

Hazardous Waste Incineration

Name of Process:

Hazardous waste incineration

Vendors include:

A number of existing hazardous waste incineration facilities are identified within the inventory of worldwide PCB destruction capacity.(UNEP, 2001 and Draft 2004)

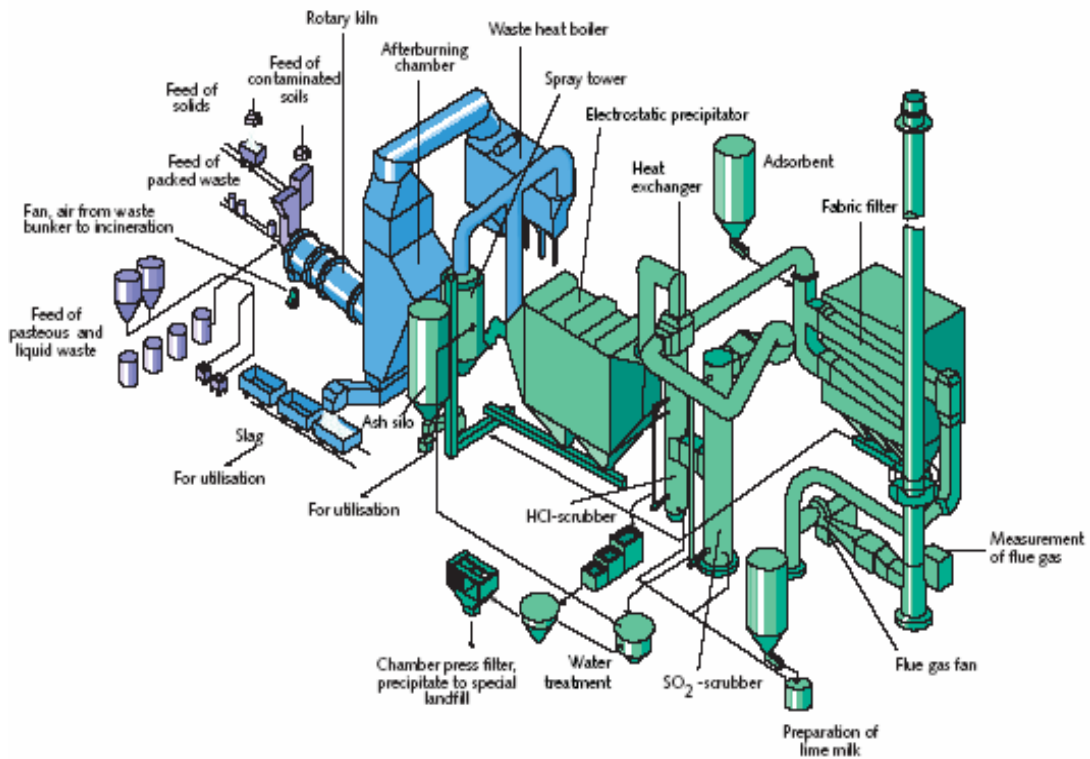
Applicable POPs wastes:

Hazardous waste incinerators are capable of treating wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with any POP. Incinerators can be designed to accept wastes in any concentration or any physical form, i.e., gases, liquids, solids, sludges and slurries.(UNEP, 1995c)

Status:

There is a long history of experience with hazardous waste incineration. (UNEP, 2001, UNEP Draft 2004)

Technology description: Hazardous waste incineration uses controlled flame combustion to treat organic contaminants mainly in rotary kilns. Typically a process for treatment involves heating to a temperature greater than 850 °C or, if the chlorine content is above 1 %, greater than 1,100 °C, with a residence time greater than 2 seconds, under conditions that assure appropriate mixing. Dedicated hazardous waste incinerators are available in a number of configurations including rotary kiln incinerators, static ovens (for liquids only). High-efficiency boilers and light-weight aggregate kilns are also used for the co-incineration of hazardous wastes (See Brunner, 2004).

