



# Overview of the Impact of Solid Waste Management on Climate Change

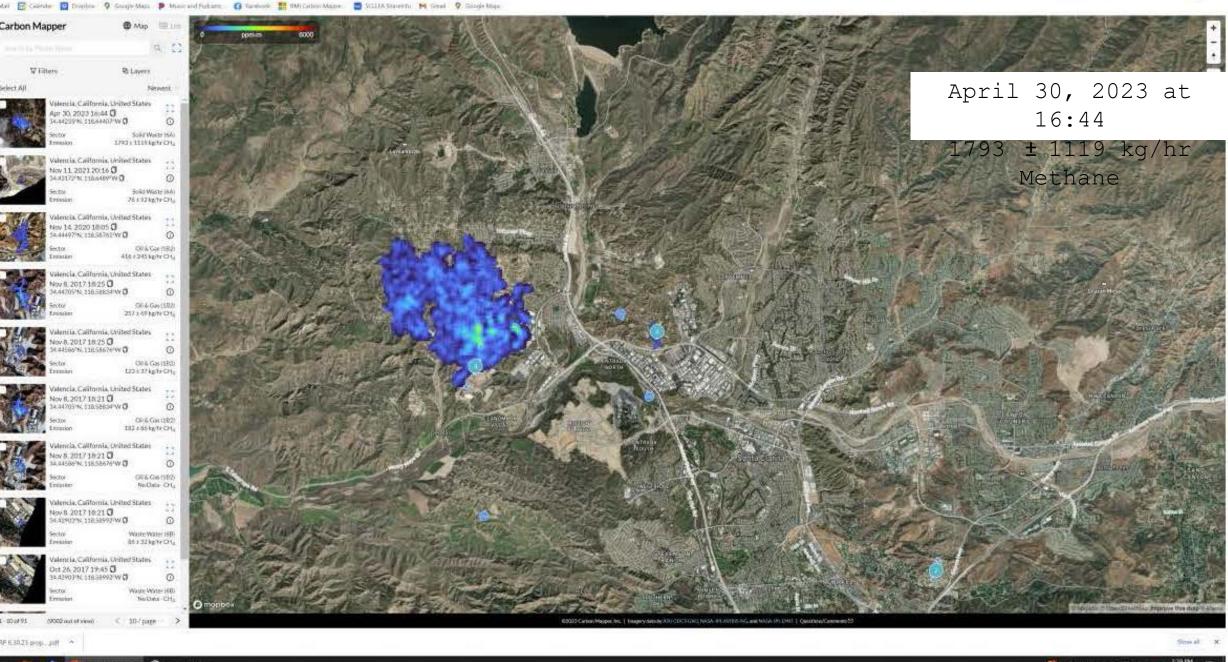
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#### NASA Methane Survey Findings (California)

- The California Methane Survey quantified a point source methane budget in California (solid waste management, manure/enteric fermentation, oil/gas, energy, wastewater treatment);
- Less than 0.2% of infrastructure elements in the state (based on a survey of 272,000 facilities and components) are responsible for 34-46% of total methane emissions in California;
- Waste management is the largest methane point source emission sector in California (41% of our study total), driven by a small fraction of landfills;
- Largest super-emitters in California are about 35 landfills typically with average fluxes in the few thousand  $kgCH_4/hr$  range. Qualitatively higher than super-emitters in other sectors which tend to be in the few hundred kg/hr range.

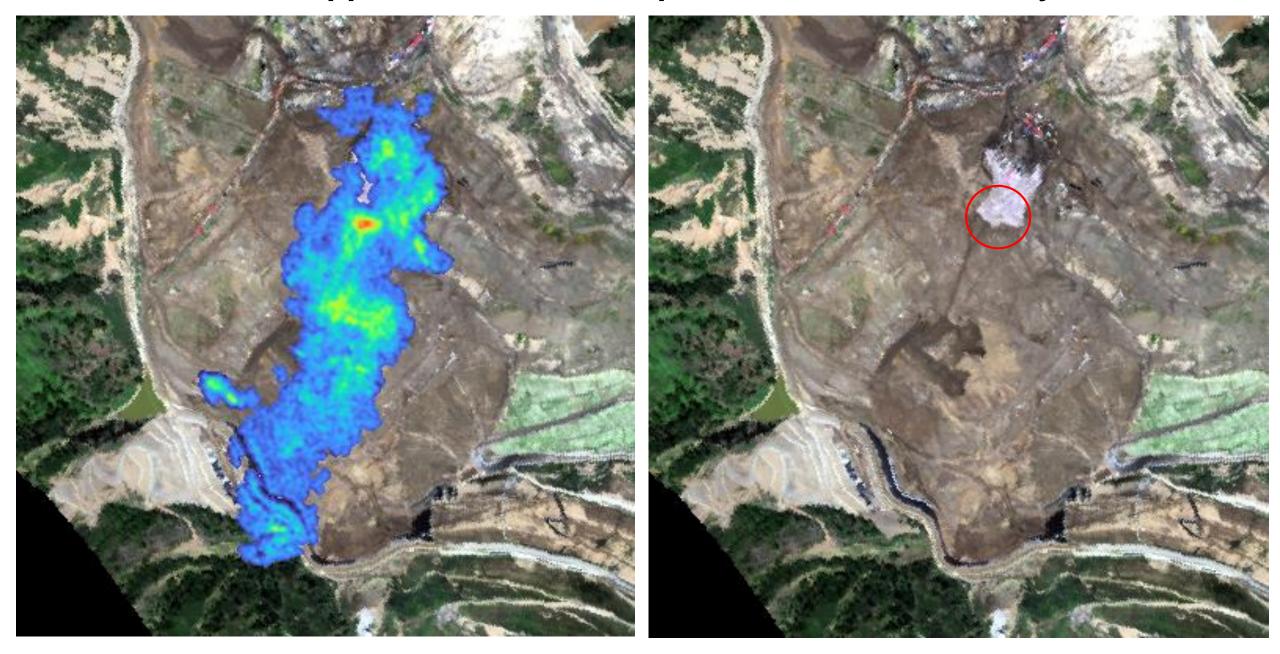


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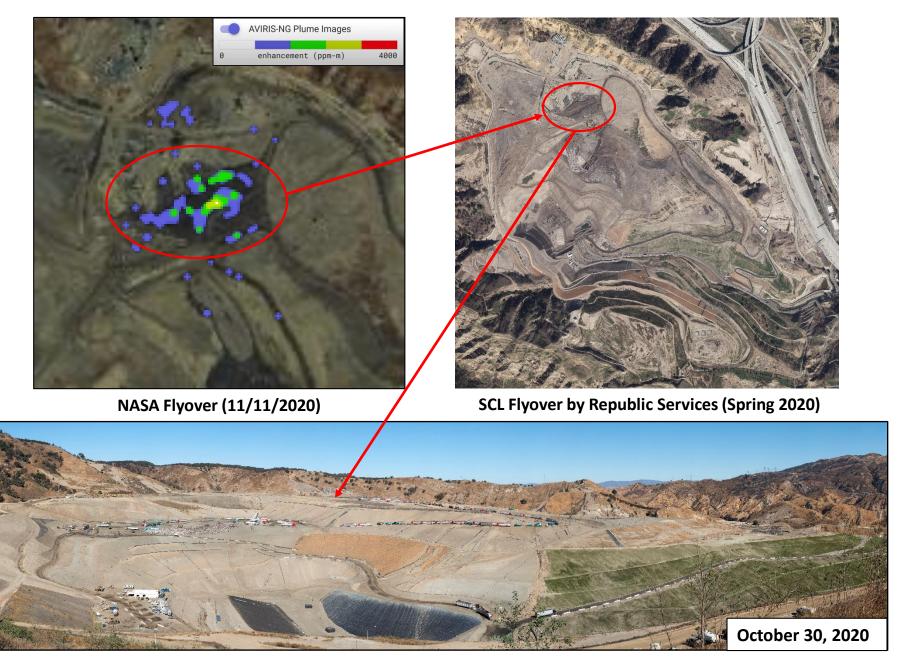
Carbon Mapper / NASA / JPL April 16 – 17, 2024 SCL Flyover





# Video of Landfill Gas Extraction Well (November 2023)

#### NASA Flyover of Sunshine Canyon Landfill (November 11, 2020)



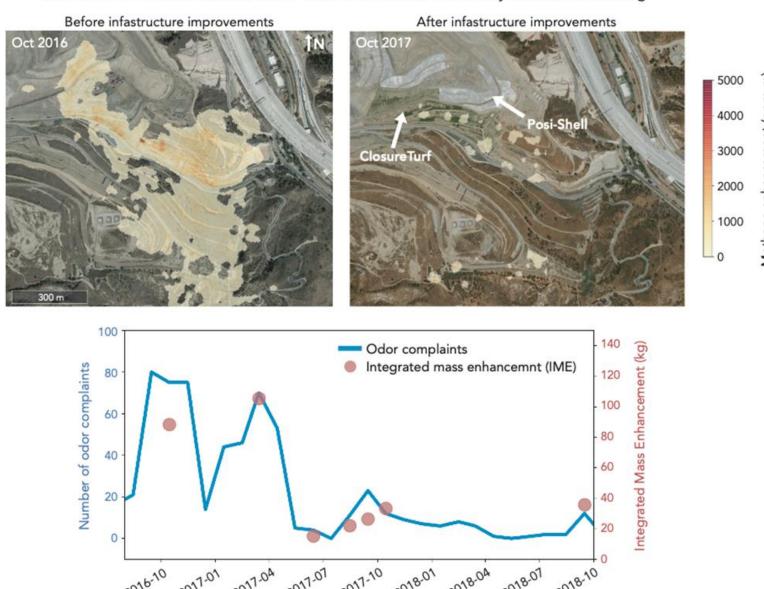


# **Utilization of Methane Flyover Images/Data**

The landfill operator,
Republic Services, went to
the area where the
NASA/ARB flyover
indicated surface
emissions. The foam
plugs around the landfill
gas well heads were
reinstalled.

#### NASA (Cusworth 2019)

Reduction in methane emissions from intermediate cover verified by airborne monitoring



#### Freeze Frame at 2:52:00 PM

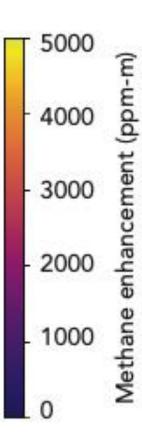


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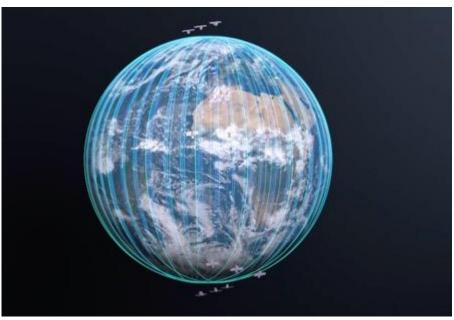
#### Aerated windrow composting

