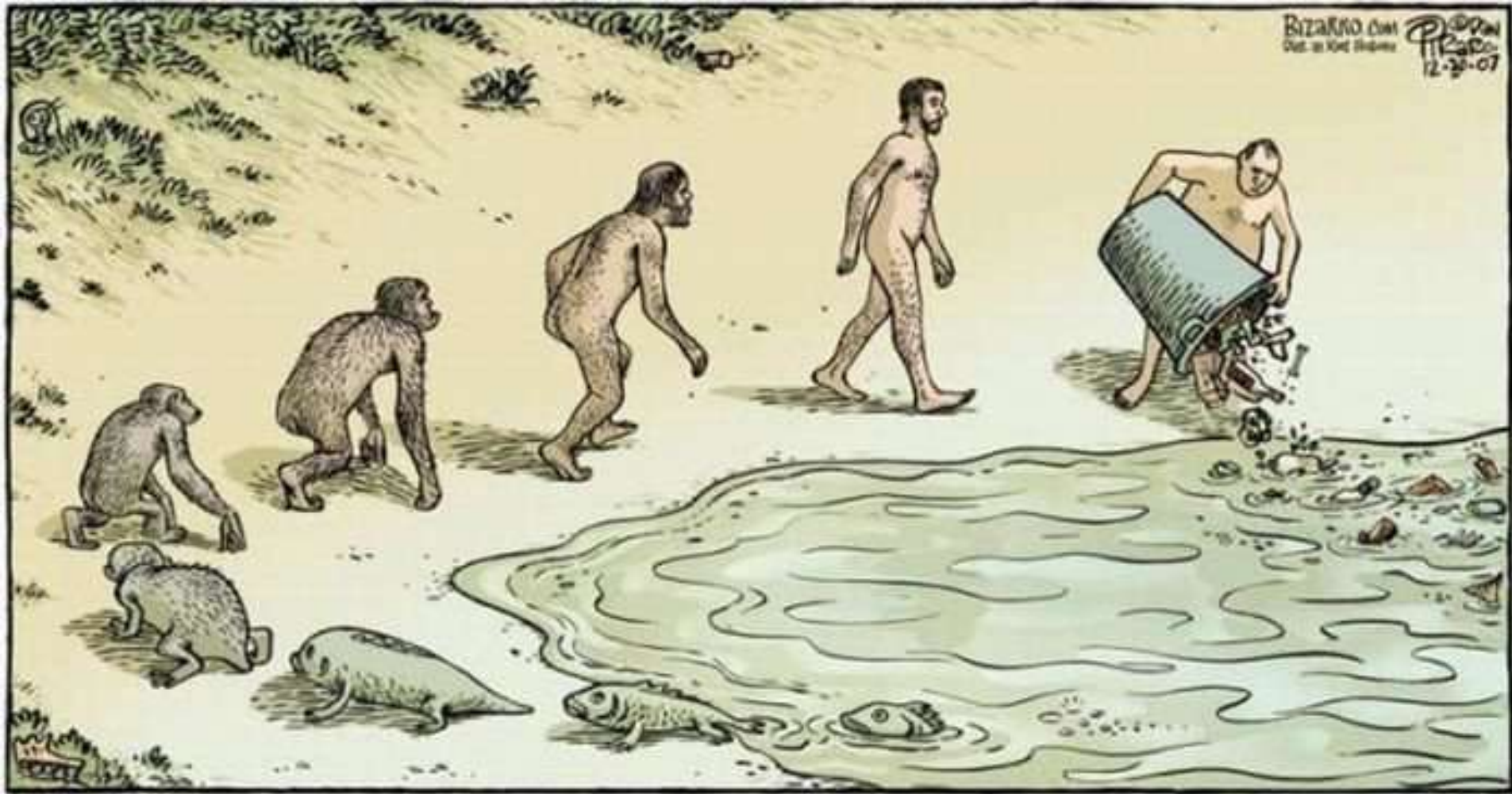
— --- Somak Ghosh, Yes Bank

ISSUES!!

- a. No scrutiny mechanism for DNA.
- b. CDM violates other UN treaties
- c. Green tagging toxic technologies

Challenges !!

- Market based limitations
- Complex process designed to keep communities out.
- Limitations of local monitoring authorities
- Communities engagement limitations



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