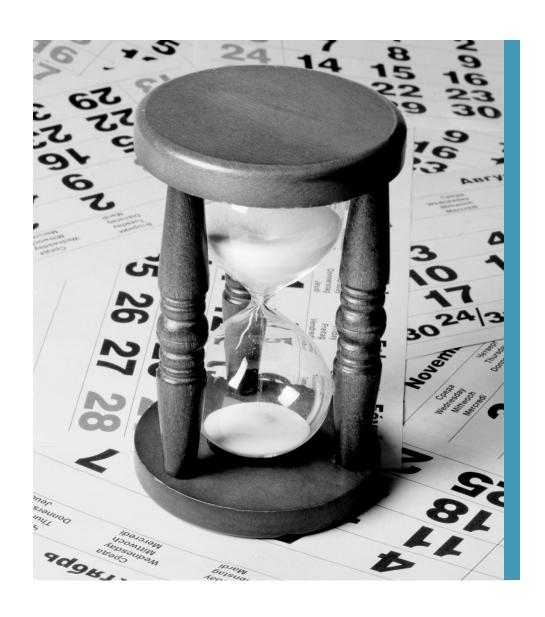
# The State of WTE in North America

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## **A Brief History**



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The "Dark Ages": Stricter
Emission standards in U.S. –
retrofits & some facility closures



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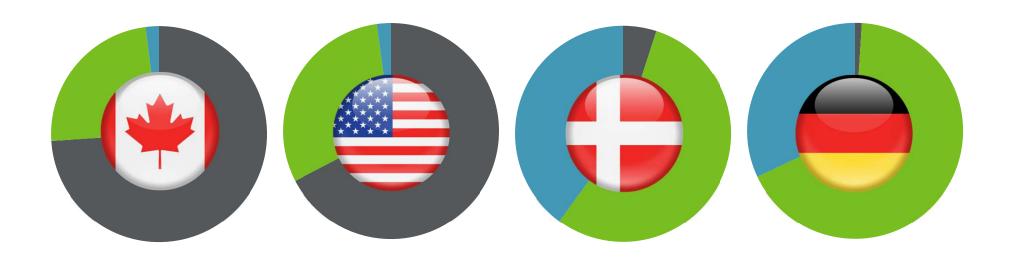


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## Current State of the Industry