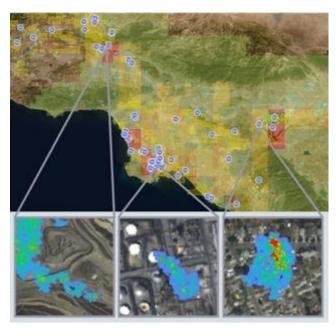




# Carbon Mapper: Operational Monitoring of Facility-Scale Methane and CO2 from Space















#### RMI / Carbon Mapper / IG3IS White Paper's: Sunshine Canyon Landfill Best Management Practices



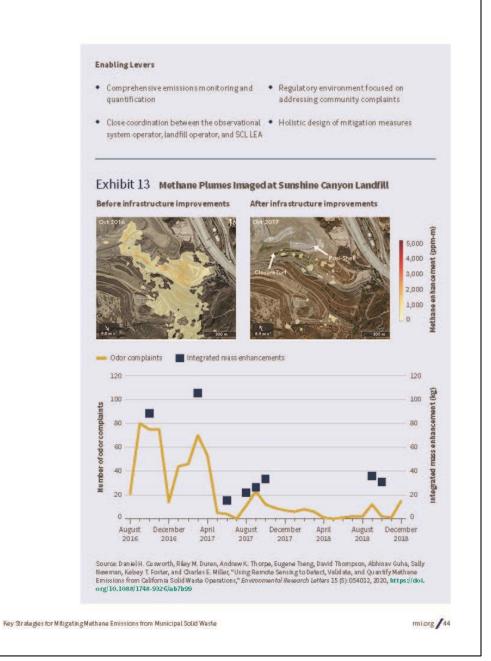




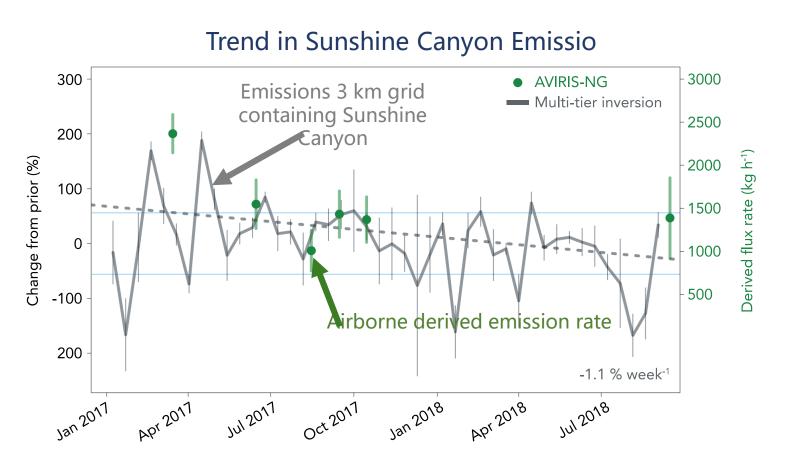
#### **Key Strategies for Mitigating Methane Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste**

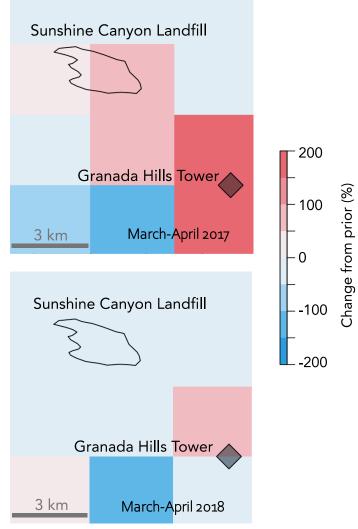


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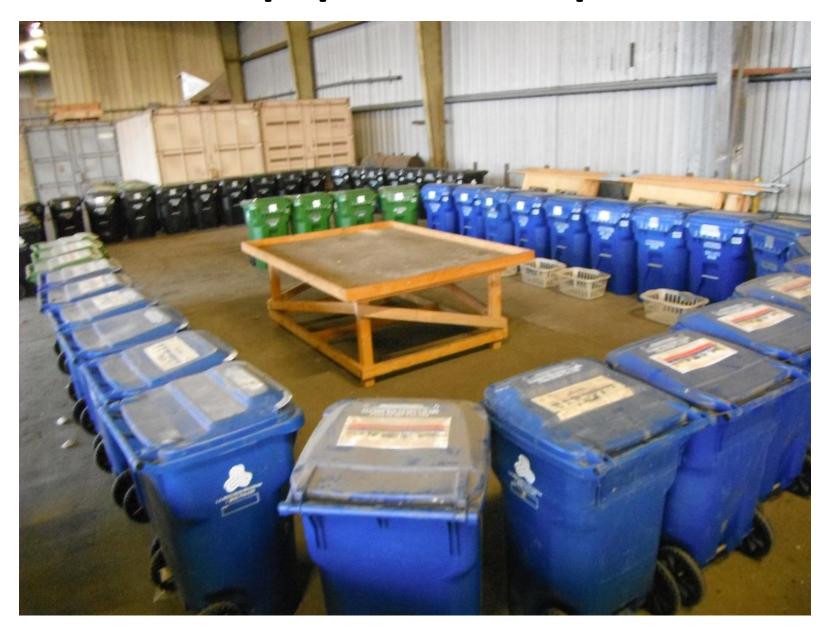
# Sunshine Canyon: Mitigation Efforts Verified by Airborne Monitoring and Nearby Air Quality Towers





Tower network maintained by the LA Megacities Carbon Project

# **Equipment Setup**



## Cumulative Sizing Analysis of "Material Types" for MRF Facility Equipment Vendors

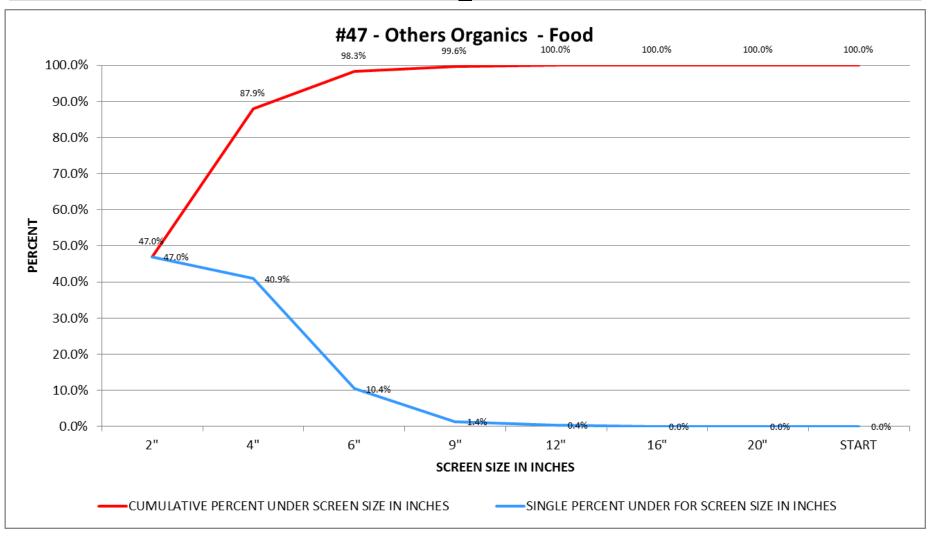


# 2" Screen (Coffee K-Cup / Pods)



#### City of Oxnard: Food Waste Cumulative Sizing (March 2014)

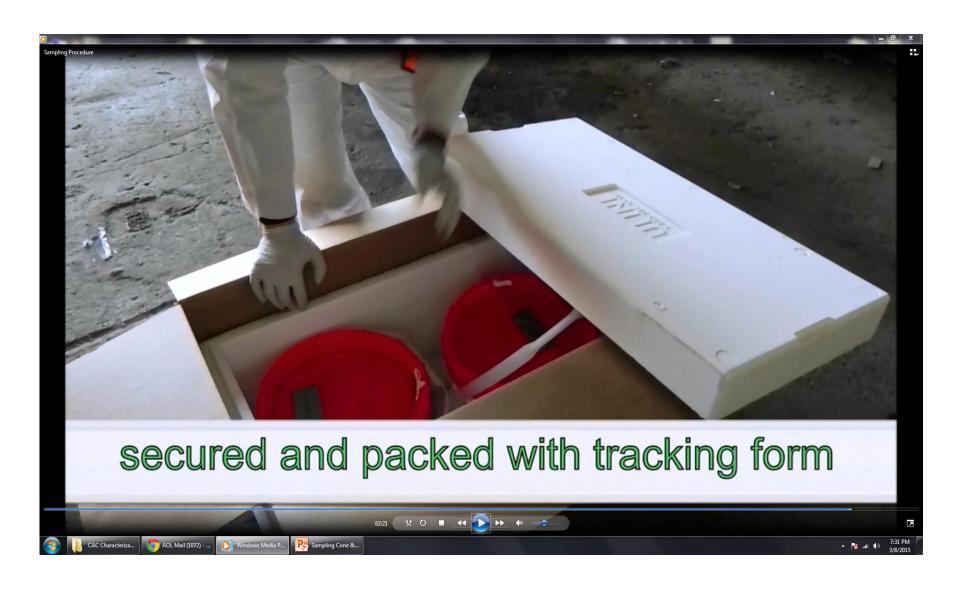
CUMULATIVE PERCENT UNDER SCREEN SIZE IN INCHES						S	INGLE PE	ERCENT L	JNDER FO	OR SCREE	N SIZE I	N INCHES	;			
	2"	4"	6"	9"	12"	16"	20"	START	2"	4"	6"	9"	12"	16"	20"	START
47.	.0%	87.9%	98.3%	99.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	47.0%	40.9%	10.4%	1.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



