# Waste to Energy Plant ZEVO Malešice/Prague

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# Waste - Burden or Energy Source?

### Benefits and Risks - Operational Experience -Alternatives

(Energy Recovery from the Collected MSW and its Operational Impacts)

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- Description of the WtE Technology with the Example of ZEVO Prague
  - Curriculum vitae" of ZEVO Malešice
  - Description how does it work?
- Balances, Benefits and Riscs of WtE
  - Material flows
  - Energy supply
  - Economical
  - Eco-"logical"
- Operational Conditions and Technological Requirements
  - R1, CHP (KVET), PES (UPE)
  - Weak points of WtE technology
  - Reciprocal proportion of investment and maintenance
  - Alternatives to WtE
    - Do they really exist?
    - How good are they?
  - Conclusions
    - Waste is an available and safe energy source for processing in WtE!



## "Curriculum vitae" of ZEVO Malešice

ln - 1986	⇒	Decision to build WtE Malešice/Prague as replacement to the incinerator Vysočany (1930 – 1997)
ln - 1988	⇒	Initiation of the construction of WtE Malešice
in - 1989	⇒	Inclusion of wet washing stage into the planing procedure
		(1988 first design included only ESP)
in - 6/1998	⇒	Initiation of test runs
in - 7/1998	⇒	Initiation of trial operation
in - 9/1998	⇒	Transition to permanent operation
in - 2000	⇒	Addition of SNCR DeNOx technology to the process
		(for reduction of NOx in the flue gas)
in - 2000	⇒	Application of active carbon into lime suspension (PCDD/F and Hg adsorption in the wet washing stage)
in - 2006	⇒	Initiation of the new PCS Delta V
in - 2007	⇒	Addition of SCR DeDiox technology
in - 4/2009	⇒	Initiation of the construction of cogeneration and SCR DeNOx
in - 9/2010	⇒	Initiation of stable supply of electricity into public grid
in - 1/2011	⇒	Initiation of the operation of cogeneration and SCR DeNOx



### Technological Scheme of ZEVO middle 80'th





### **Technological Scheme of ZEVO today**

1.Incineration 2.SNCR DeNOx 3.Semidry absorption 4.ESP 5.SCR DeDiox/DeNOx 6.Heat recuperation 7.Wet flue gas washing 8.FG reheating 9.Flue gas fan 10.Chimney



## **Energy Recovery Scheme of ZEVO**



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CERP?

## **ZEVO Technology - Energetical Part**



## **Material and Energy Balances**





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# **Electricity and Heating Supply 2012**





## **Operational Costs and Revenues**

Operational costs are about 465.000 thousands CZK/a
Revenues are about 490.000 thousands CZK/a
Profit for upholding of technology improvement





1 USD = 20 CZK

## **ZEVO emissions vs. neighbours 2012**

Emission limits compare with other incineration plants



# **Operational Conditions and Experience**

### Efficiency R1

Decides about recovery or disposal – Wte criteria "to be or not to be"

- At least 0,60 for old plants
- About 0,7 for ZEVO (75% in Heat, 25% in Electricity generated)
- CHP and PES (KVET a UPE)
  - Decides about bonuses
  - Efforted values higher then 15%
- Waste and Fluegas = corrosive and abrasive Weak points
  - Refractory (high heat transfer vs. low CO emissions)
  - Wessel (overheaters vs. steam conditions, usualy 400°C and 40 bar)
  - Heatexchangers in flue gas stream (efficiacy vs. reliability)
  - I Technology choice is a question of the whole operating time
    - Quality as question of price vs. reliability as question of maintenance
    - Sum of investment costs, operational costs and maintenance costs = C

### References

Proved technologies = probably higher price but less worry!



## Weak point – Heat recuperation leakage

### Heat recuperation parameters

- Each line contains cooler (C-Steel) and reheater (C-Steel, NiCr and PTFE)
- Heat transfer by hot water, temperature 140/180 °C, pressure 2,8 MPa
- Flue gas coolling after SCR DeDiox/DeNOx reactor (from 290°C to 180°C)
- Reheating of flue gas after FGC (from 65°C to 115 °C)
- City heating water supply temperature increase by 6°C (spot exchanger)

### Advantages

- Saving 3x3MW heat = 10% (previously defeated by passing wet FGD)
- Steamsubstitution in reheater by recuperation heat selling more electricity
- Problems after operation start 08/2010 on recuperation circle occured
  - Leakage on cooler line 1 app. after ½ year in operation tube plugged
  - Leakage on reheater line 1 app. after 1 year in operation repaired by Ni alloy clamp mounting
  - Leakage 1 year after start of operation on cooler line 3 tube plugged
  - Repeated (4 times!) leakage on coller line 3 in 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years tubes plugged,
  - After last leakage dated 07/2012 cooler dismounted and repaired by partially tubes replacement by manufacturer flucorrex (CH)
  - Cooler L1 mounted back in 09/2012, leakage after 12 hours of operation!
  - L3 has been operated without cooler from 11/2012 to 05/2013 heat substitution by DeNOx burners = natural gas costs!