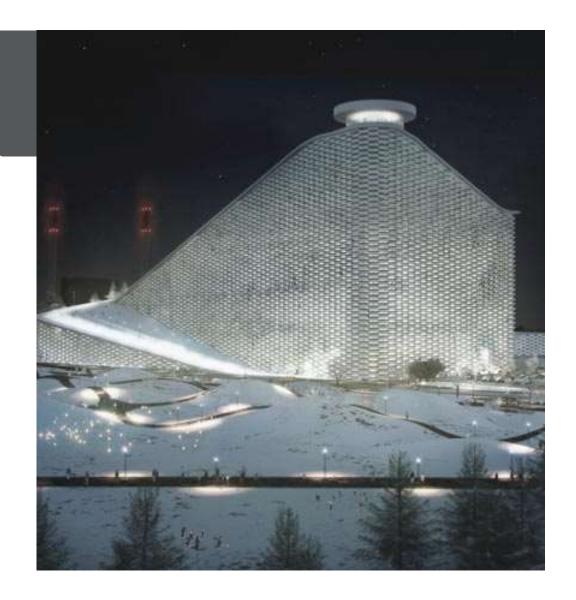
#### North America: A Wasteful Legacy



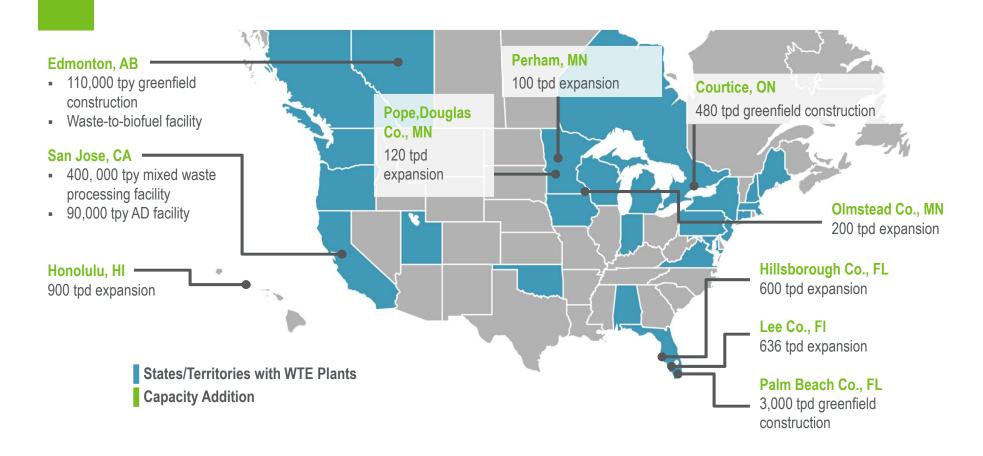
■ Landfill ■ Recycling ■ Energy from Waste

#### **Key Drivers**

- Push for greater diversion from landfill
- Enhancement of 3Rs programs & expansion of organics collection programs
- Waste is a Resource...the "4th R"
- Interest in alternatives to traditional waste to energy technologies; mixed waste processing and anaerobic digestion



#### **Energy Recovery** in North America TODAY



#### **Key Inhibitors**

- Cheap landfill & lots of it!!!
- Relatively cheap energy prices & low cost of fuel (at least in the U.S.)
- Pressure on Commodity Markets for many recyclables
- Opposition Groups: "NIMBY"s, "BANANA"s and other activist groups...OH MY!!!
- Regulatory Factors: Greenhouse Gas legislation & carbon taxes



### Challenges to Change in U.S.

- No regulatory or policy framework currently in place to incentivize programs
- Limited to No Funding or support to look beyond traditional linear business model
- No compromise between parties and stakeholders on either side of aisle

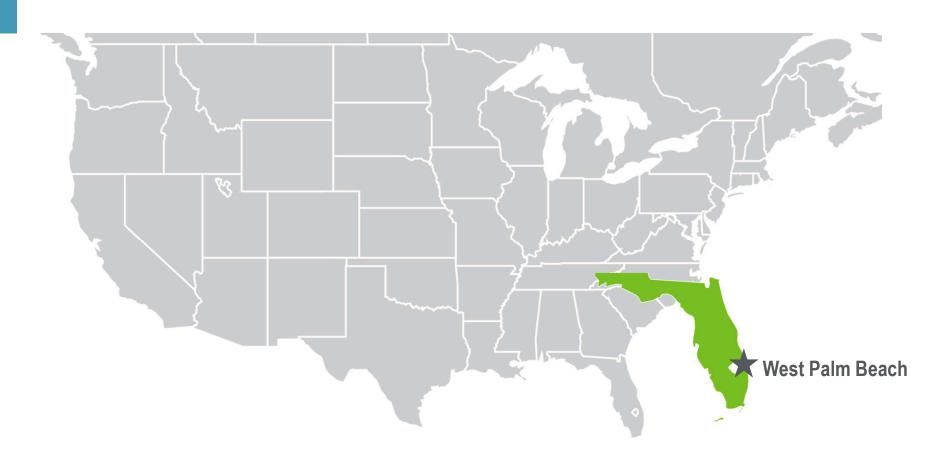


#### **Facility Closures**

- Broward County, Florida
- Harford County, Maryland
- Biddeford, Maine
- Charleston County, South Carolina
- Claremont, New Hampshire