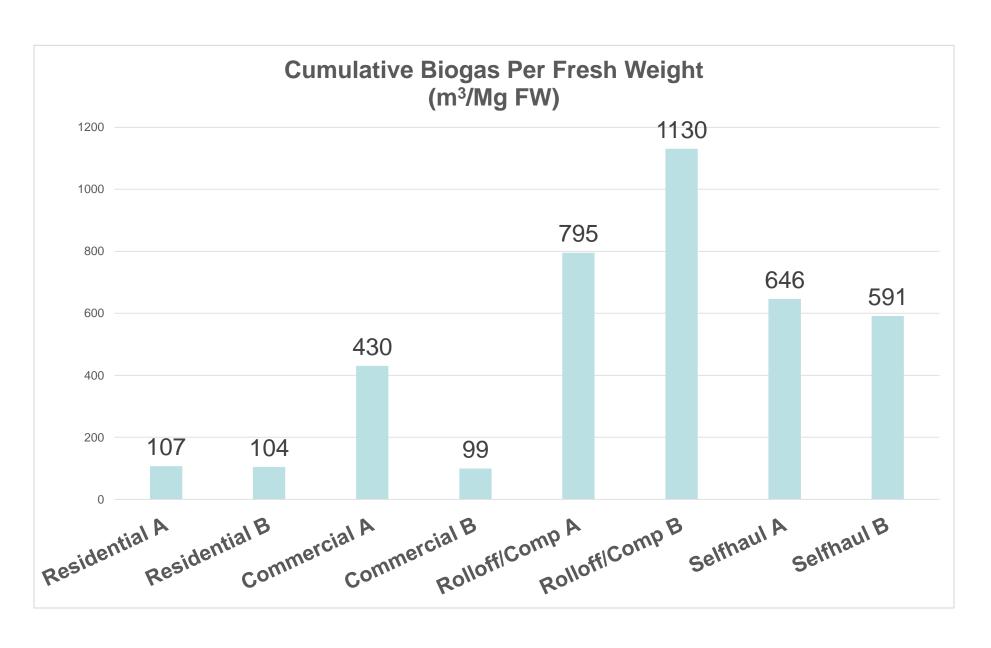
### **Density Measurement**



### Packing of Samples (Dry Ice/Insulated)

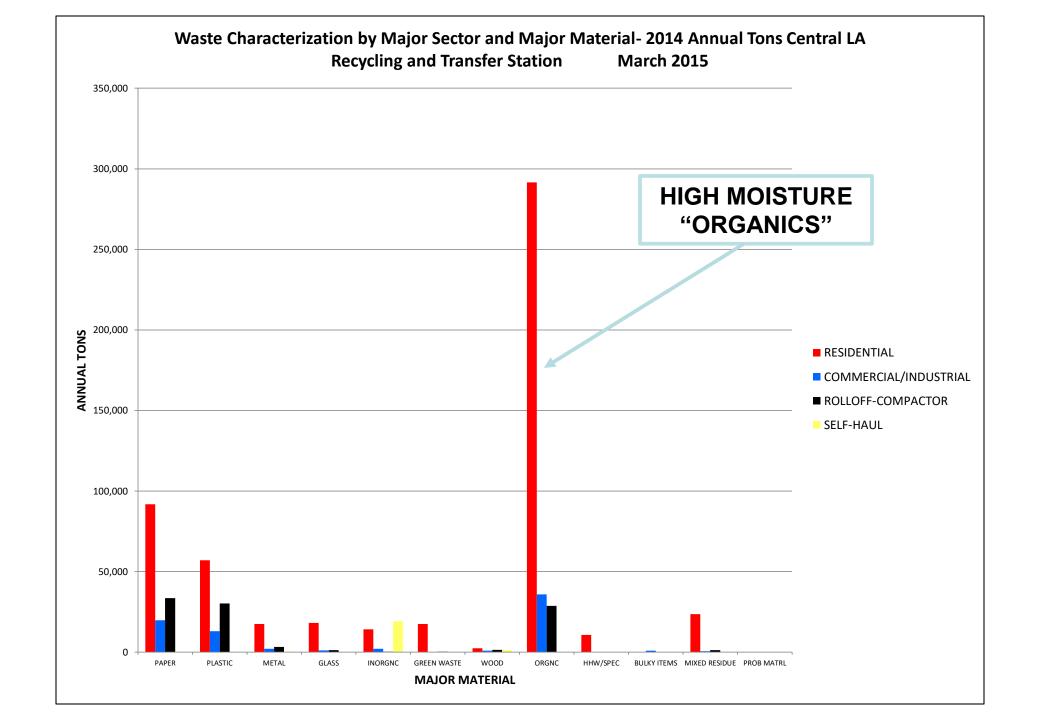


### **Biological Methane Formation Potential**



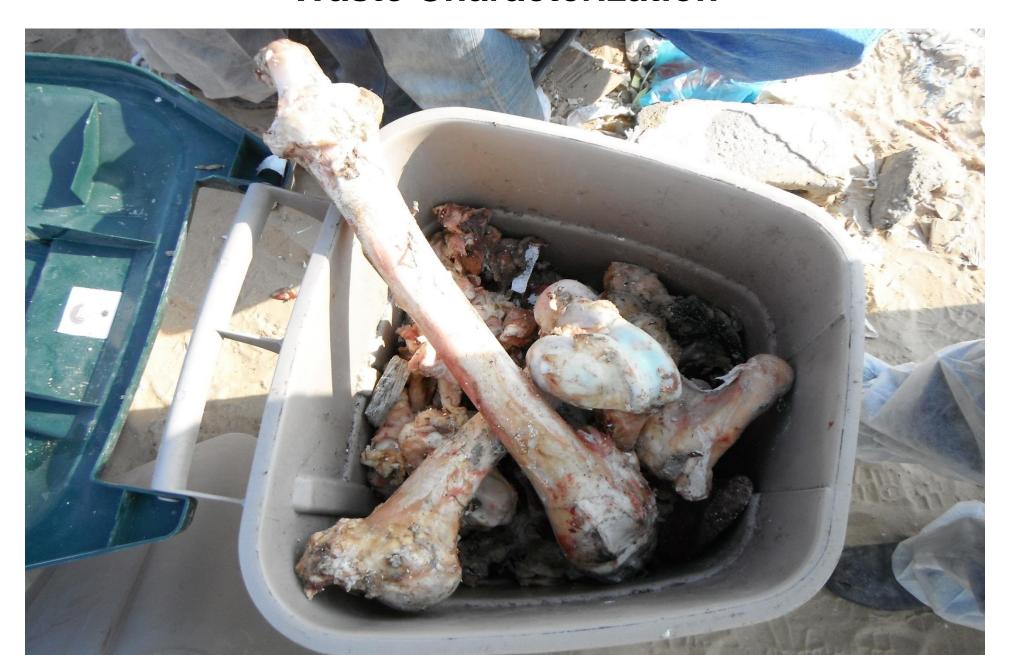
### High Moisture Content

Sample ID:	Samp Date & 1	4500	Lab#:	Moisture, Total	
		Consequent of the Consequence		wt%	As R
31. Food	2/24/15	n/a	T1500336-016	73.73	
32. Textiles & Leathers	2/24/15	n/a	T1500336-017	13.41	_
33. Rubber	2/24/15	n/a	T1500336-018	16.48	
34. Carpet/Padding	2/24/15	n/a	T1500336-019	3.62	
35. R/C Misc. Organics	2/24/15	n/a	T1500336-020	67.31	
45. Mixed Residue	2/24/15	n/a	T1500336-021	34.93	_





#### **Waste Characterization**







Hiding from the sandstorm during the landfill waste composition study..!

City of LA Waste Composition Protocols for Zero Waste Planning (2009 – 2010)

•	Los Angeles Waste Composition Study (2009)	Services Medical / Health				
ID#	Classification Description					
1	CONTAINERS & PACKAGING	28.3%				
1A	Ferrous / Steel	0.5%				
1B	Aluminum	0.3%				
1C	Glass	0.0%				
1D	Ceramic / Glass-Ceramic	0.1%				
1E	Paperboard (e.g. groundwood)	3.3%				
1F	Cardboard / Kraft Paper	4.0%				
1G	Other Paper	1.1%				
1H	Plastic #1 PETE	0.7%				
11	Plastic #2 HDPE	0.9%				
<b>1</b> J	Plastic #3 PVC	1.1%				
1K	Plastic #4 LDPE	0.1%				
1L	Plastic #5 PP	0.8%				
1M	Plastic #6 PS	3.5%				
1N	Plastic #7 Other	0.6%				
10	Plastic Film	2.3%				
1P	Plastic Trash Bags	4.9%				
1Q	Plastic Grocery / Mdse Bags	0.4%				
1R	Wood (e.g. crates, boxes, etc.)	0.0%				
15	Metal Composite / Combo	0.1%				
1T	Paper Composite / Combo	1.7%				
1U	Plastic Composite / Combo	2.2%				
1V	Glass Composite / Combo	0.1%				
1W	Other Mat'ls / Composite Pkgng	0.0%				
2	DURABLE GOODS	0.1%				
2A	Ferrous / Steel	0.1%				
2B	Aluminum	0.0%				
2C	Other Non-Ferrous Metals	0.0%				
2D	Glass	0.0%				
2E	Ceramic / Glass-Ceramic	0.0%				
2F	Plastic (Durable Plastic Items)	0.0%				
2G	Wood	0.0%				
2H	Wood Pallets	0.0%				
2K	Metal Composite / Combo	0.0%				
2L	Paper Composite / Combo	0.0%				
2M	Plastic Composite / Combo	0.0%				
2N	Glass Composite / Combo	0.0%				
20	Other Materials / Composite	0.0%				
2P	Tires	0.0%				
21	Carpet / Padding	0.0%				
2J	Bulky Items (Furniture)	0.0%				

City of Los A		Services Medical / Healt				
ID#	Classification Description					
3	NON-DURABLE GOODS	67.2%				
31	Ferrous / Steel	0.2%				
3J	Aluminium	0.0%				
зк	Other Non-Ferrous	0.0%				
за	Newspaper	1.0%				
3B	White Paper	2.7%				
3C	Colored Ledger	0.0%				
3D	Computer Paper	0.3%				
3E	Mixed Paper/Other Ofc Paper	1.1%				
3F	Magazines / Directories	1.3%				
3G	Personal Paper / Wipes	8.4%				
ЗН	Other / Composite Paper	0.8%				
3P	Non-Durable Plastic Goods	3.9%				
3M	Food Waste	20.1%				
3N	Clothing / Textiles	10.0%				
30	Rubber and Leather	3.9%				
3L	Wood	0.0%				
3Q	Metal Composite / Combo	8.2%				
3R	Paper Composite / Combo	2.2%				
35	Plastic Composite / Combo	3.1%				
3T	Glass Composite / Combo	0.0%				
3U	Other Materials / Composite	0.0%				
4	OTHER WASTES	4.4%				
4A	Ash / Sludge	0.0%				
4B	Yard Waste	3.3%				
4C	Manure	0.0%				
4D	Agricultural Waste	0.0%				
4E	Misc/Remnder Composite Organic	0.5%				
4F	C & D Concrete	0.0%				
4G	C & D Asphalt Paving	0.0%				
4H	C & D Asphalt Roofing	0.0%				
41	C & D Soil / Fines	0.0%				
4J	C & D Drywall / Gypsum	0.0%				
4K	C & D Wood	0.0%				
4L	Misc/Remnder Composite Inorganic	0.0%				
4M	HHW Paint	0.0%				
4N	HHW Vehicle/Equipment Fluids	0.0%				
40	HHW Used Oil / Use Oil Filters	0.0%				
4P	HHW E-Waste	0.0%				
4Q	HHW Batteries	0.1%				
4R	Other HHW	0.1%				
45	Mixed Residue	0.4%				

### Kaiser Permanente

#### Waste Flow Process Mapping



Identify Opportunities for Reducing Disposal and Increasing Recycling



Shrink Wrap / Cardboard Recycling

Pallet and Metal Recovery/Recycling

#### Conduct Detailed On-Site "Functional Assessment"









Opportunities for Improvement, Communication, and/or Education



# **Hollywood Prop**

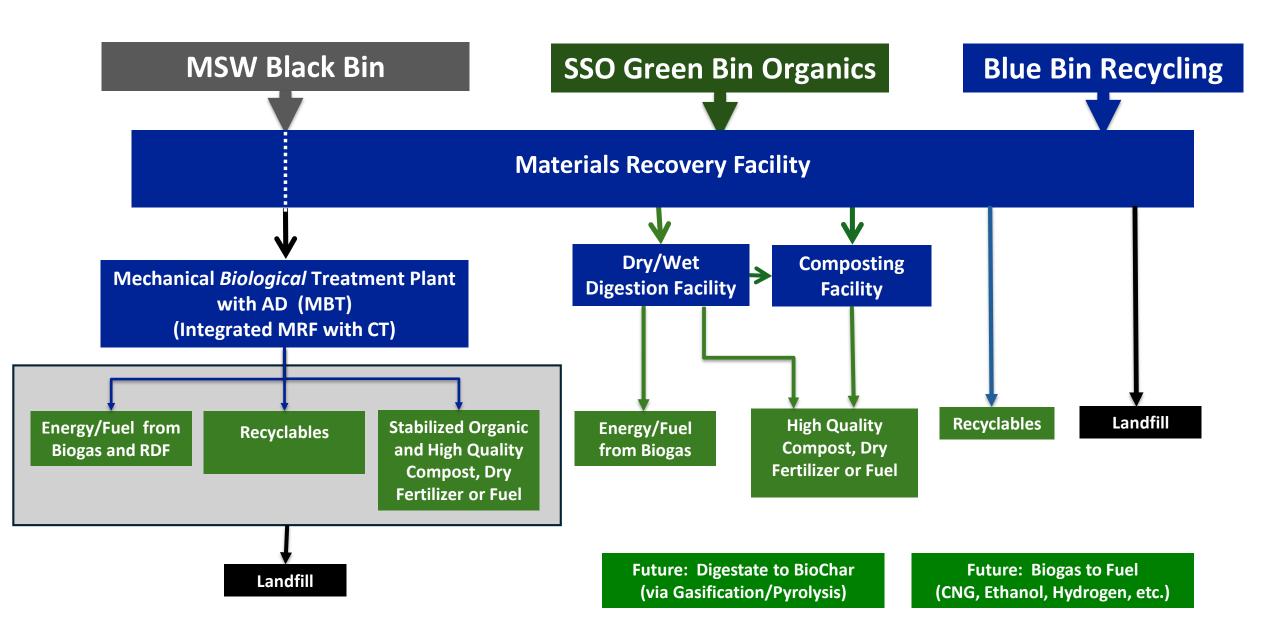


Targeted Wastestream Materials by Statute (Statutory Overlap of Targeted Materials)										
Material Type	Name of California Statute				Material Type	Name of California Statute				
	AB 939	AB 341	AB 1826	SB 1383		AB 939	AB 341	AB 1826	SB 1383	
PAPER					OTHER ORGANIC					
Uncoated Corrugated Cardboard	Х	Х		Х	Food	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Paper Bags	Х	Х		Х	Leaves and Grass	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Newspaper	Х	Х		х	Prunings and Trimmings	Х	Х	Х	Х	
White Ledger Paper	Х	Х		Х	Branches and Stumps	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Other Office Paper	Х	Х		х	Manures	Х	Х		Х	
Magazines and Catalogs	Х	Х		х	Textiles	Х	Х		Х	
Phone Books and Directories	Х	Х		х	Carpet		Х		Х	
Other Miscellaneous Paper - Compostable	Х	Х	Х	х	Remainder / Composite Organic	Х			Х	
Other Miscellaneous Paper - Other	Х	Х		Х	INERTS OTHER					
Remainder / Composite Paper - Compostable	Х	Х	Х	х	Concrete	Х	Х			
Remainder / Composite Paper - Other	Х				Asphalt Paving	Х	Х			
GLASS					Asphalt Roofing	Х	Х			
Clear Glass Bottles and Containers	Х	Х			Clean Dimensional Lumber	Х	Х	Х	X	
Green Glass Bottles and Containers	Х	Х			Clean Engineered Wood	Х	Х		Х	
Brown Glass Bottles and Containers	Х	Х			Clean Pallets & Crates	Х	Х	Х	X	
Other Glass Colored Bottles and Containers	Х	Х			Other Wood Waste	Х	Х		Х	
Flat Glass	Х	Х			Gypsum Board	Х	Х			
Remainder / Composite Glass	Х				Rock, Soil and Fines	Х	Х			
METAL					Remainder / Composite Inerts and Other	Х	Х			
Tin/Steel Cans	Х	Х			HHW					
Major Appliances	Х	Х			Paint	Х				
Used Oil Filters	Х	Х			Vehicle and Equipment Fluids	Х				
Other Ferrous	Х	Х			Used Oil	Х				
Aluminum Cans	Х	Х			Batteries	Х				
Other Non-Ferrous	Х	Х			Remainder / Composite Household Hazardous	X				
Remainder / Composite Metal	Х	Х			SPECIAL WASTE					
ELECTRONICS					Ash	Х				
Brown Goods	Х				Treated Medical Waste	Х				
Computer-related Electronics	Х				Bulky Items	Х	Х			
Other Small Consumer Electronics	Х				Tires	Х	Х			
Video Display Devices	Х				Remainder / Composite Special Waste	Х				
PLASTIC					Mixed Residue	Х				
PETE Plastic Containers	Х	Х								
HDPE Plastic Containers	Х	Х			Note: Statutory overlap refers to I	now dif	ferent	statute	15	
Miscellaneous Plastic Containers	Х	Х								
Plastic Trash Bags	Х	Х			have targeted the various materials for diversion and or		r			
Plastic Grocery and Other Merchandise Bags	Х	Х			disposal reduction. The "X" indicates that the specific					
Non-Bag Commercial and Industrial Packaging Film	Х	Х			· ·					
Film Products	Х	Х			material type when diverted by a designated program,					
Other Film - Other	Х	Х			programmatic credit can be taken under the multiple					
Durable Plastic Items - #2 and #5 Bulky Rigids	Х	Х						•		
Durable Plastic Items - Other	Х	Х			statutes identified.					

