



WASTE TO ENERGY ON STEROIDS

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AGENDA



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Don't quit talking about a good idea



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Evaluation



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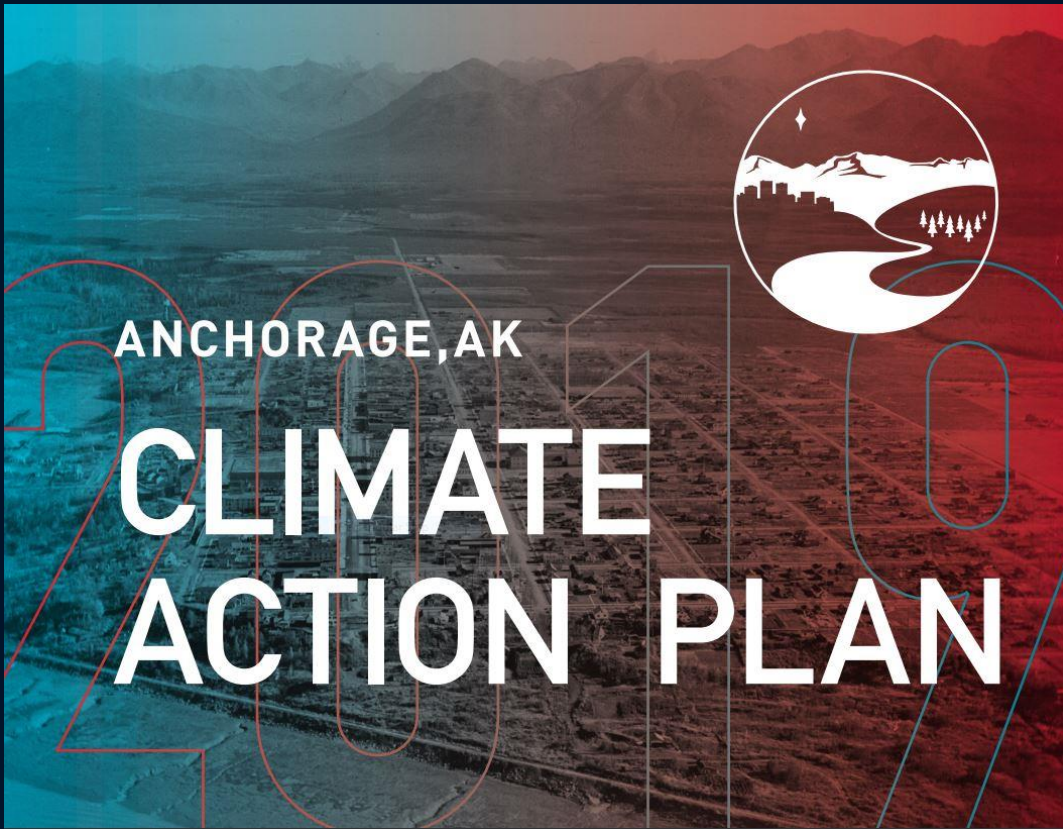


05 Economics of
WTE



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ANCHORAGE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATION





Objective 10. Capture potential energy in collected refuse.

No.	Actions	Co-benefits	Primary Municipal Liaison	Potential Partners	Timeline
10A	Develop leachate evaporator with excess landfill methane to reduce leachate hauling		SWS	Doyon Utilities, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER)	Mid-term
10B	Identify and implement additional means of energy collection from solid waste (e.g. organics digestion, mass burn).		SWS	Alaska Waste, Alaska Energy Authority, AWWU, Central Environmental Inc., Anchorage electric utilities, local compost makers, entrepreneurs	Mid-term



MOA SWS MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATION

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Prepared for:
**Municipality of Anchorage
Solid Waste Services**

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN

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September 2018

New transfer station, administration, maintenance, and 30+ year old assets. This improves safety and life of the ARL through improved community outreach and education programs. A year shutdown of the existing facility for management facility at existing transfer station adjacent uses that may impact future CTS.

Diversion Programs



Increase diversion through food waste organics collection/drop-off program, compost facility capacity and development, public sector recycling outreach and education programs, reuse. Increase SWS diversion rate to 27% and reduce per capita disposal to 5.4 lbs./day (for those within the Area).

Alternative Technologies





Conduct feasibility study of technology alternatives to landfill disposal (including biological or thermal treatment) for addressing SWS and potentially AWWU (Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility) needs. A 20% to 90% reduction in landfill disposal (by volume) may be achieved with biological or thermal treatment, respectively.

