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**Producing Clean Renewable
Energy from Organic Waste**



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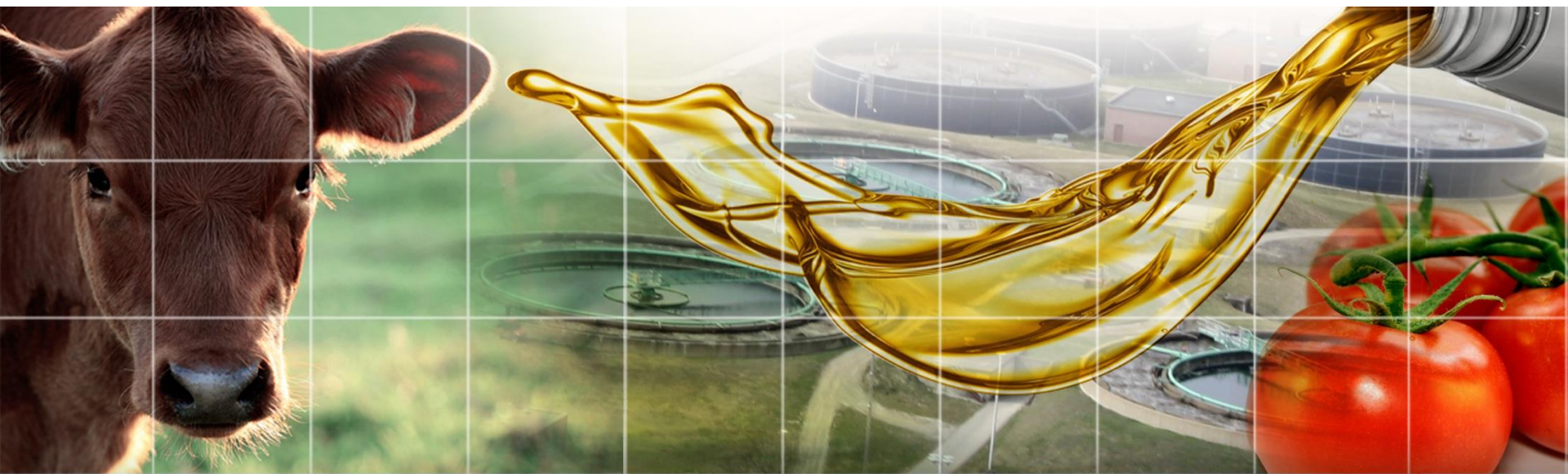


AGRICULTURAL



MUNICIPAL

INPUTS



TYPES OF ORGANIC RESIDUALS:

- Food Processing Residuals
- Manure
- Energy Crops & Spent Grains
- Biobased Oils & Lubricants
- FOG (fats, oils & grease)
- Waste Water Treatment Sludge
- Personal Care Products
- Ethanol and Biodiesel processing residuals
- Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF)
- Expired, damaged or off-spec consumer goods
- Packaged Organics (depackaging technology)
- Crop Residuals
- Glycerin & Stillage
- Whey
- Sugar Water

PRODUCTS

- Renewable energy – natural gas, vehicle fuel (CNG/LNG), electricity & heating/cooling.
- Animal bedding, peat alternative and compost
- “equate” liquid plant food is a natural solution in lieu of chemical fertilizers.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner air, soil and water



CNG



Electricity



Heat/Cooling



equate – liquid plant food

ADSORPTION CHILLER

Ice Cubes from AD

- AD converts 90% of volatile solids to energy
- only 7% of the energy produced is used to operate the anaerobic digester

The heat from a 1 MW CHP generates enough hot water to cool (via adsorption chilling technology) a 70,000 square foot distribution center*.

*Estimates above are based on facility temperatures of between 38° and 45°. The cooling capacity of the equipment will vary based on the specifications of the distribution facility. Load calculations will be performed prior to installation to confirm performance.



URBAN DIGESTER

Urban Anaerobic Digestion: Cleveland, Ohio

Project Information:

- former GM Fisher Body Plant
- small footprint and urban location
- partnership with Forest City Enterprises
- 1.3 MW
- electricity sold to Cleveland Public Power
- supports Cleveland sustainability goals

Community Collaboration



Grand Opening Collaborators: Major collaborators from July 2012 event in Cleveland, Ohio



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FOOD WASTE

33.8 Million Tons Wasted

In 2010, about 33.8 million tons of commercial organic substrate were discarded in landfills or incinerators.

Food waste is:

- high in volatile solids
- one of the least recovered materials in the municipal solid waste stream
- 2010¹ annual supermarket losses averaged
 - 11.4% for fresh fruit
 - 9.7% for fresh vegetables
 - 4.5% for meat, poultry and seafood.