Remainder / Composite Plastic

Х

#### BASIC ORGANICS INFRASTRUCTURE PROCESSING OPTIONS





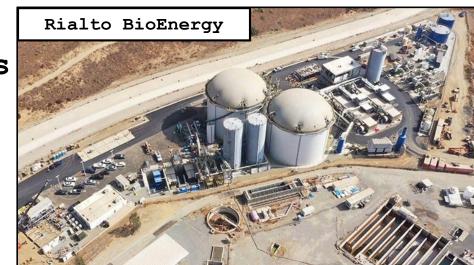
### Sun Valley CA, Commercial SSO & MSW Processing Line



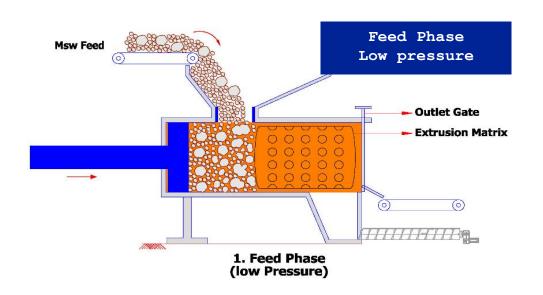


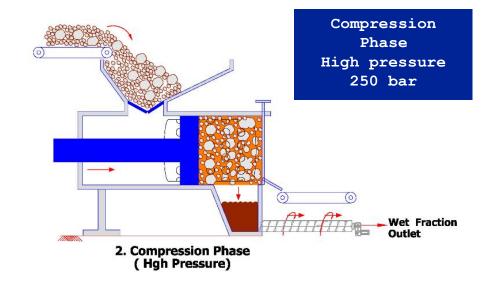
#### Examples of Potential Destinations for Organics

- Traditional Recycling Markets for Paper, Wood, etc.
- Landscaping and Nursery Applications
- Food to Animal Feed Outlets (Generator Program)
- Edible Food Recovery Organizations (Generator Program)
- Composting Facilities
- Wastewater Treatment Plant (Existing / Retrofitted Digesters)
- Regional Anaerobic Digestion Facilities
- Biomass Energy Facilities
- Waste to Energy Facilities
- Cement Kiln

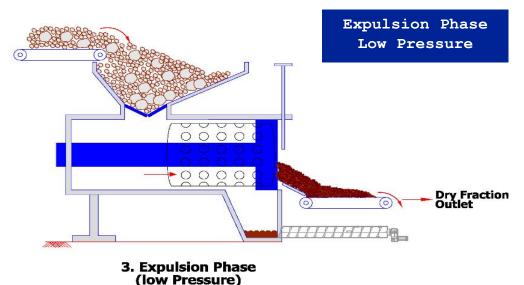


#### OREX Compressive Force Operating Principle

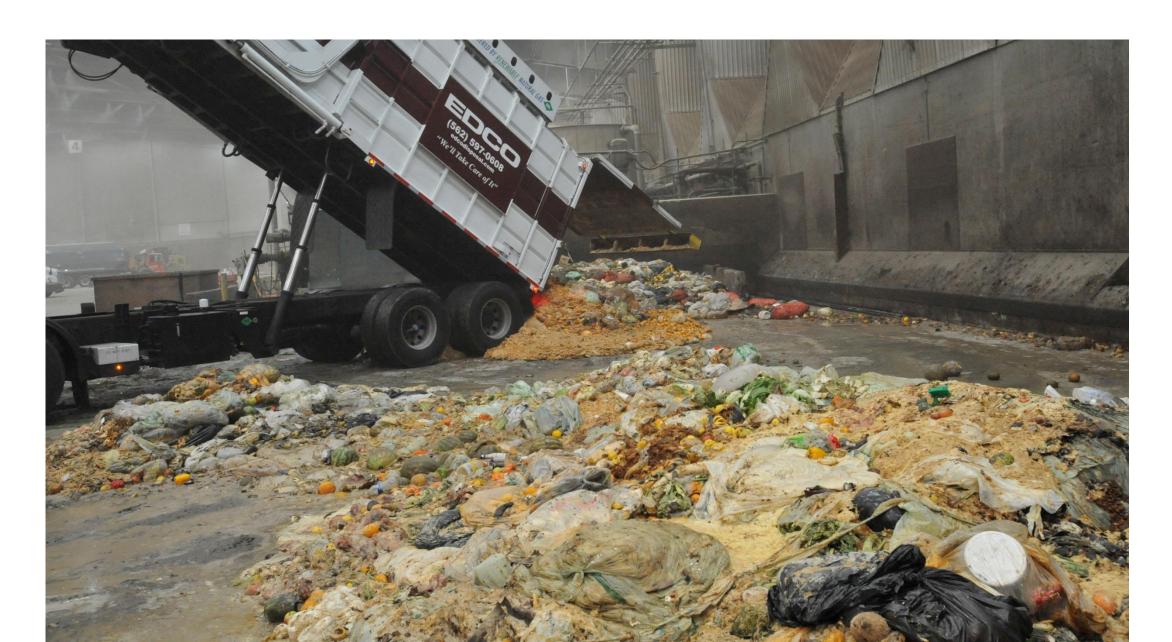




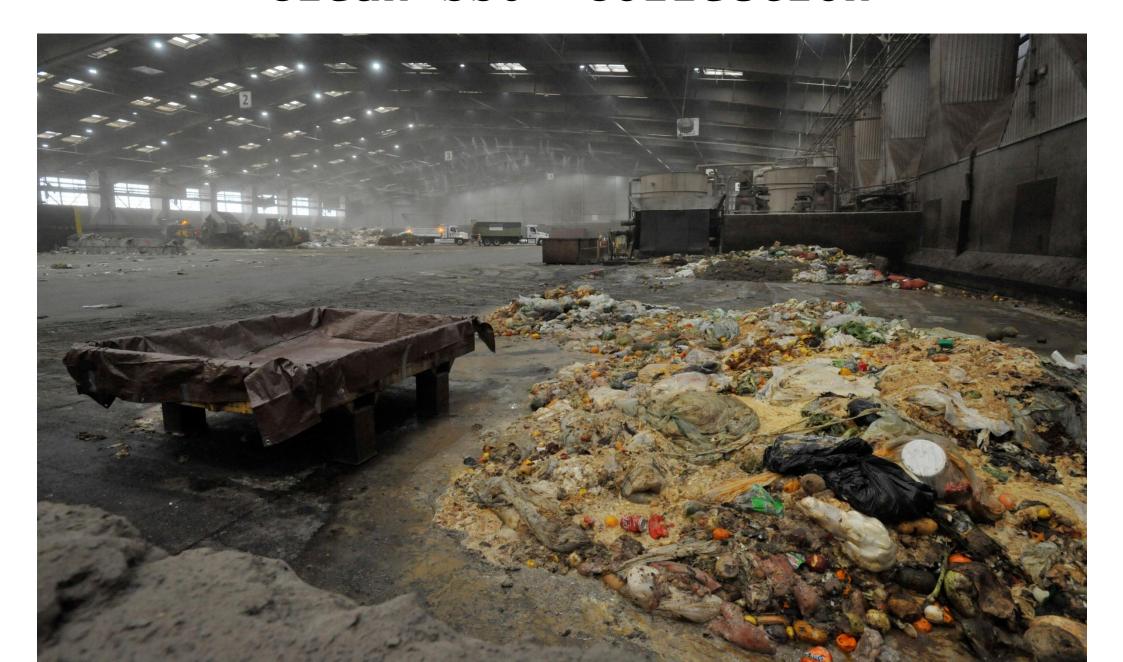
90%+ Putrescible Organics Recovery



### Clean SSO Collection



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## Food Waste Slurry (Puente Hills MRF)





#### Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

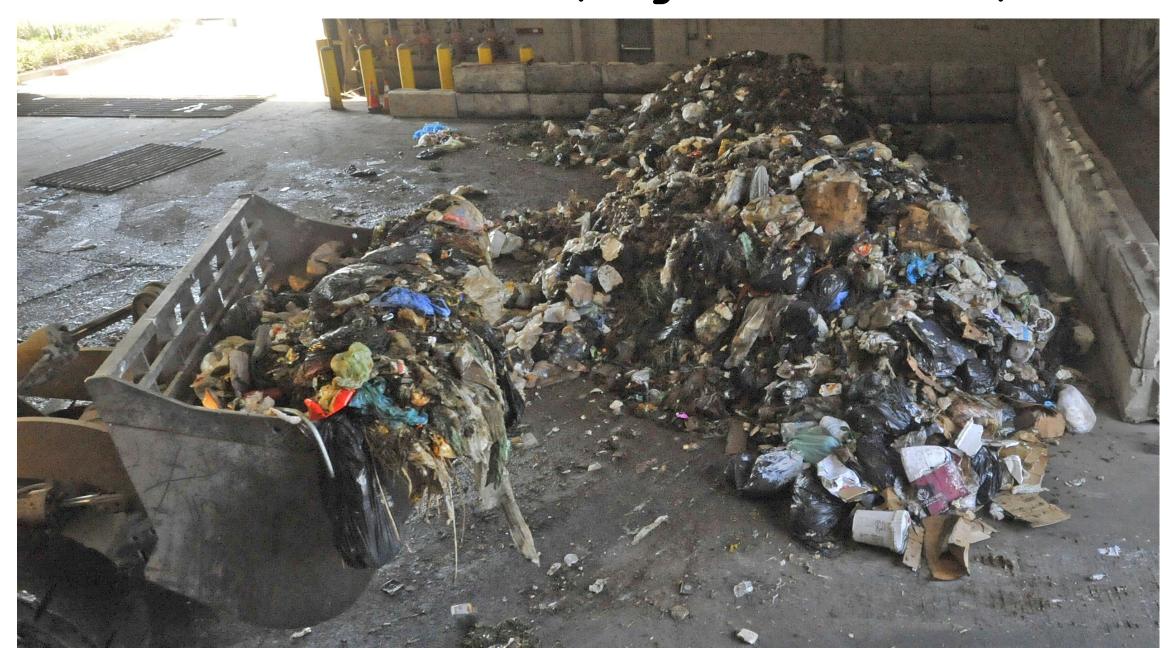


## **Food Waste Receiving**

Food waste is pumped from WM tanker trucks into closed, sealed storage tanks, controlling odors.