GOAL OF SWS STRATEGIC PLAN

**DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES
STRATEGIC PLAN**

2021-2026

PLAN AT-A-GLANCE

GOAL AREA ONE

Community Sustainability

All Solid Waste Services efforts contribute to the sustainability of the Anchorage community.

FLEET

Prioritize the development of a successful electric/hybrid fleet of vehicles.

RECYCLING

Develop and implement results-based tactics that make recycling more accessible to the community.

LANDFILL

Take action to extend the life of the Anchorage Regional Landfill.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Coordinate with the Municipality of Anchorage on implementation of the climate Action plan.



GOAL AREA TWO

Operational Excellence

Solid Waste Services is an inspired and empowered team committed to high standards throughout all operations.

SAFETY

Continue our commitment to the safety of our employees, customers, and community.

COMPLIANCE

Improve regulatory compliance through enhanced permit management practices.

NEW FACILITIES

Prioritize the opening and integration of new facilities to improve operational excellence.

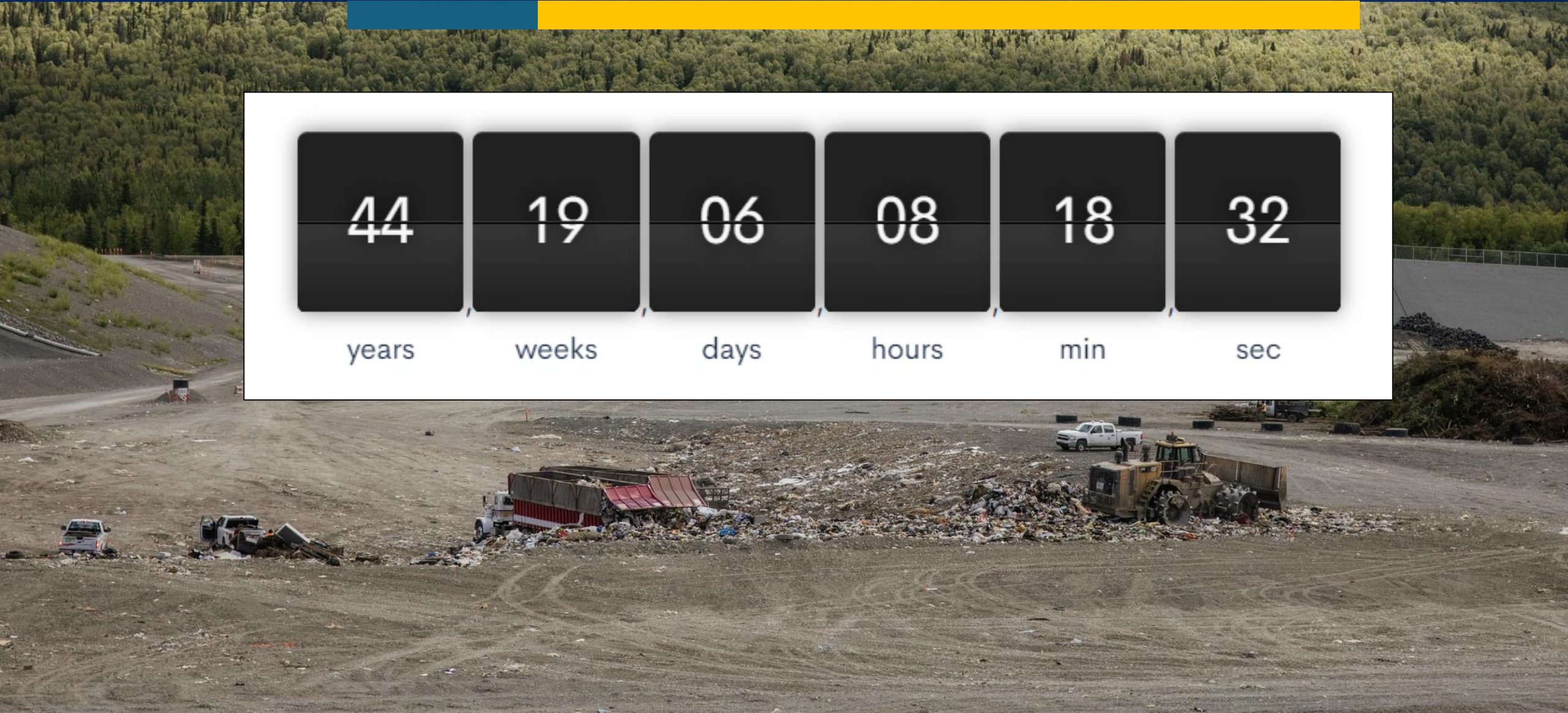
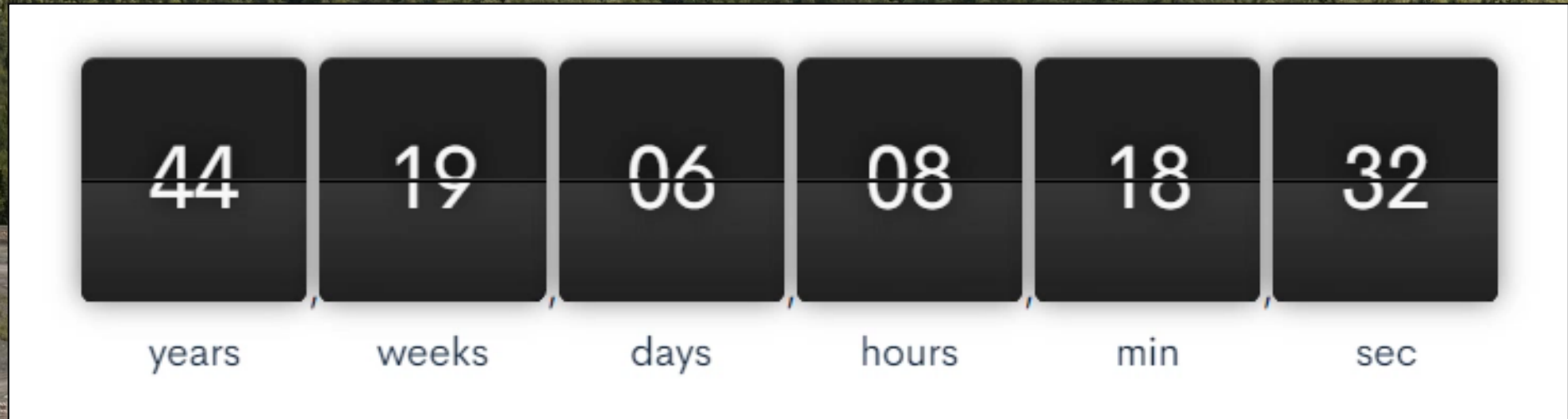
WORKFORCE

