

# American Experience on Landfill Biogas Recovery

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### **My Background**

- B.S. Civil Engineering
- 16 Years Solid Waste Management Industry
  - Landfill Gas Management/Recovery
  - Landfill Engineering/Construction
  - Remediation
- 15 Years with Waste Management, Inc.
  - Director, Landfill Gas Programs
  - Director, Closed Sites Southeast
  - District Engineer
  - Remedial Project Manager
  - Design Engineer
- Visited/Toured Landfill Across N.
  America and Europe





Ameresco, Inc. is an independent energy solutions company delivering long-term customer value through innovative systems, strategies and technology.

- Core business focus: Energy Conservation, Risk Mitigation and Infrastructure
- Independence Permits Unbiased Application of Energy Solutions Best Suited to Each Customer
- Corporate Headquarters in Framingham, MA 18 regional offices in North America
- Over 40 registered professional energy engineers on staff

#### SERVICES & SOLUTIONS

#### BASIC SERVICES

Energy Auditing Energy Engineering Project Financing Project Management Construction Management Operation & Maintenance Measurement & Verification

#### Energy Conservation

Power Quality & Reliability Transformed Power Performance Contracting Demand-Side Management

#### Energy Supply Management

SOLUTIONS

Commodity Procurement

Rate Analysis & Negotiation

Price Risk Management

Billing Administration & Payment Market & Regulatory Analysis

#### Energy Infrastructure

Asset Monetization Plant Rehabilitation Facilities Management On-Site Cogeneration Distributed Generation Clean/Renewable Power Outsourcing

#### **Our Company History**



Incorporated April 2000 with company history dating back to 1973

Largely employee owned; 190+ Employees

Recently purchased LG&E EnerTech

#### We Understand Energy Services

- Independent Energy Services Provider <u>Core</u> Business is Providing Complete, Customer Focused Energy Solutions on Both Sides of the Meter
- Offer Comprehensive Energy Outsource Programs Wherein Ameresco Owns and Operates Customer Energy Assets
- Ameresco has Designed, Financed, Constructed and Managed Over \$800 MM in Diverse Energy Solutions Projects
- United States Department of Energy (DOE) Qualified Energy Services Company (ESCO)
- Accredited by National Association of Energy Service Companies (NAESCO) as an Energy Services Provider (ESP), Incorporating Full Accreditation as a Comprehensive ESCO

# Information Management: Bank of America

Bank of America.

Now in the fourth year of a comprehensive energy management program, Ameresco is helping the nation's largest bank save on its annual energy expenses of more than \$110 million at 4,800 facilities, so Bank of America can focus more on its core financial services businesses.  Created customized, web-based energy/utility billing information system integrating 6,000 accounts nationwide

- Competitive electricity and national gas supply management and risk management for properties in volatile markets (California, Illinois, Texas).
- Currently identifying facility renewal/efficiency improvement opportunities at major facilities
- Developmental engineering completed on projects in Maryland and California

#### **Representative Projects**



#### BOEING

- 20-year full service contract
- Own, upgrade, operate and maintain 5,500-ton central plant
- Provides chilled water and hightemperature hot water to shuttle operations support facility

Eastman Chemical Kingsport, TN

#### EASTMAN



- Two projects at Kingsport, TN, one of largest chemical manufacturing sites in North America:
  - Process compressed air system upgrade
  - New raw water pumping system
- Third project converting ammonia-based refrigeration system to glycol-based under development at Kingsport
- Completed upgrade project at Columbia, SC for plant and instrument air-drying system
- **Projects self-funded from energy savings**

Charleston Air Force Base South Carolina



- 960 units installed the second-largest geothermal heat pump installation undertaken by the US Federal Government
- Innovative installation methods led to ahead-of-schedule completion
- Other projects: New demand-limiting receivers and lighting upgrades
- Annual savings of \$800,000 used to fund the projects
- Projects reduce energy consumption by 40%, exceeding Executive Order 13123