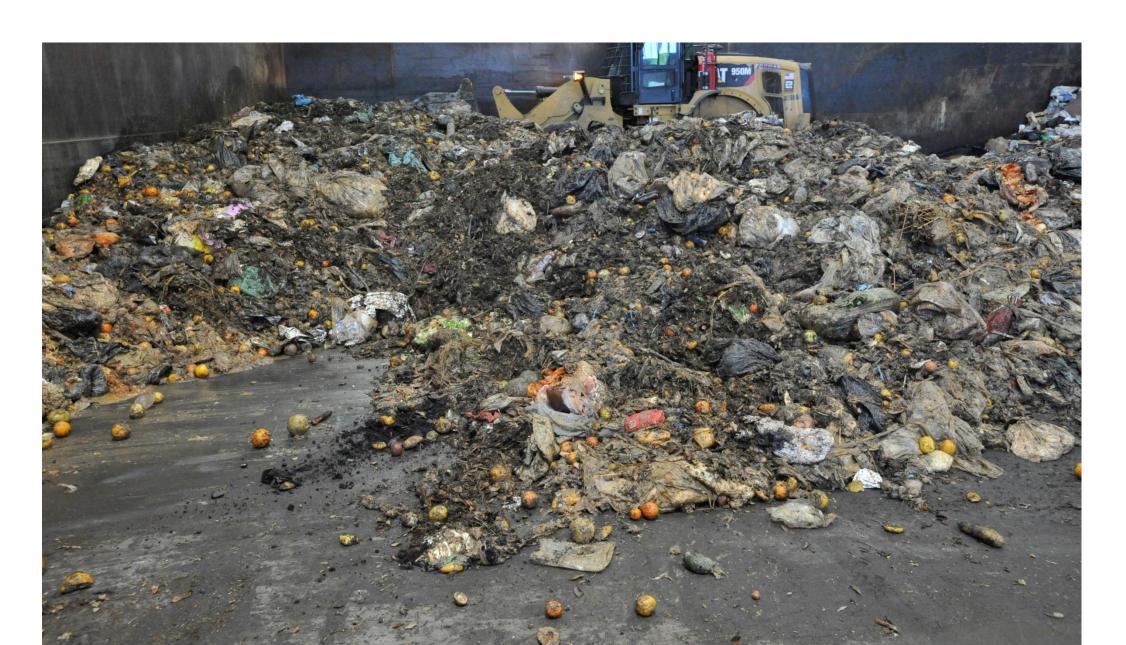
## SSO Green Bin (Organics Route)



#### Supermarket Trim and Cull (SSO)



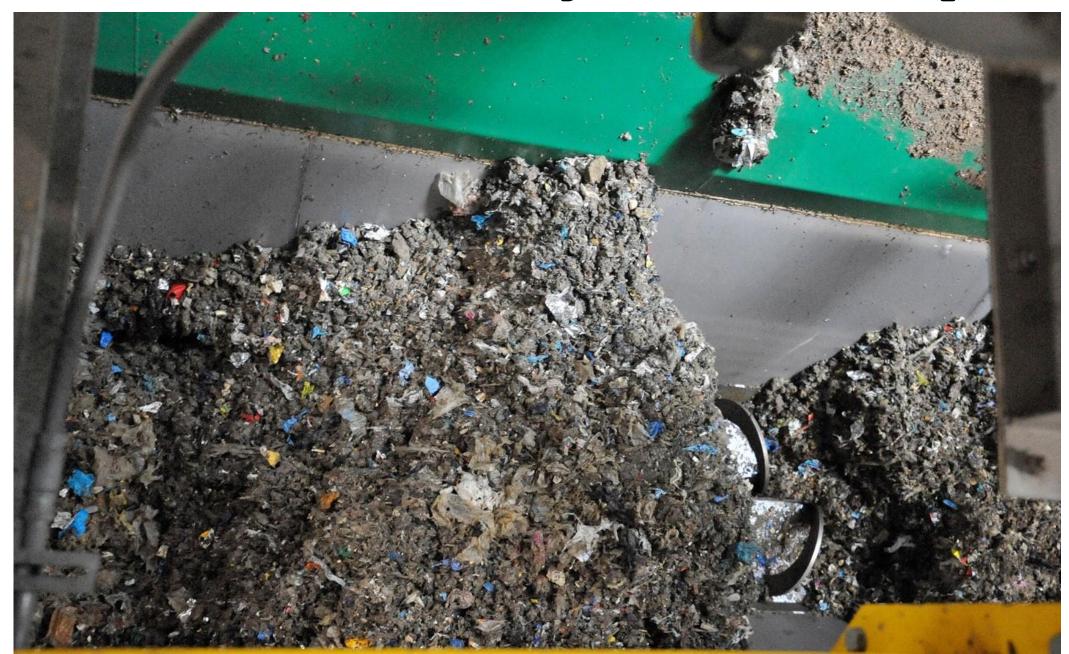
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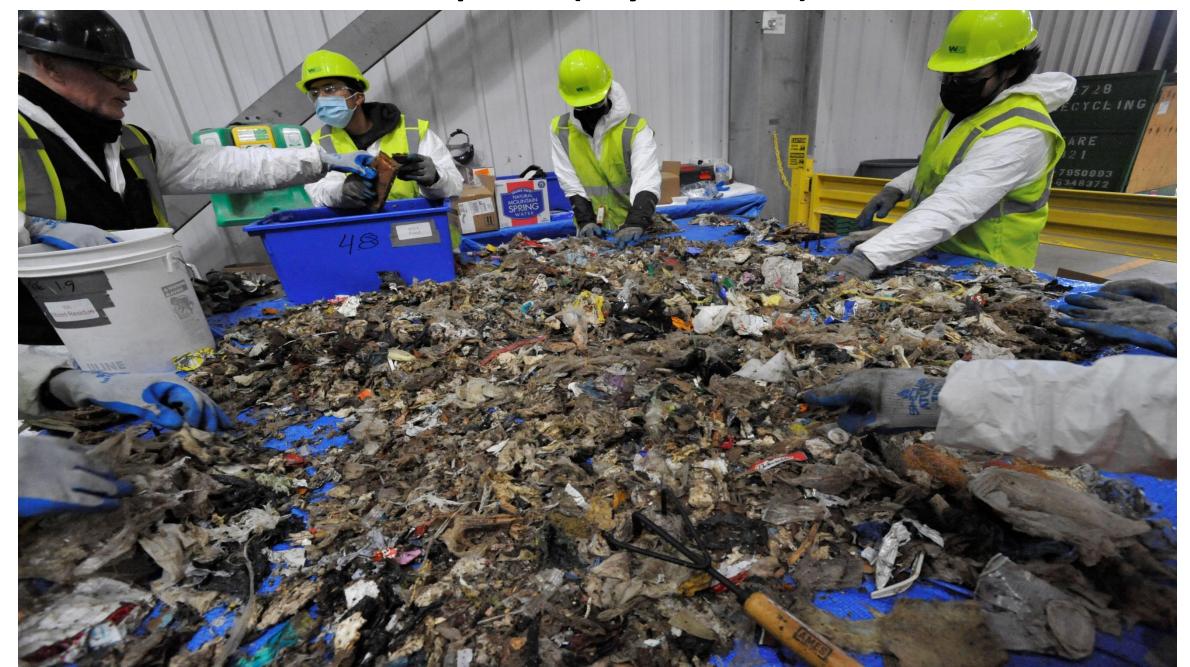
#### Source Separated Organics (SSO)



#### Cake to Rialto Digestion Facility



## **Disposal (Dry Fraction)**



#### Food Waste in Input vs Residue

Food Waste in Residue Samples Typically Dry, Fibrous, and or "Solid"



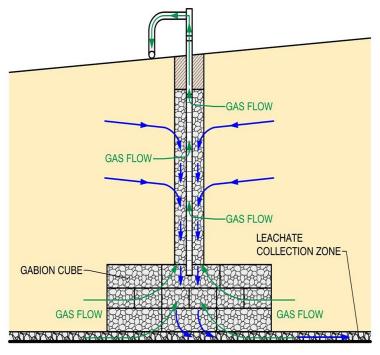


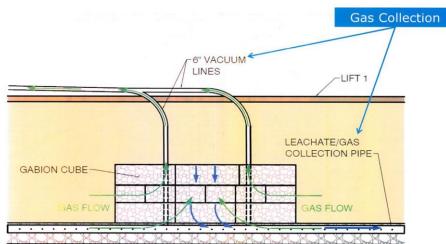
# Separating "Incompatibles" from Organics Compost / Biomass Feedstock