1. Innovation Center for US Dairy , National Market Value of Anaerobic Digester Products – information from Research Service (ERS) /USDA; Informa Economics

quasar has developed technology with InSinkErator that will allow us to accept and process contaminate-free AD-ready waste streams from:



- food manufacturers
- cafeterias
- restaurants
- hospitals
- hotels
- supermarkets
- colleges & universities
- sports venues

SOLUTIONS

Simple Implementation

The integrated solution manages unlimited volumes of industrial and commercial material worldwide.

Your operation can achieve **Zero** food waste while;

- sustainably saving money
- improving the environment
- producing energy from waste



Grind2Energy grinds food waste quickly and efficiently

A liquid waste hauler transports the slurry to a nearby AD facility

The food waste slurry is transferred to a holding tank



SOLUTIONS

Improved Waste Storage

Below – traditional storage bins leak, smell and attract rodents and are easily vandalized.

New storage tanks (**right**) are leak free and odor free, protecting against rodents and vandals.

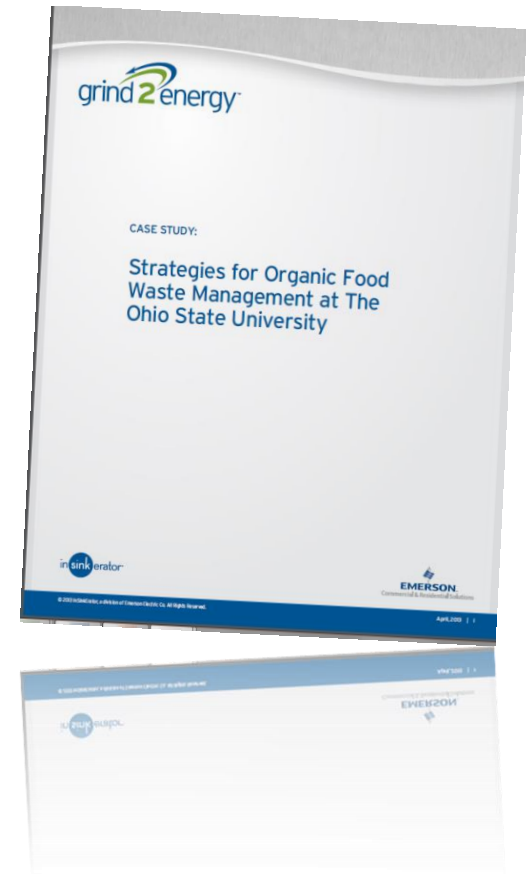




The Blackwell Inn and Conference Center at The Ohio State University

- Diverts 80 to 85% of its organic waste from the landfill for about the same cost as disposing of all materials as trash.
- Reduces collections from 11 times a week to 7 times a week.
- Diverts approximately 20 tons a month from the landfill.
- Food material is ground by an InSinkErator unit.
- Materials are taken to an anaerobic digester operated by quasar energy group.

Read the
white paper





Forest City is the first Cleveland company to install an InSinkErator grind2energy system at Tower City Center.





- The Cleveland Indians have cut the amount of waste going to the landfill in half over 4 years.
- In 2012, the organization sent approximately 60 tons of food waste to a compost facility.
- They will be able to recycle **80 to 100 tons of food waste** with macerating technology and AD.



Depackaging equipment in quasar's Zanesville, Ohio, facility

Depackaging equipment

- wax-coated cardboard
- glass bottles
- aluminum cans
- plastic bottles, wrappers & containers

Liquid Waste Streams:

Milk, sour cream, yogurt, and dips, drinks and concentrates including fruit juice, ice tea, coffee syrups, and frozen concentrates, and condiments.

Customers:

Dairy manufacturing, distributors, cold-storage warehouse, and brokers.

Capacity:

3-4 truckloads per week (20 tons each).

Organics Content:

75-90% of the weight is organics.



Mandatory food waste recycling programs:

- Organics make up 25 percent of the waste stream going to landfills and incinerators.
- Connecticut – policy in place
- Vermont – policy in place
- Massachusetts considering similar regulations and \$4 million in grants/loans.



Our plan was to partner with a European digester technology, import components and run systems on a steady stream of biosolids. The 2008 financial crisis and U.S. operating realities forced **quasar** to reevaluate our plan.