Clarkstown Central School District New City, NY



**\$7.5 million Energy Performance Contract covering 16 buildings** 

Improvements include:

✓ New energy efficient lighting

✓ New Lighting Controls

✓ New energy management systems

✓ New boilers

✓ New waste oil heater

✓ New roofs and doors

✓ New premium efficiency motors

✓ Cogeneration

\$432,000 in annual savings

### **Renewable Energy Projects**

- Own and operate a 6-MW landfill gas plant near Middletown, NY
- Own and operate a 10-mile landfill gas pipeline in S.C. feeding BMW's 4.8-MW cogeneration plant (~1M DT/yr)
- Recently acquired 4-mile landfill gas pipeline project in Michigan (~600K DT/yr) to Fortune 100 customer, project will be expanded to include new 2-mile gas line to another Fortune 100 end-user
- In April '03, initiate construction on a 5.7-MW landfill gas plant near Springfield, MA
- In April '03, finalize construction of a 2.6-MW landfill gas plant in Wisconsin (expanded to 4.5 MW by 2005)
- Recently executed a contract with a Midwest power cooperative to provide design, build, operate services for 2 landfill bio-gas projects in Iowa and Wisconsin

# Landfill Gas 101



- Landfill gas is formed as a by product of the decomposition of municipal solid waste
- Comprised of approximately 50% methane, 45% carbon dioxide, 3% nitrogen, 1% oxygen, 1% non methane organics
- Contains approximately ½ of the heating value of natural gas or ~520 BTU/ft<sup>3</sup>
- Most landfills will produce landfill gas for 15–20+ years



### Landfill Gas Well



 Landfill gas is collected through vertical wells that are drilled deep into the waste mass (~ 1 per acre)







# Landfill Gas Collection

- The vertical wells are connected via a common header line that is buried into the waste mass





- The end of the header line is connected to a blower which is used to physically extract the gas from the wellfield (~50" w.c.)
- Gas that is not beneficially used is burned in a flare



#### **Growth in US LFG Industry**



#### Status of US LFG Industry and Candidate Landfills By State





#### **Changes in US LFG Technology**





#### **U.S. Project Breakdown**

Utilization Technology	<b>Operating Projects</b>		<b>Projects Under Construction</b>		Planned Projects	
	Count	Capacity (MW)	Count	Capacity (MW)	Count	Capacity (MW)
Reciprocating Engine	176	568	39	176	64	202
Gas Turbine	29	173	2	21	3	15
Steam Turbine	8	119	-	-	-	-
Combined Cycle	4	67	-	-	-	-
Cogeneration	3	9	-	-	1	1
Microturbine	3	2	-	-	3	5
Fuel Cell	1	<1	-	-	1	2
Combined Solar/Stirling Cycle Engine	1	<1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	225	938	41	197	72	226

Currently 2/3 of operational projects generate electricity

- Operational projects represent over 900 MW capacity
- Does not account for direct sale projects
- Table is outdated

# **US LFG Industry**

- The LFG Industry is thriving
  - 340 Operational Projects
  - Over 60 Projects Under Construction
  - Over 150 Planned Projects
- Great potential for continued project development
  - Approximately 520 (includes planned) landfills could economically develop a landfill gas energy recovery project

# **Reciprocating Engines**







# **Combustion Turbines**





# **Containerized Engine**







# **Direct Sale Application**





# **US LFG Industry – The Past**



#### Tax Credit Proliferation

- Currently \$1.10/ mmBTU
- 10 year period
- Tied to cost oil
- High Natural and Electric Costs
- Pre ENRON/California Energy Crisis
  - Long term contracts easy to obtain
- Generation (Supply) Shortfalls
- Renewable Energy Production Incentive (REPI)
  - Non-Profit Entities
  - 10 year period

# **US LFG Industry – The Future**



- Tax Credit Extension
- Emission Credits
- Continued Landfill "Regionalization"
- Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Industry Consolidation
- Continued Emission Requirements
- Technology Advances
- Green Power Demand
- Bioreactor Technology
  - Recirculation of landfill liquids (leachate)