## New Cell CC5A Development with Gabion Cubes and Horizontal LFG Collection (May 2024)







#### **Application of Posi-Shell (from Low Position)**











#### **LFG Collection Wells in ADC-Only Cell CC3**

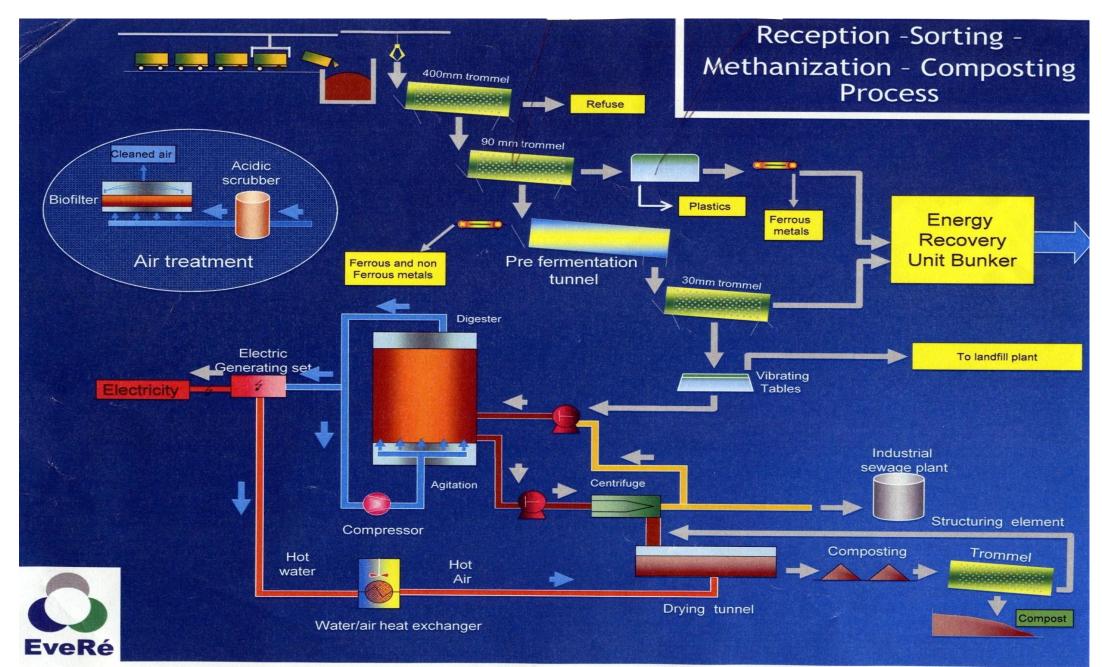


#### **Details of LFG Well and Closure Turf**

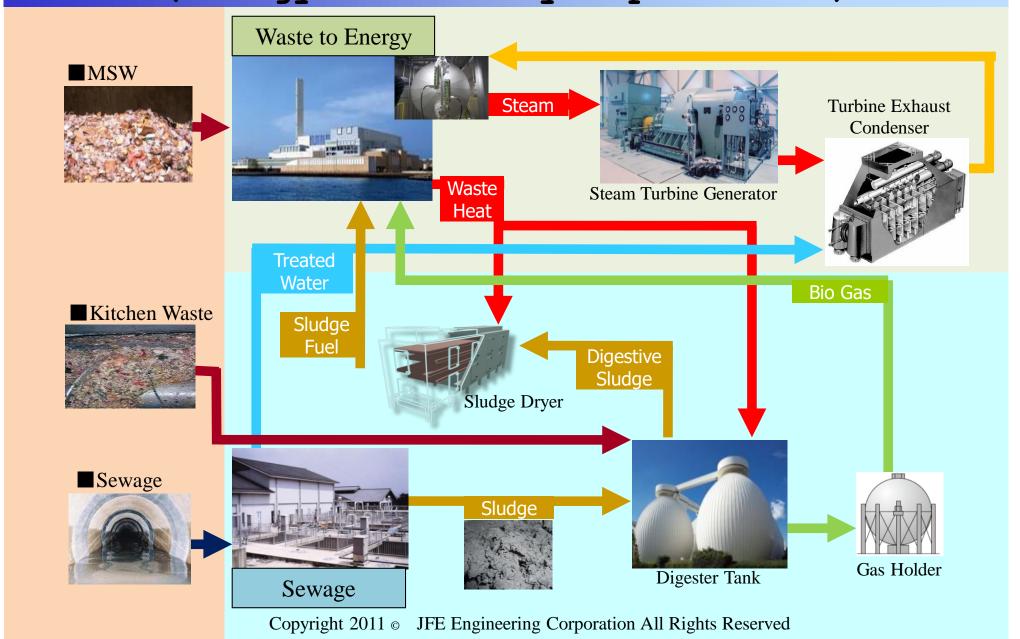




#### **EveRe (France) Integrated MSW Treatment Facility**



## Combination of MSW and Sewage (Energy Efficiency Improvement)



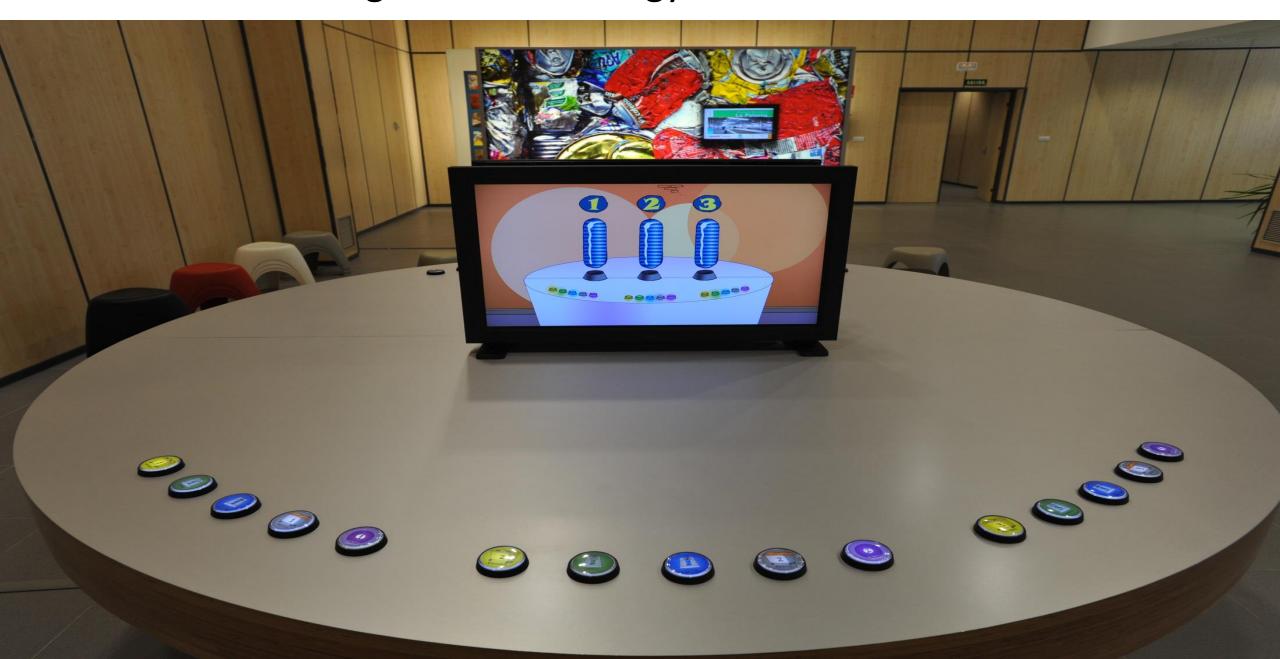
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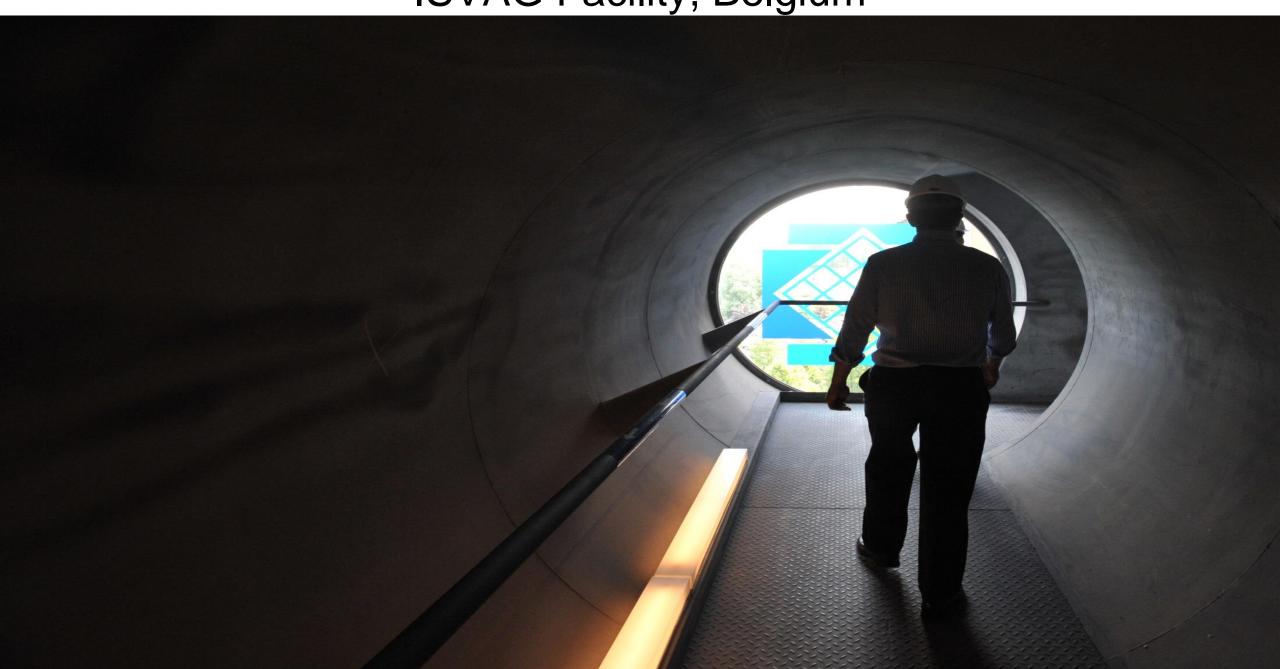
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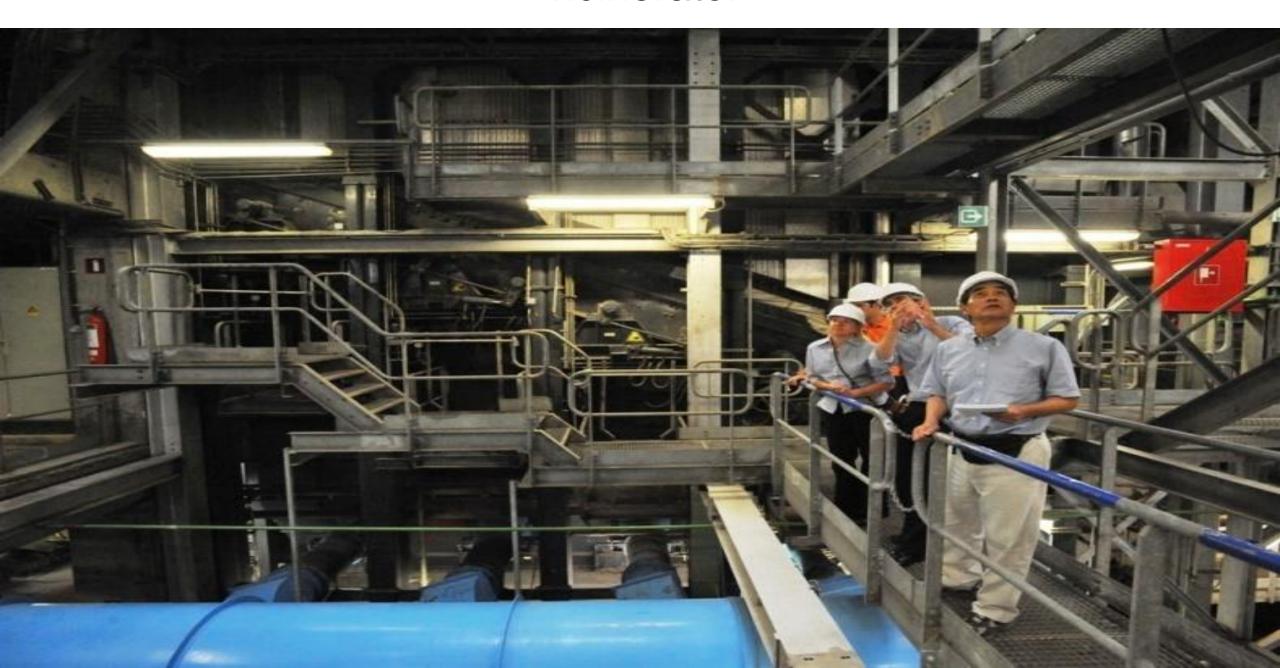
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Control Room (Pit and Crane Operations Viewing Area)