Adapt and meet the needs of our workforce by allowing and understanding the value of flexible work practices to include remote teleworking when feasible.

SHARED SERVICES

Reinforce and leverage the value of our shared services with the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility (AWWU).

“DOOMSDAY CLOCK” FOR LANDFILL CLOSURE



PRE-FEASIBILITY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

STEPS



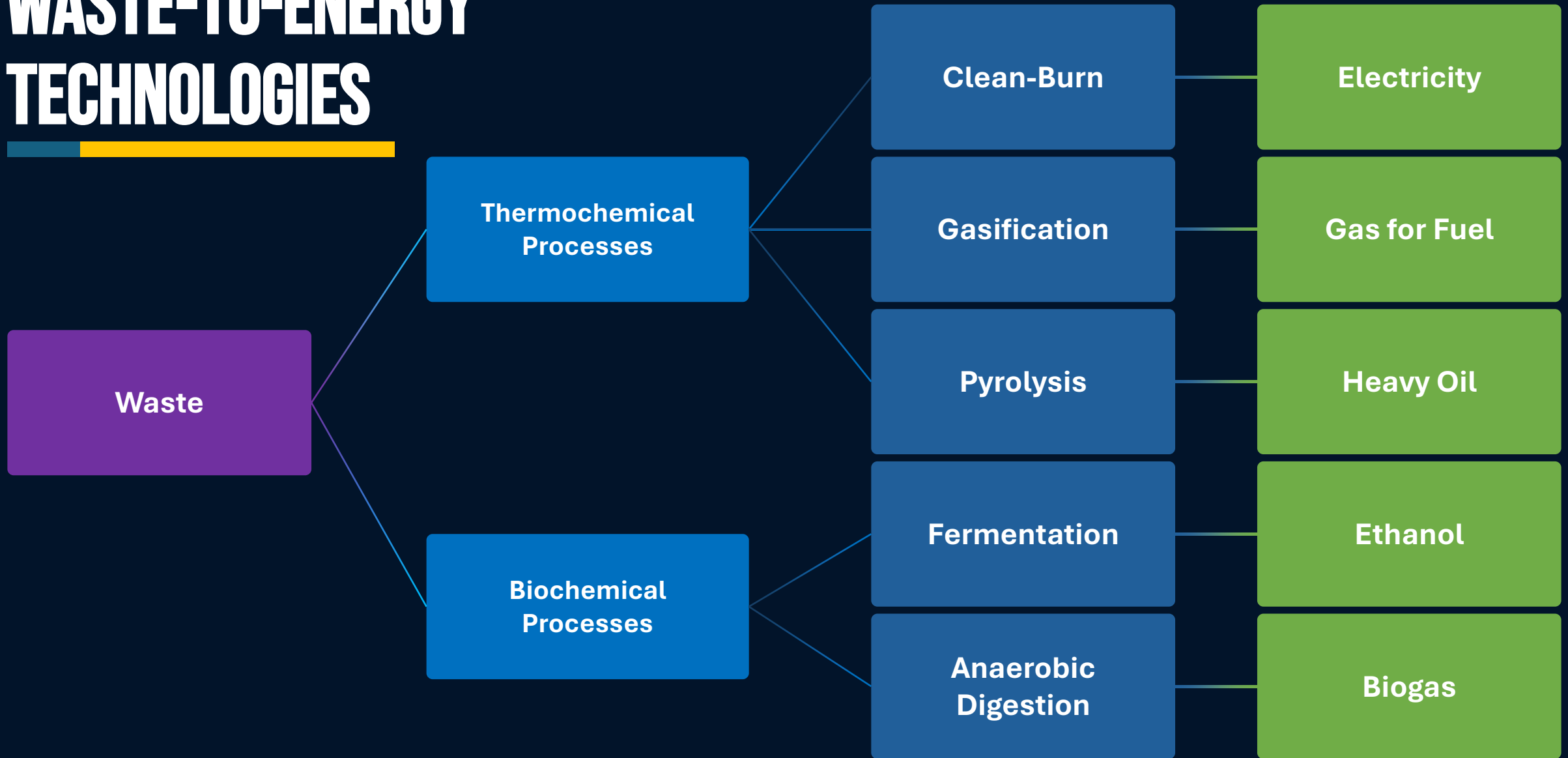


WTE/(CLEAN-BURN) IN THE U.S. AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ANCHORAGE, AK



- 75 WTE (Clean-Burn) plants in 25 states
- ~14% (solid waste managed)
- 4 facilities in Western States:
 - Spokane
 - Vancouver
 - Portland
 - Modesto
- Honolulu (island like Anchorage, burns wastewater Sludge)
- MOA LFGTE Plant at Anchorage Regional Landfill, could double capacity with existing gas production there 7.2-MW currently.

WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

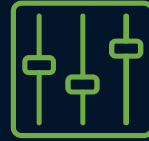


EVALUATION CRITERIA



State of Technology

- Degree to which technology has been proven on a commercial scale
- Operating History
- Freedom from high failure models
- Demonstrated reliability of entire system



Technical Performance

- Compatibility with full spectrum of solid waste system
- Ability to produce marketable byproducts
- Need for pre-processing



Technical Resources

- Proven contractor experience with technology
- Proximity of technical support
- Ability to provide support on continuing basis

ADVANTAGES OF CLEAN BURN PLANTS

Commercially proven (been around a long time)