Process diagram:

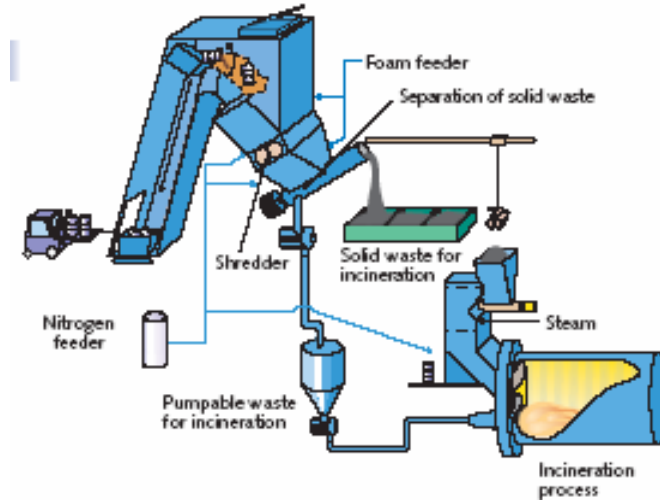
Example: Incineration plant in Finland

PART I: Criteria on the Adaptation of Technology to the Country

A. Performance:

1. Minimum pre-treatment:

Depending upon the configuration, pre-treatment requirements may include blending, dewatering, screening and shredding of wastes (UNEP, 1995c; UNEP, 1998b, UNEP, 2004c)



Example: Pre-treatment in Finland

2. Destruction efficiency (DE):

DREs of greater than 99.9999 percent have been reported for treatment of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with POPs. (FRTR) 2002; Rahuman et al., 2000; UNEP, 1998b and UNEP, 2001) DEs of greater than 99.999 and DREs of greater than 99.9999 per cent have been reported for chlordane and HCB (Ministry of the Environment of Japan, 2004, HIM, 2004), while DEs between 83.15 and 99.88% have been reported for PCBs (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1990) and > 99,999 % in Germany (HIM, 1983-84) and > 99,99992 % (HIM, 1995)

3. Toxic by-products:

4. Uncontrolled releases:

5. Capacity to treat all POPs:

Capable of treating wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with any POP and can be designed to accept wastes in any concentration or any physical form, i.e., gases, liquids, solids, sludges and slurries. (UNEP, 1995c)

Compounds treated:

6. Throughput:

6.1 Quantity [tons/day, L/day]

Hazardous waste incinerators can treat between 30,000 and 100,000 tons per year.

Full-Scale Plants Example Germany: 2 rotary kilns with a total capacity of 110 000 t/year for solid, fluid, paste, gaseous and in drums packed hazardous wastes

Semi-Mobile Plants:

Portable Plants: are applied in Poland with a capacity of 300 kg/h for a calorific value of waste 24 MJ/kg and at present in Latvia a container-based Incineration system (CIS) with a capacity of 2000-4000 t/y depending on calorific value of waste. Waste can contain to 2.5 % Sulphur and to 10% halogen (mostly chlorine).

6.2 POPs throughput : [POPs waste/total waste in %]

max 10% Chlorines or halogens

7. Wastes/Residuals:

7.1 Secondary waste stream volumes:

very low PCDD and PCDF discharges to water.(UNEP, 1995c; UNEP, 1998b; UNEP, 2004c) PCDDs and PCDFs are mainly found in fly ash and salt, and to some extent in bottom ash and scrubber water sludge

Example German installation: ashes 237 kg/t, filter ashes, filter dust 51 kg/t

Emissions include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, HCB, hydrogen chloride, particulates, PCDDs, PCDFs and PCBs and water vapour. Incinerators applying BAT, i.e., inter alia, designed for high temperature and equipped with prevention of reformation of PCDD/F and dedicated PCDD and PCDF removal (e.g., activated carbon filters), have led to very low PCDD and PCDF emissions to air (UNEP, 1995c; UNEP, 1998b; UNEP, 2004c).

7.2 Off gas treatment:

Process gases may require treatment to remove hydrogen chloride and particulate matter and to prevent the formation of and remove unintentionally produced POPs. This can be achieved through a combination of types of post-treatments, including cyclones and multi-cyclones, electrostatic filters, static bed filters, scrubbers, selective catalytic reduction, rapid quenching systems and carbon adsorption (UNEP, 2004c). Depending upon their characteristics, bottom and fly ashes may require disposal within a specially engineered landfill (US Army. 2003).