THE EASY PLAN

Credibility: Europe's 6000 operating digesters

Technology: European

Components: Imported from Europe

Financing: Traditional lenders & customers

Biomass: Waste Water Sludge

Regulatory: Outside engineering firm

Energy: Electricity & heat

Construction: Source to outside firms

Operations: Sell systems, customers operate

Laboratory: Send analytical to outside labs



THE REALITY

Credibility: Required a U.S. track record

Technology: quasar redesigned & reengineered

Components: 99% U.S., 85% Ohio sourced

Financing: Cash, incentives, sales & suppliers

Biomass: More than 30 types of mixed organics

Regulatory: In-house

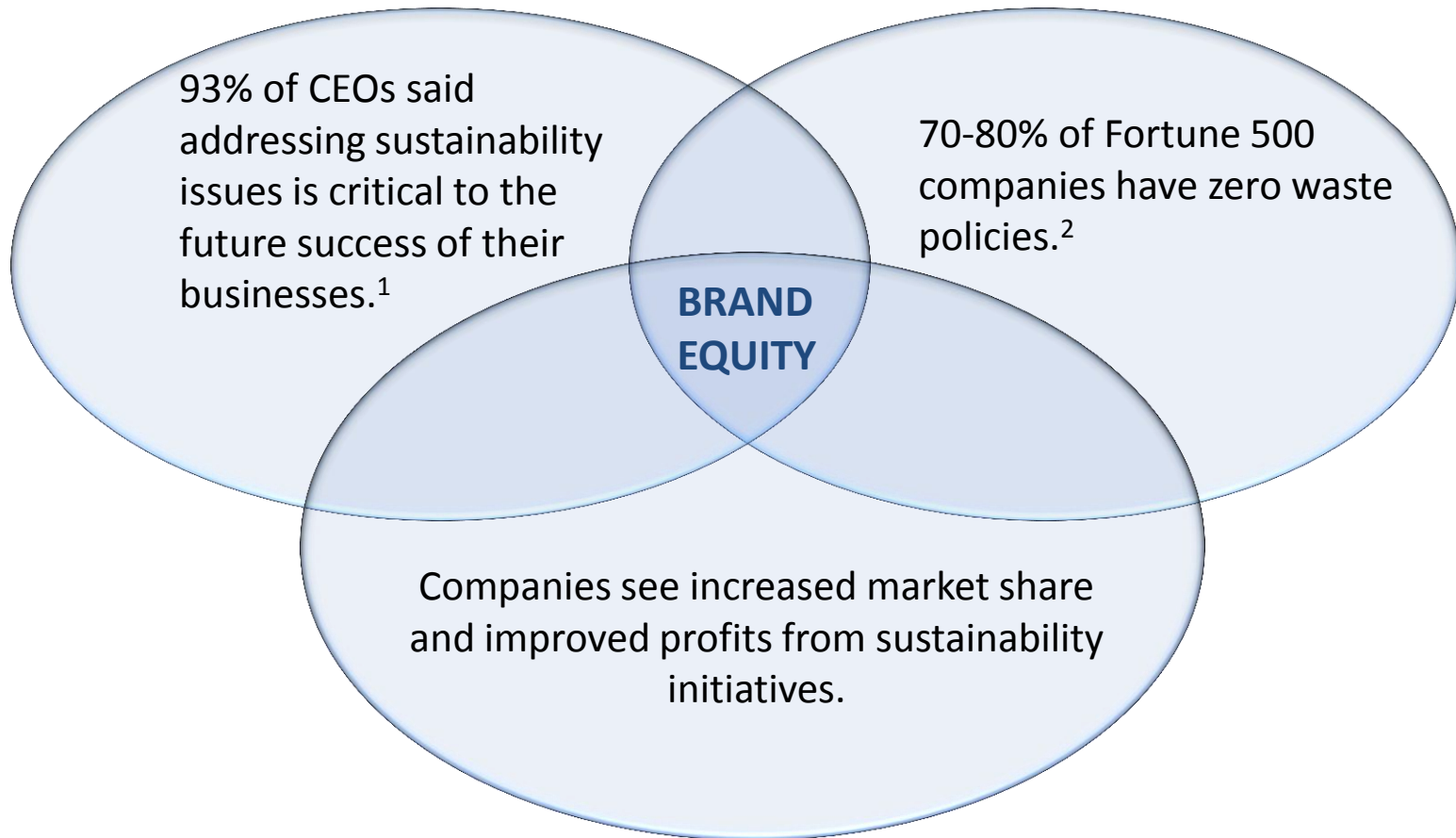
Energy: Electricity, heat, cooling, natural gas & CNG

Construction: In-house

Operations: Own Systems & in-house operators

Laboratory: Collaborate with OSU & manage in-house

Anaerobic digestion changes waste management from a liability to an opportunity, allowing businesses to meet zero waste goals while building their brands' sustainability image.