Mature technology addressing high risks with design and operational procedures

High gross energy output and high reliability

U.S. based vendors

Pool of experienced professionals

“Ultimate” Recycling Program that increases overall amount diverted

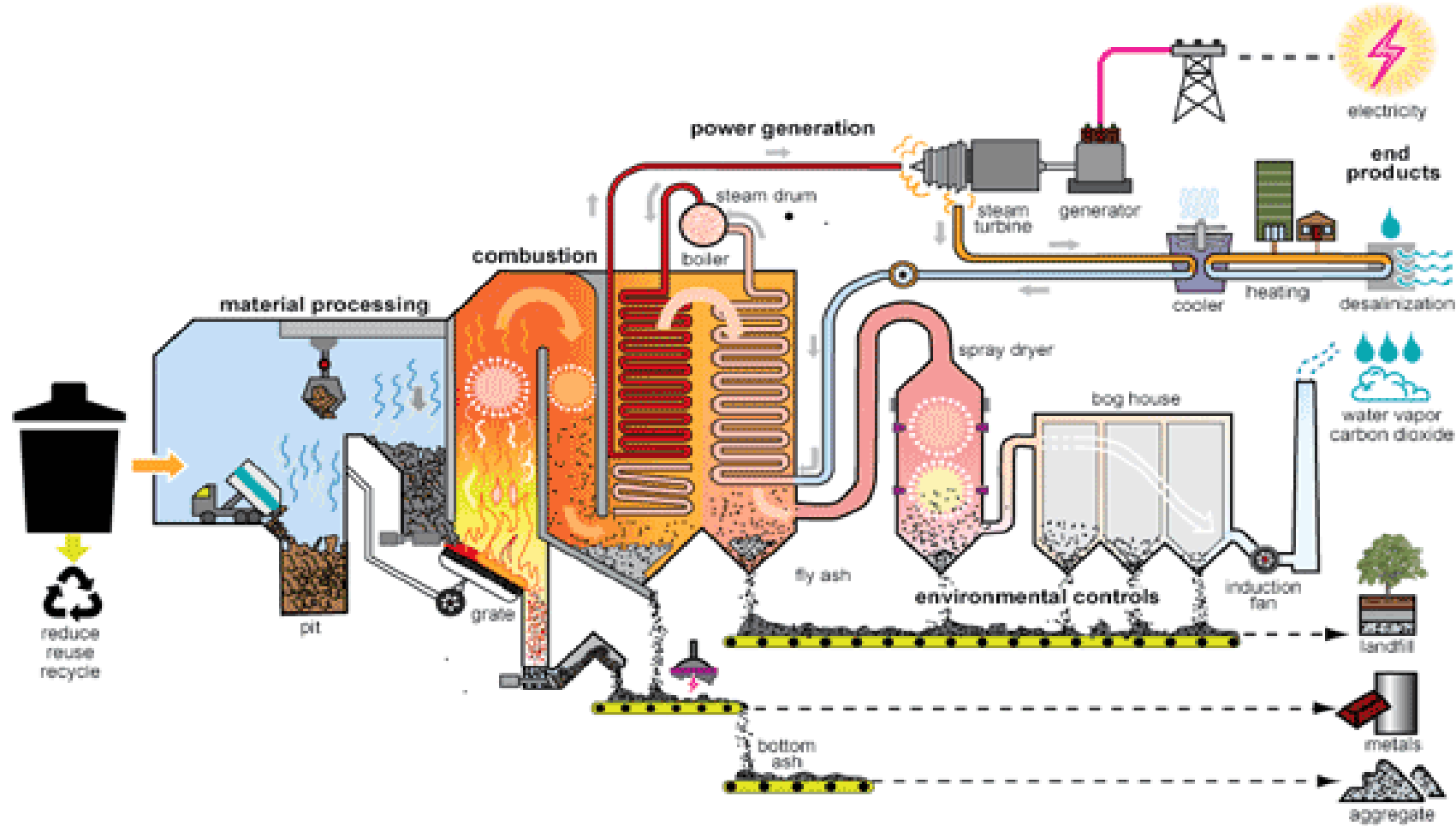
Reduces Leachate and LFG Production

Offsets energy production from petroleum sources

Depending on size (under 75MW), is considered a renewable energy source



CLEAN-BURN PROCESS FLOW OVERVIEW



BENEFITS OF WTE

WTE is Renewable Energy, will offset natural gas usage

Reduces Greenhouse Emissions wrt landfilling

Can treat PFAS contaminants effectively

Over 90% reliability

MOA becomes an IPP, could produce own power

TECHNOLOGY



REVENUES

- Increased landfill life
- Electric Sales
- Biosolids (Supplemental) Waste Fees
- Railbelt Solid Waste Disposal
- PFAS Contaminated Materials Treatment
- Recovered Metals
- Ash for road aggregate