## Recent Projects

#### **Recent Projects in North America**



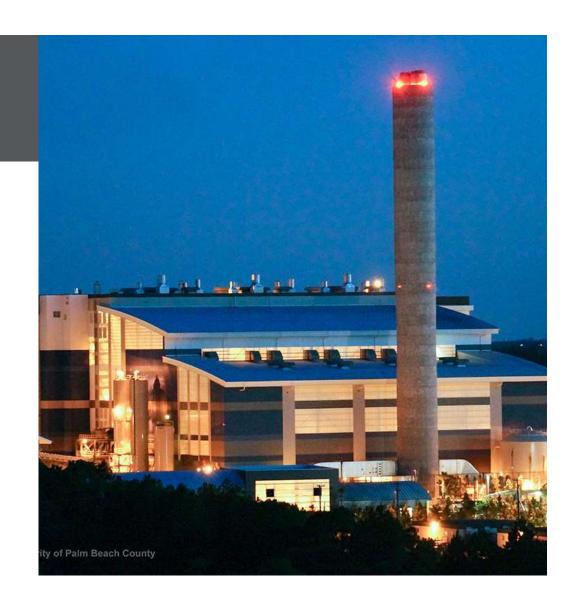
#### West Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility

West Palm Beach, Florida, USA

## **Project Drivers**

West Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility

- Meet Florida State mandate of 75% diversion from landfill
- Existing RDF Combustion Facility was over 30 years old and at capacity
- Increasing population within region and lack of available landfill capacity



#### **Project Features**

West Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility

- Mass Burn technology capable of processing up over 900k tonnes per annum
- Features state-of-the-art air pollution control design capable of meeting lowest emission standards in North America
- Generates up to 100 MW of electricity
- Features a 9 million liter rooftop rainwater collection system
- Capital Cost: \$672m USD
   Operating Cost: \$20m USD



#### **Durham-** York Energy Centre

Clarington, Ontario, Canada

## **Project Drivers**

#### **Durham-York Energy Centre**

- Growing population and urbanization of Durham Region
- Local landfill closures and heavy reliance on long-haul disposal (Michigan and NY)
- Goal to divert at least 50% of residential waste from landfill by 2007
- Consider an "energy-from-waste" facility for the disposal of residual waste



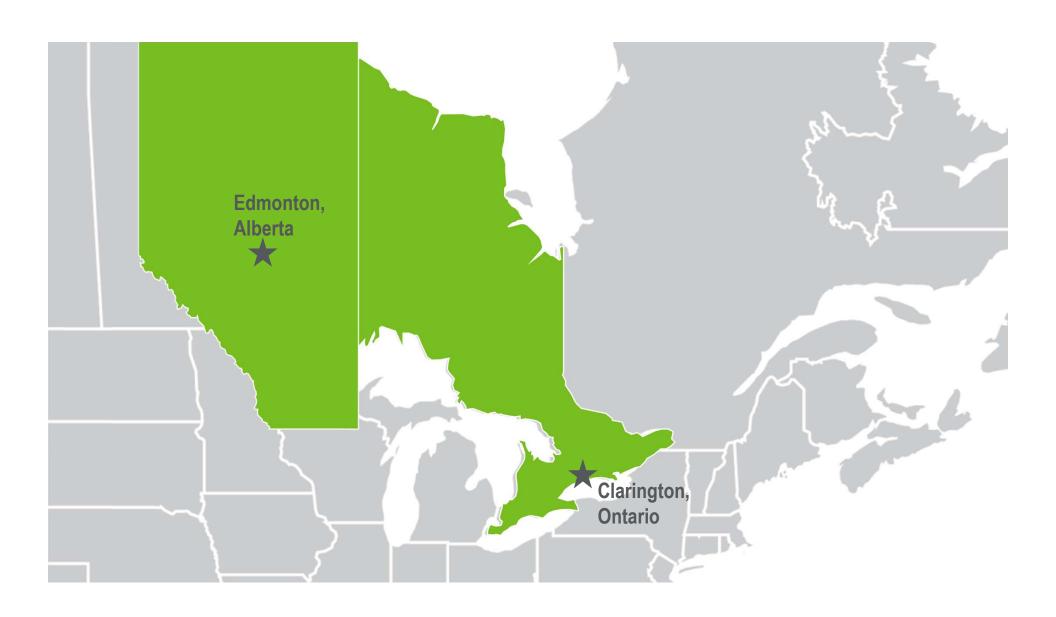
#### **Innovative** Features

#### **Durham-York Energy Centre**

- 1st true "Greenfield" energy from waste facilities in North America
- Mass burn technology capable of processing up to 140,000 tonnes per annum
- Features latest boiler design & air pollution control design capable of meeting lowest emission standards in North America & EU
- Generates up to 17 MW of electricity to grid & potential to generate up to 7 MW thermal