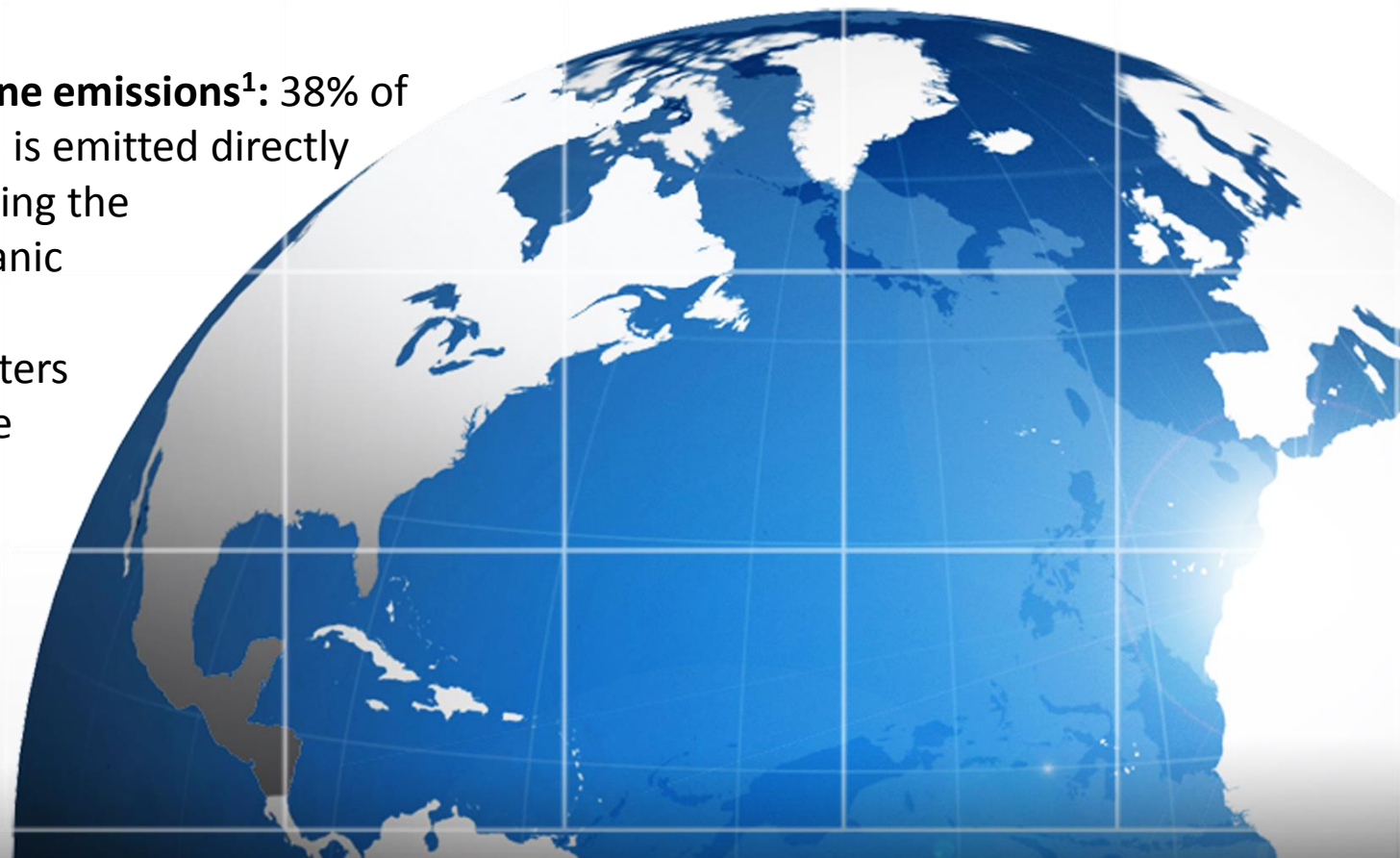


1. A New Era of Sustainability: UN Global Compact, Accenture, 2010

2. Waste Management, Inc.

Reduce carbon equivalent emissions¹: Sending 20 million tons of organic substrate (6% of annual U.S. landfill dumping) to digesters can remove the carbon-equivalent emissions of over 3.2 million automobiles.

Reduced methane emissions¹: 38% of landfill methane is emitted directly into the air, making the diversion of organic substrates from landfills to digesters the largest single environmental benefit of digester use.



Sustainability
only works
if it
COSTS LESS



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