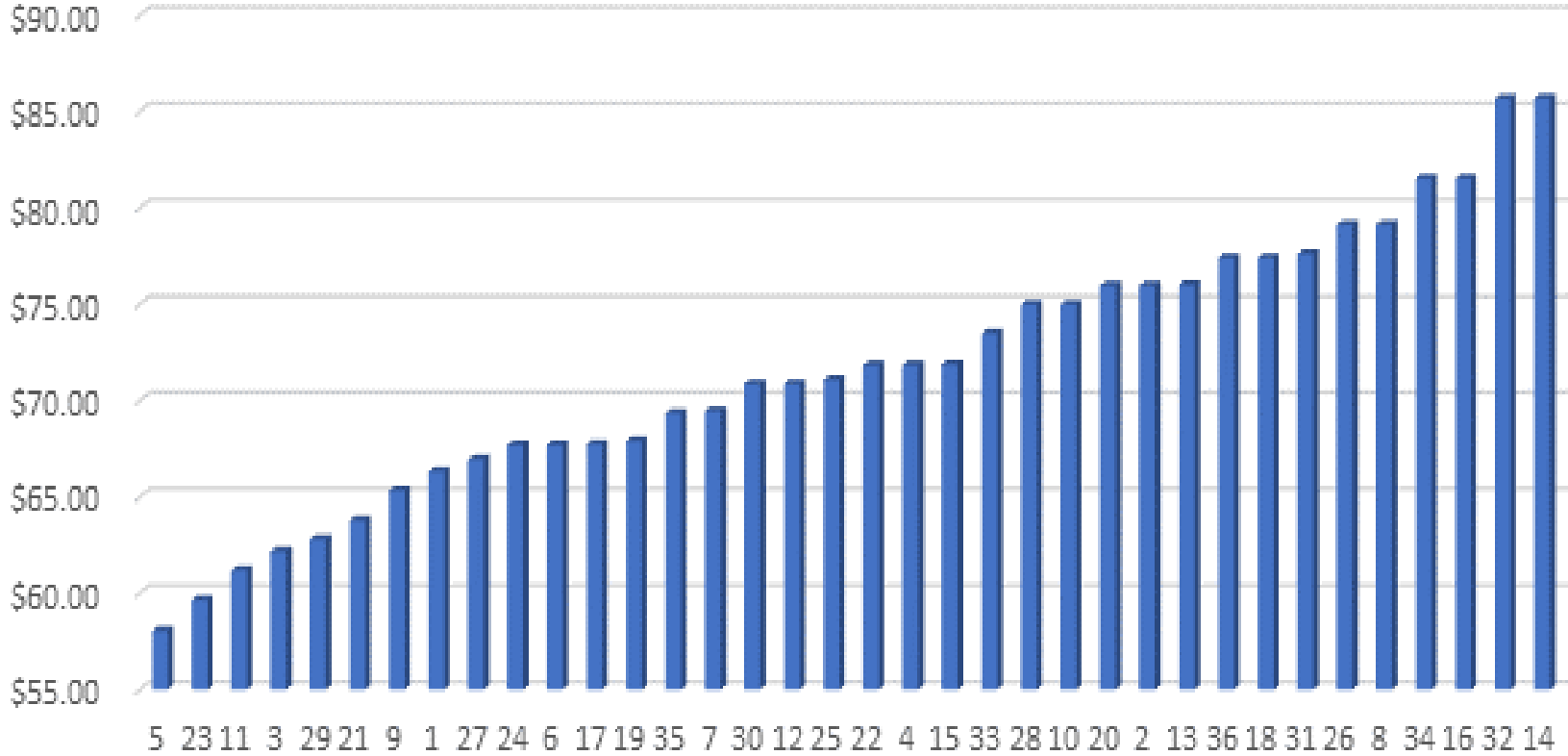


EXPENSES

- Debt Service
- Operating Fees
- Potable and Non-Potable Water
- Propane
- Lime Pebble
- Lime Dolomite
- Urea
- Carbon

PRO FORMA RATE MODEL AND TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Projected Year 1 Tipping Fee by Scenario (Low to High)



PRE-FEASIBILITY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY CONCLUSIONS

01

Clean-burn is the most well established and reliable WTE technology, extends life of ARL by 100 years

02

The MOA generates 1,000 tons per day (tpd); 1,200 tpd with neighboring Boroughs and Municipalities

03

WTE can convert biosolids effectively, save AWWU ratepayers

04

WTE is a practical goal of the MOA SWS Strategic, Solid Waste Master, and Climate Action Plans

05

Various economic scenarios suggest required tipping fees per ton range from \$58-\$85 (2020 \$'s depending on grants)

06

PFAS destruction at temperatures of greater than 1000°F, significantly cheaper than disposal fees for hazardous waste



NEXT STEPS

(#DOSOMETHING, NO MORE STUDYING, THAT WORK IS DONE!)



Who will own it (MOA “owns” the garbage and sludge)

Who can finance it (grant funding, loans, bonds), update financial analysis

Include in regional energy plan (when developed)

Confirm Project Site

Confirm Energy Pricing (would sell to CEA/MEA or use it for MOA purposes)

Confirm Neighboring Boroughs Interest in sending trash to MOA

Develop Schedule and Implementation Costs

Confirm Procurement Options

Develop Financing Plan

Draft RFP (need to start Permitting and Public Outreach)





THANK YOU!