08/2013 100% tube replacement at L1 and L3 by CZ company, still running PRAŽSKÉ SLUŽBY, a.s.

## **Recuperation of Heat from Flue Gas**





### **Heat Recuperation – Cooler possition**





### Heat Recuperation – Damages to cooler





### Heat Recuperation – Damages to reheater



-plugged by ZAB ( July 2012) -detected leaking through pressure test (19.-23.11.2012) -plugged by PS ( 19.-23.11.2012 2012)









### Heat Recuperation – Cooler construction



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### **Heat Recuperation – Cooler flows**



### Heat Recuperation – p-T Diagram Water and Steam

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## Weak point – Heat recuperation leakage

Damage illustration and operating conditions

- Leakage from cooler always in 10 to 20 cm distance from tube plate
- Leakages in the middle part of cooler (either first or last rows!)
- Initiating leakage on one tube (material) caused extensive derogation of surrounding area repeated local damages
- No operational failures because defects only on two coolers (L1+L3)
- Recuperation water quality refers to turbine condensate pH ower 8.5, no CI contents
- Coolers asymetric flow flue gas-cooling water lines 1 and 3 to 2 and 4
- Leakage from reheater initiated under teflon layer during stand-by period
- Reheaters symmetric flow line 1-4
- Possible reasons for damages
  - Local overheating caused by boiling inside tubes
  - Local cooling down under dew point of SO<sub>3</sub>
  - Damages on the PTFE layer by dropped parts + chlorine migration from wet flue gas through PTFE layer to NiCr tube (in incrustations)

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## Weak point – Heat recuperation leakage

### Solutions – steps allready done

- New reheater for line 1 and 2 ordered by investor, material changed to Ni based alloy for tubes
- Revamping of old reheater by thicker C-steel tubes (2,5 mm instead of 1,5 mm)
- Further droplets elimination in flue gas before entering reheaters
- New cooler with double tube thickness + revamping of old cooler by thicker tubes (2,5 mm instead of 1,5 mm)
- Modification of inlet flanges on water side, dazzle plates for flow equalization
- Solutions steps in planning possibilities?
  - Measuring flue gas velocities and pressures across cooler
  - Measuring of dew point SO<sub>3</sub>
  - Modification of flue gas flow by guidance plates in future
  - Elimination of SO<sub>3</sub> dew point reaching by water temperature increase
- Solutions problem analysis
  - Research and Development Institutes
  - Operators Experience

Half Kingdom and Princess as Reward ③

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## **Alternatives to WtE?**

Avoiding waste production where are the social limits? Reducing waste production wasteless technologies, package reduction...technological limits! Reusing of "waste" returnable bottles, castings...environmental impacts? Material recycling paper, plastics...how high can be the practicable rate? Mechanical biological treatment quality of outputs...their usability? Coincineration of pretreated waste in power plants waste remains waste...emissions or costs?

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## **Recycling – possibilities**

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# What's to be kept in mind about WtE...???

### Legislative conditions for WtE

- **17.** BImSchV was a driving force for WtE conditions on the european level
- Regulations 75/442/EEC, 1999/31/EC and 2000/76/EC for EU
- Reg. 185/2001 (new wording in preparation), 415/2012 and 201/2012 for CZ
- MSW is a renewable energy source with permanent availability
  - Every EU citizen produces 350 kg MSW/a, i.e. 3,5 GJ energy in waste
  - Recovered MSW could substitute 7% of heat and electricity demand
- Support of heat and electricity recovery from MSW
  - Excessive bonuses for "green energy" from sun and wind
  - In some member states also bonuses for WtE MSW containig 50% "green C"
- There is no technology without environmental impact!
  - Question of "sustainable development"
  - Principle of "the smaller evil" (landfilling vs. energy recovery)
- MSW is contributor to the energetic state selfsufficiency
  - Less dependance on foreign import of energy (gas, oil)
  - Politically and economically safe source (smart grids, smart cities)
  - Energy recovery from MSW by WtE's in Europe
    - About 400 WtE plants in Europe (F 130, DE 70, SE 31, CH 28, A 14, CZ 3 (+5))
    - Lack of financial resources by government occasion for private investors!
- WtE technology is expensive but perspective due to fuel sustainability
  - Operating life over 30 years
    - Specific investment costs about 500 to 700 Euro per ton yearly capacity

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## WtE ZEVO Malešice/Prague

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**Ecological sound** recovery of clean energy from 300 thousand tons of Prague's waste ...generation of heat and power for 18 thousand households!

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It depends on what we do with... ...WtE...for a better future! Thank you for your attention

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