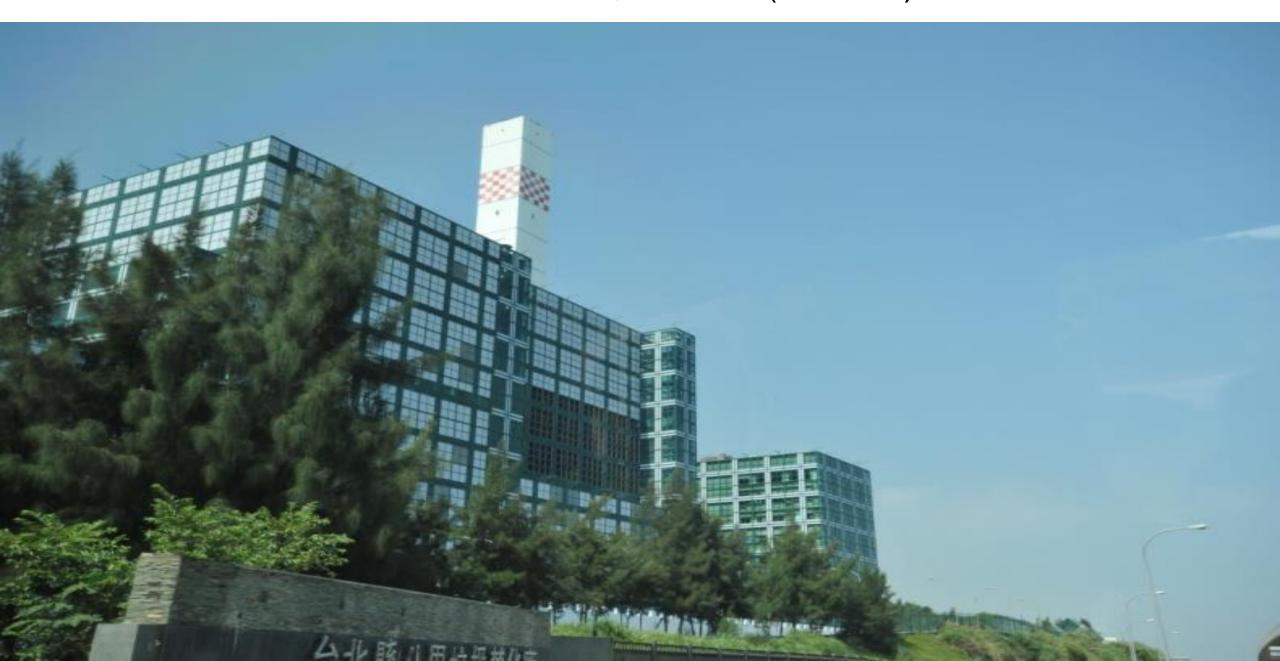
#### Incinerator



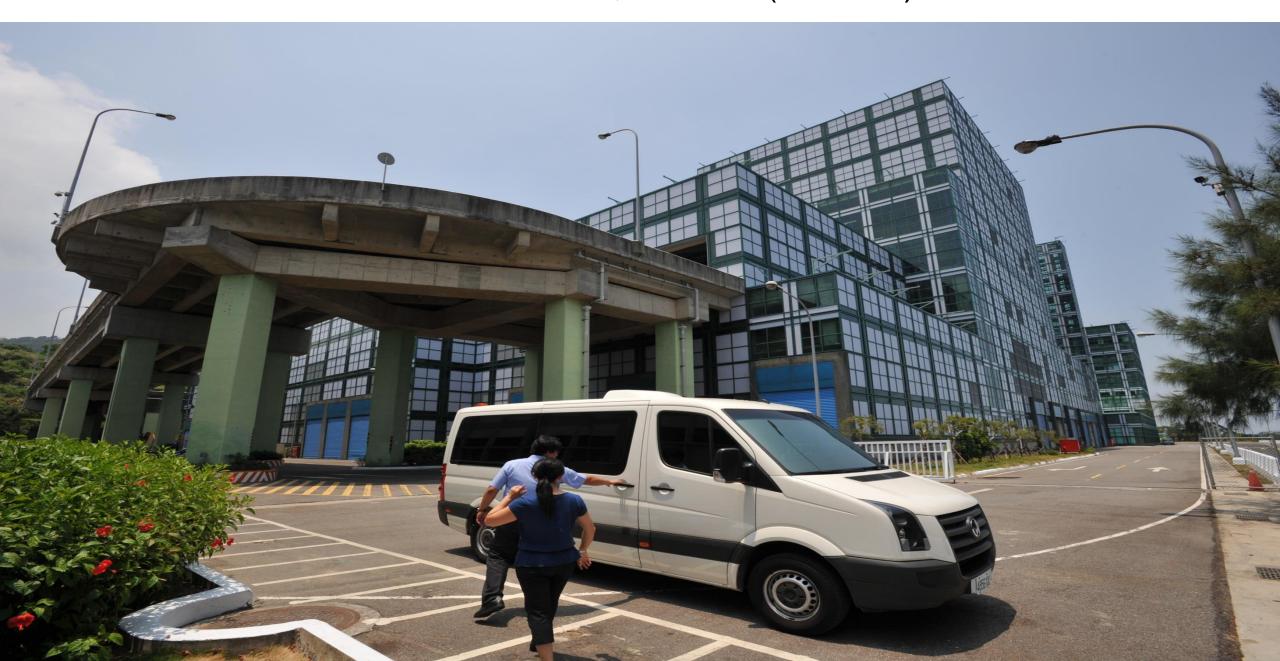
## **Explanation Poster**



Bali Incinerator, Taiwan (I.M. Pei)



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# Sustainable Packaging Design UCLA Recycling/MSW Management Class Project



**Before** 



**After** 

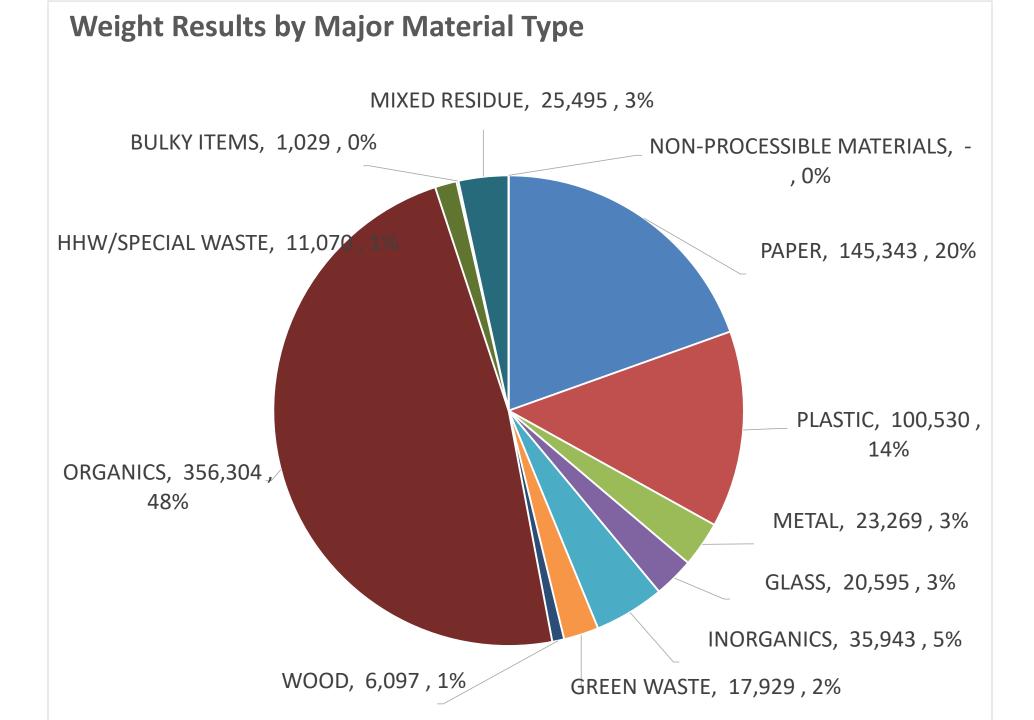
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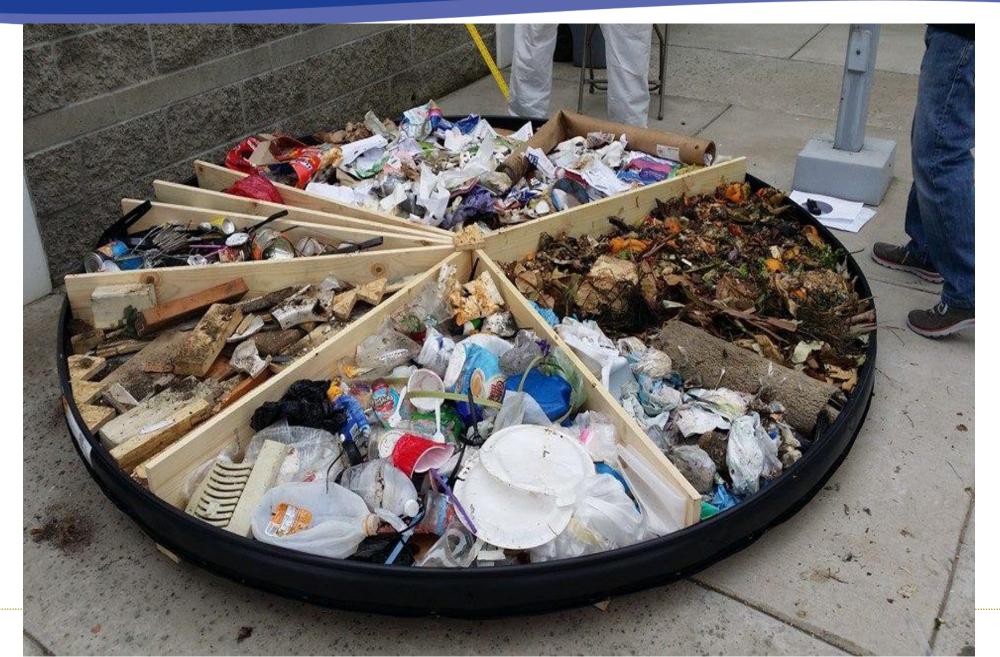
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**After** 



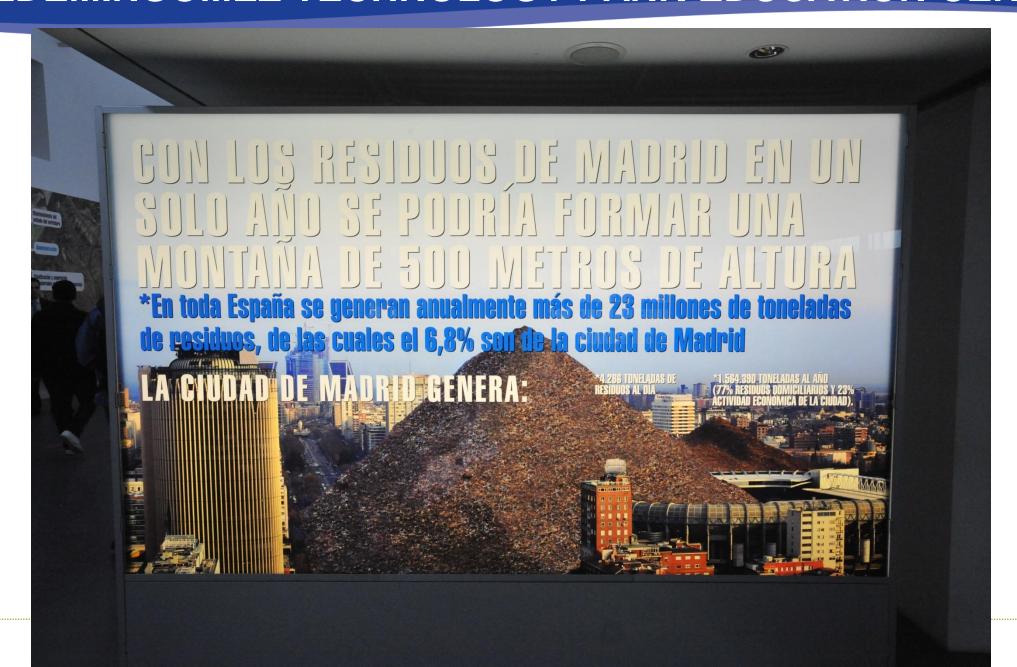
### "Waste Pie" (March 2014)



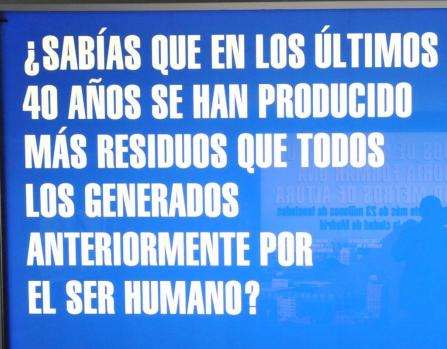
#### 1.13 Tons / Resident / Year Disposed in Landfill



#### VALDEMINGOMEZ TECHNOLOGY PARK EDUCATION CENTER



# VALDEMINGOMEZ TECHNOLOGY PARK EDUCATION CENTER



\*UN MADRILEÑO PRODUCE CADA DÍA 1 KILO DE RESIDUOS

\*30 KILOS AL MES

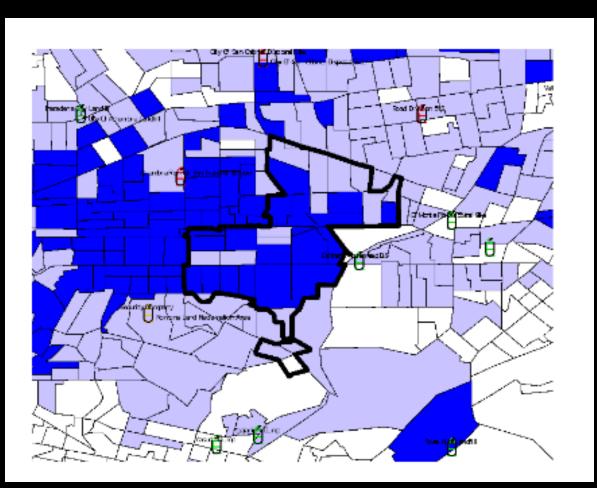
\*389 KILOS AL AÑO







#### **BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES WITH PROVEN RESULTS**



Dark Blue "Census Blocks": Linguistic Isolation **Factor** 

- **Build awareness (outreach function,** recognizing the issues)
- Provide education (what to do and why)
- Importance of what you are doing
- Motivate the business / people
- Address Cultural / Socio-Demographic Factors
   Environmental Justice requirements
- Motivating the business/staff to incorporate long term waste reduction and recycling practices to be their standard operating procedure and institutional infrastructure

#### **Extensive Source Separation of Recyclables**



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#### **Extensive "Pre-Processing" at Source**