Capital Cost: \$255m CDN

Operating Cost: \$15m CDN annually



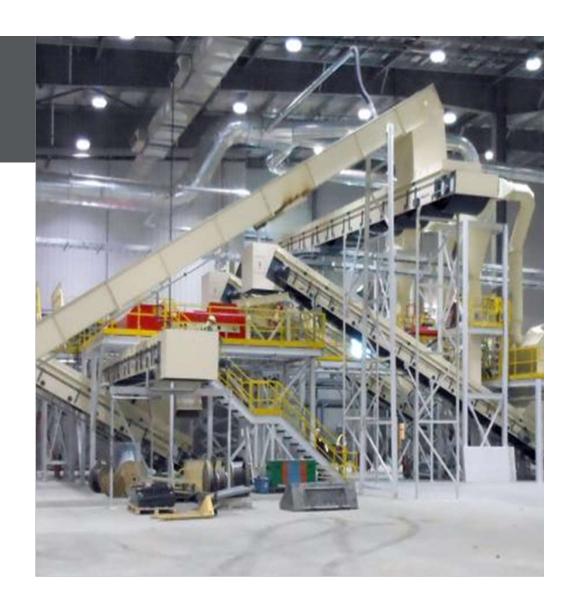
### **Enerkem Alberta Biofuels**

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

## **Project Drivers**

#### **Enerkem Alberta Biofuels**

- City of Edmonton's search for increased diversion from landfill and alternative technologies to incineration
- Funding from Alberta Innovates Energy and Environment Solutions
- Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS) program in the U.S. authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 & Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007



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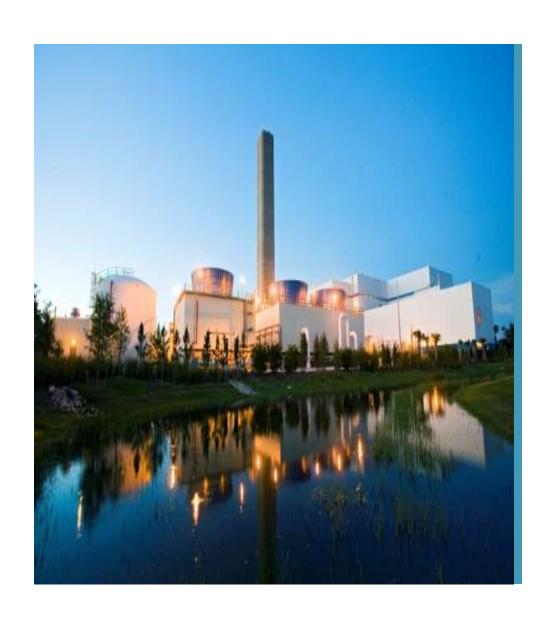
#### - Edmonton Waste Management Centre:

- o 70,000 TPY MRF w/manual pick stations, magnets, etc
- Mechanical systems to produce up to RDF feedstock for Enerkem's Waste-to-Biofuels Facility
- o Organic waste Composting Facility
- o C&D Recycling Facility
- E-Waste Recycling Facility

#### Enerkem Biofuels Facility:

- o Designed to process up to 140,000 TPY RDF
- Intended to produce up 38 million litres per year of biofuel (methanol and/or ethanol)
- Currently in final phases of commissioning intended commercial operation in 2017





What's Next for the North American Industry?

#### What does the Future in North America Hold?



#### An Eye on Tomorrow

#### What could the future hold for WTE?

- WTE economics will continue to be challenging which will push the search for non-traditional energy markets
- Push for finding other revenue sources (enhanced metal recovery and ash reuse)
- Regulatory uncertainty will remain for some time
- The role of new and emerging technologies will evolve
   there will be successes & some failures
- A need to identify WTE's important role in diversion from landfill and the circular economy





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