7.3 Complete elimination:

Detailed information and treatment examples:

Table 1: Technology Overview – Summary Technical Details

Table 2: Overview Project Experience per Technology Supplier

Table 3: Client References Overview project experience per technology suppliers

Table 4: Utilities Required for Hazardous Waste Treatment

See UNEP, 2001 and Draft 2004

PART II: Criteria on the Adaptation of the Country to the Technology

Part II is not applicable for Hazardous Waste Incineration (HWI) Plant is not specifically designed for POPs and under normal circumstances present in a country. Its presence is based on national or regional waste management plans and deals with the issue of hazardous waste management and only marginally with POPs. Therefore the data given in this Annex cannot simply be compared with the data for technologies which are specifically designed to treat POPs! This typical and state of the art Hazardous Waste Incineration (HWI) Plant with the combination of rotary kiln and secondary combustion chamber, followed by a boiler and sophisticated effective flue gas cleaning installations is able to dispose of continuously all kinds of hazardous waste: solid, liquid, gaseous, pasty and materials in drums. The part of pesticides, packed in drums, is normally less than 1 %. Together with other POPs waste like PCB it can be sometimes up to 5 % and are often negligible compared to the total waste treated.

Questions on energy use are not relevant, as most of the plants have energy recovery and deliver energy to the public network. Therefore only a limited number of issues have been dealt with in this part.

Note: This part has to be filled in every time the "suitability" of the technology has to be examined for a certain country situation!!

A. Resource needs: Example Germany: 2 rotary kilns with a total capacity of 110 000 t/year taken per year

All numbers are given per tonne

1. Power requirements :

170 KWh/t. The installation produces in one turbine the energy itself. One part is supplied to the public Electricity network, being ca 15 % of the generated energy

3. Fuel volumes:

Only 4.4 kg/t combustion oil is used during heating up of installation after standstill. Normally the installation runs completely by means of the waste provided

5. Weather tight buildings:

Yes

7. Sampling requirements/facilities:

9. Laboratory requirements:

A broad variety of spectroscopic, colorimetric and chromatographic techniques are used for monitoring, such as gas chromatography (GC), mass spectrometry (MS), GC/MS, inductively coupled plasma spectrometry (ICP), ion chromatography (IC), poly urethane foam (PUF) air monitoring, infra red (IR) spectroscopy, standard dust monitors, fly ash tests, slag tests, wipe tests, titrimetric methods, and mass balance analysis (UNEP, 2004).

On site requirements:

11. Number of personnel required:

11.1 Number of Technicians required (skilled labour): **11.2 Number of Labourers required** (unskilled labour):

2. Water requirements:

1.7 m³/t/year and the water is drawn from its own water supply well

4. Reagents volumes:

40 kg/t of 50% NaOH is used for the neutralisation of acid gases in the wet scrubber and is very much dependent on the Halogen and sulphur content of the wastes.

Activated carbon/chalk mixture is 1.5 kg/t (in the last step of the gas cleaning for traces of Dioxins and mercury)

6. Hazardous waste personnel requirement:

Plant workers have been required to be trained in hazardous waste operations

8. Peer sampling:

Continuous flue gas monitoring according to air pollution regulations and drainage water sampling. In some cases samples from the stack gas are taken in a discontinuous mode and analyzed by independent laboratories. In case of POPs/PTS releases it is possible to return components to the process. Fly ash tests and slag tests. All sampling according to regulations.

Some facilities monitor their gaseous releases monthly/annually to verify compliance with air discharge permit and some facilities hold and test solids and effluents prior to discharge for total organic chlorine (TOCl), total organic carbon (TOC), pH, temperature, turbidity, and heavy metals concentration. (UNEP, 2004)

10. Communication systems:

Mobile network:

Fixed network:

B. Costs:

Rough calculation of a new plant in a country based on existing standards in Germany:

-throughput 2 x 50,000 t/Year treating solid, liquid, pastes, drums

- thermal capacity (with boiler) 2 x 22 MW

-buffer capacity for waste 5 days

would require investment ca. 50 mio US \$

plus 85 people personnel

1. Installation and commissioning costs [US Dollars]: **2. Site preparation costs** [US Dollars]:

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<p>3. Energy & Telecom installation costs:</p> <p>5. Complying costs: Amount of compliance testing, oversight, etc., will depend on regulatory requirements</p> <p>7. Running costs with no waste:</p> <p>9. Decommissioning costs: Not applicable</p> <p>11. Transport costs of residues: Depending on the local situation – Should be filled in by the concerned country</p>	<p>4. Monitoring costs: Amount of monitoring dependent on regulatory requirements</p> <p>6. Reporting costs: Amount of monitoring dependent on regulatory requirements</p> <p>8. Running costs with waste:</p> <p>10. Landfill costs: Depending on the local situation – Should be filled in by the concerned country</p>		
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