## Source Separated Food Waste Collection Program (Taiwan)

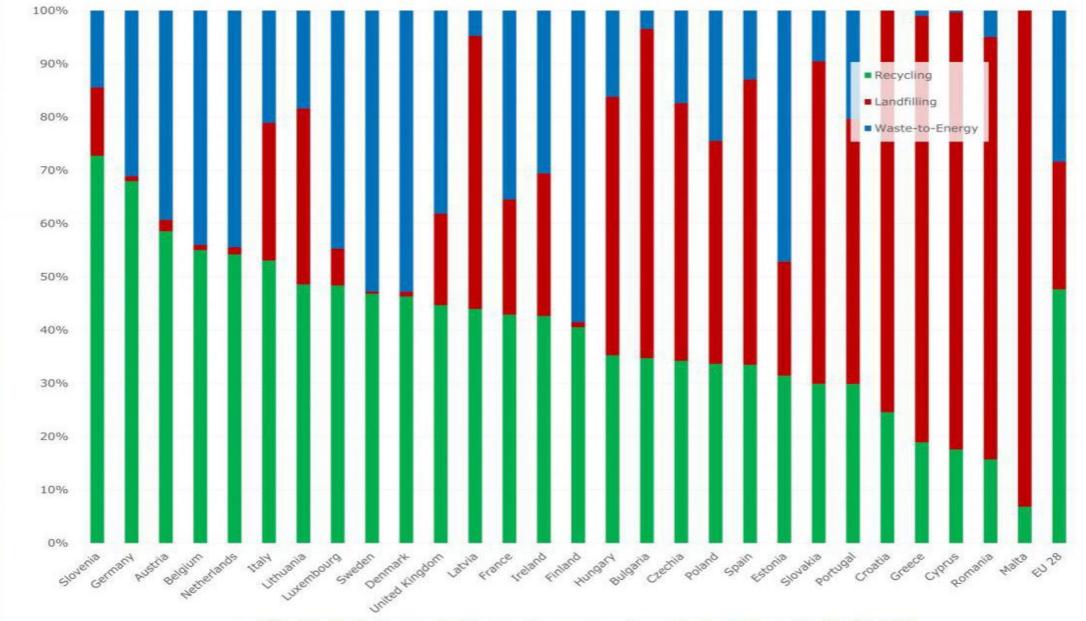


#### **Example of Japanese Recycling Program**



"Social Processing"





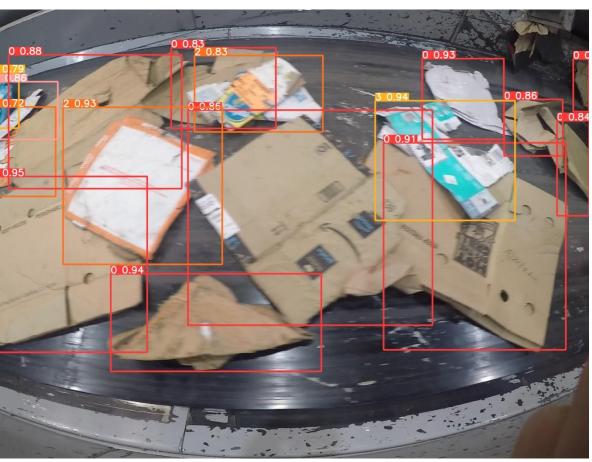
#### EU 28 Municipal waste treated 2017

Ireland: 2016 values EU28: Waste-to-Energy values from 2016 Portugal: Waste-to-Energy values from 2014

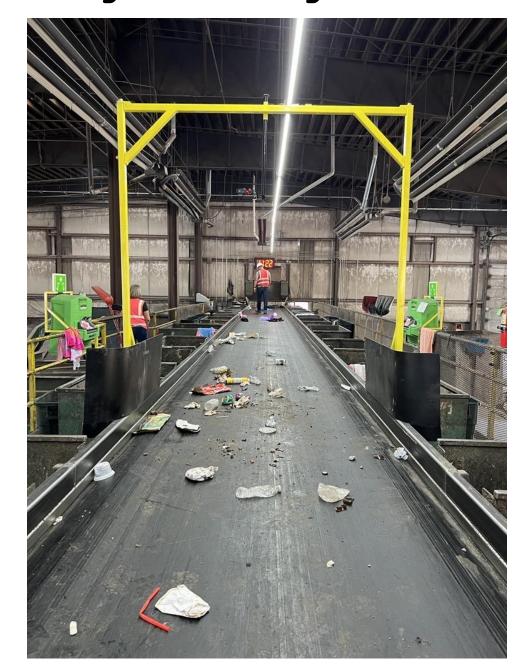
#### National Science Foundation / NASA CSUN ARCS: Solid Waste Management and Organics Processing Infrastructure

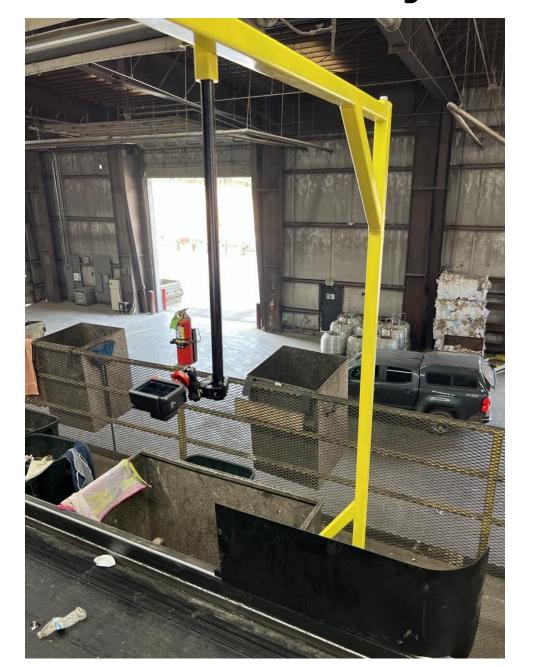
Object Detection (Automated Waste Characterization (You Only Look Once (YOLO))



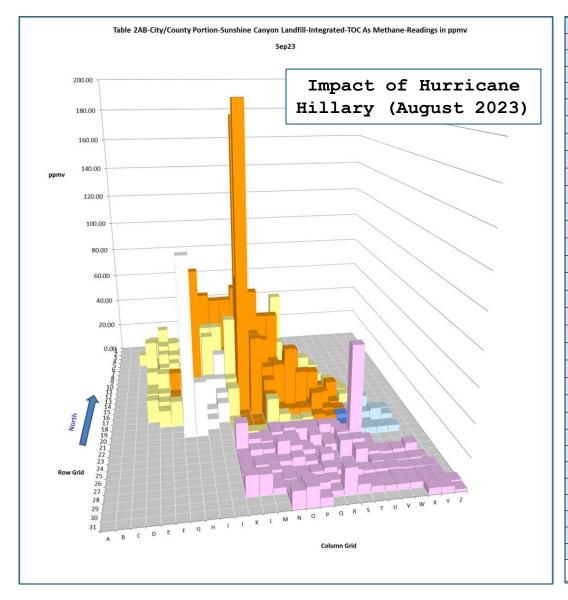


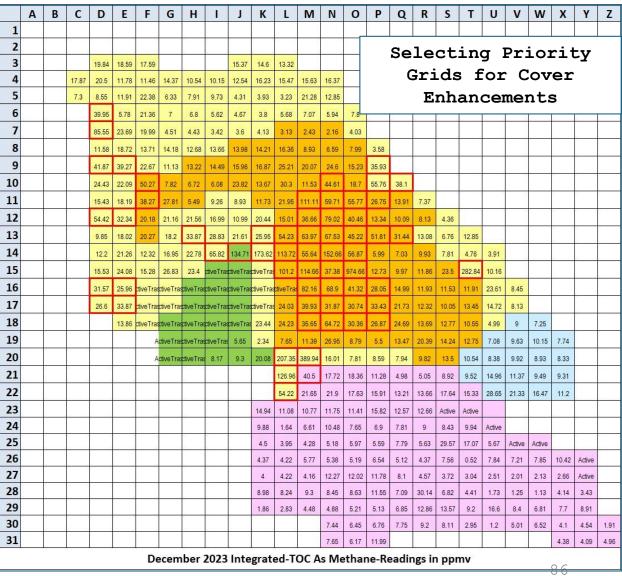
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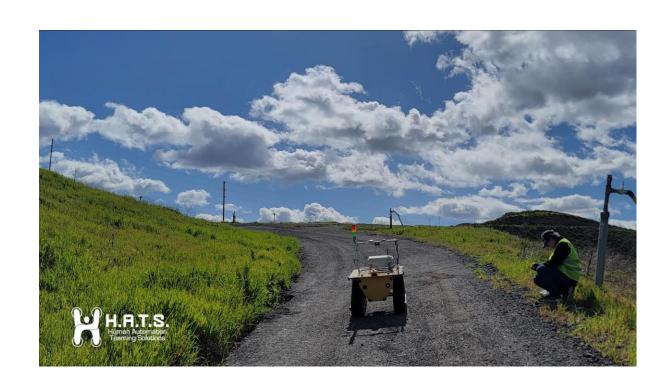
## Sharing SCL LEA Data Mining/Analytics with Republic, SCAQMD, County DPW, and County Public Health





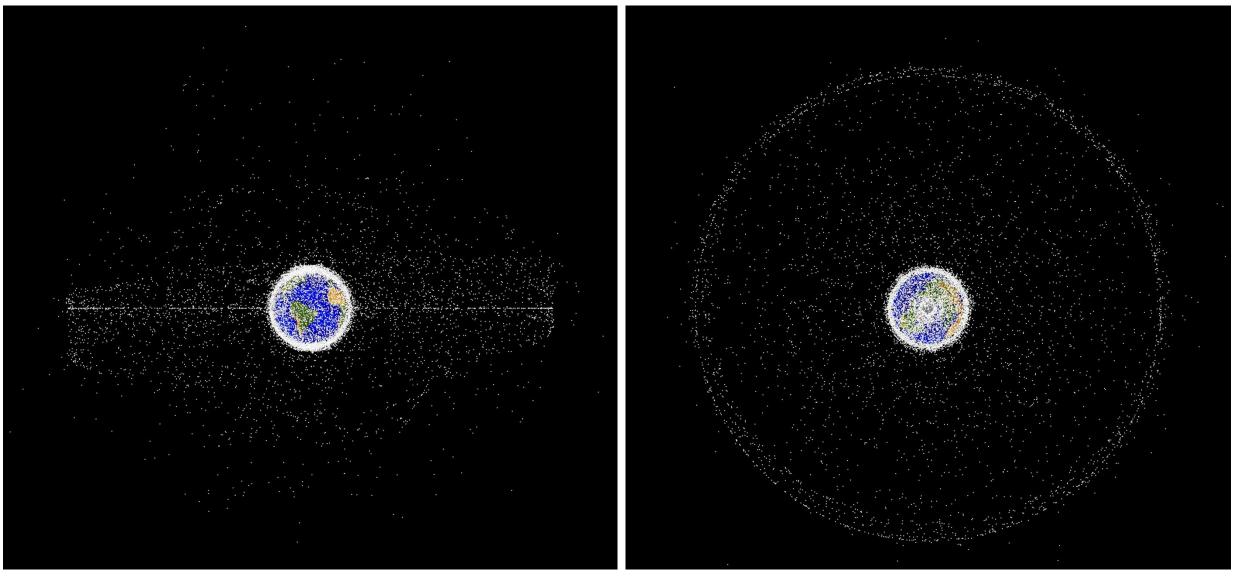
## Innovative Pilot Program: Collaboration on Surface Emissions Data Collection Rover

- NASA Developed Technology for Commercialization
  - Provide REAL TIME data for "Preventative Measures"
  - EPA Approved use of drones (December 2022)
  - Go to Places where not safe for humans
  - Can Monitor at Night (Drones and Humans Cannot)





## **US Space Force / CSUN NASA ARCS: Space Trash**



Over 128 million pieces of debris smaller than 1 cm (0.39 in) as of January 2019. There are approximately 900,000 pieces from 1 to 10 cm. The current count of large debris (defined as 10 cm across or larger) is 34,000.





Garbage is challenging interesting, fun, has lots of opportunities for innovation and needs good people..!



# Can You Save Landfill Space By Using Your Leftovers?

By Terri Tseng



## Daughter's High School Thesis Paper

Justin Tseng September 15, 1998 Writing

# What I Want out of Life

I figure that life is very precious so I want to make the most of it. I have a long list of things I want to be but I will write down the ones that I want the most. First I want to be an astronomer. Second I want to be a writer. Third I want to be a scientist developing new software and computer parts. But one thing is for sure. I DO NOT want to be an environmentalist that jumps in the dumpsters and sorts out the trash like my dad!

So far I have read a lot of books from most categories that I know pretty much about the jobs I described in the first paragraph. I am very happy that I have already won a writing contest.

I like classical music and play the piano. I know I do not seem like Joe Average, but that's just me. I plan on getting a nice and cozy house just like the one I live in now. One goal that I have is to be happy, healthy and live to an old age.

I hope to have contributed to my community and the world by preventing asteroid impact, brining laughter to homes and by making things in life more efficient before I die.



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#### Thank You

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