Zero Waste: A Stepping Stone to Sustainability

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Personal Introduction

I first got involved in waste management 29 years ago when a trash incinerator was proposed for our area in Northern NY I had little idea then that this issue would take me to 62 different countries

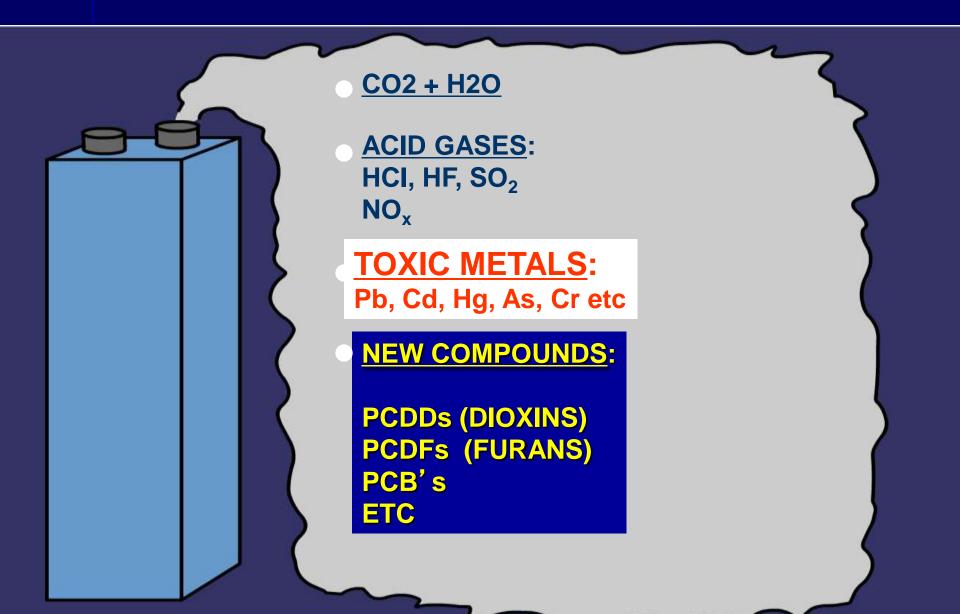
In the beginning

As a professor of chemistry my primary concern was about the air pollution incineration produced...

Incinerators put many highly toxic and persistent substances into the air



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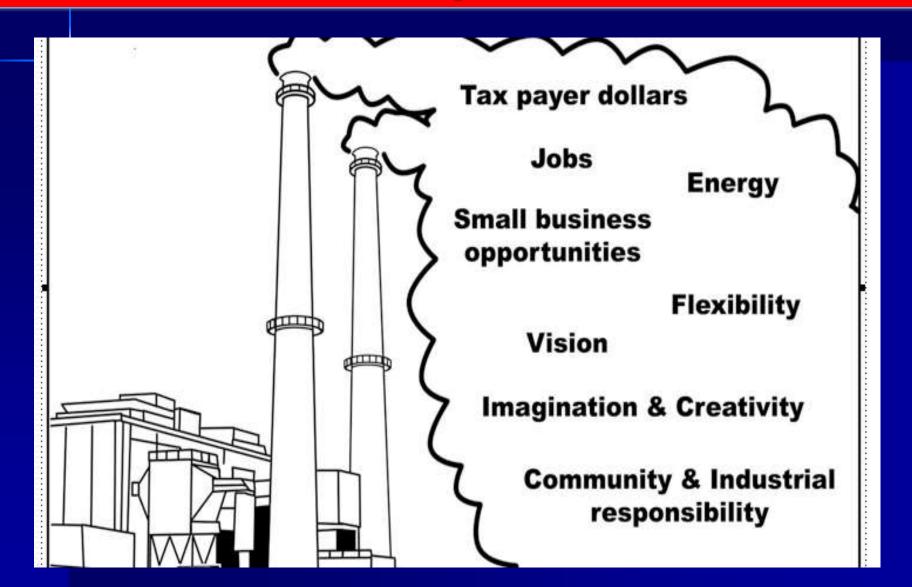


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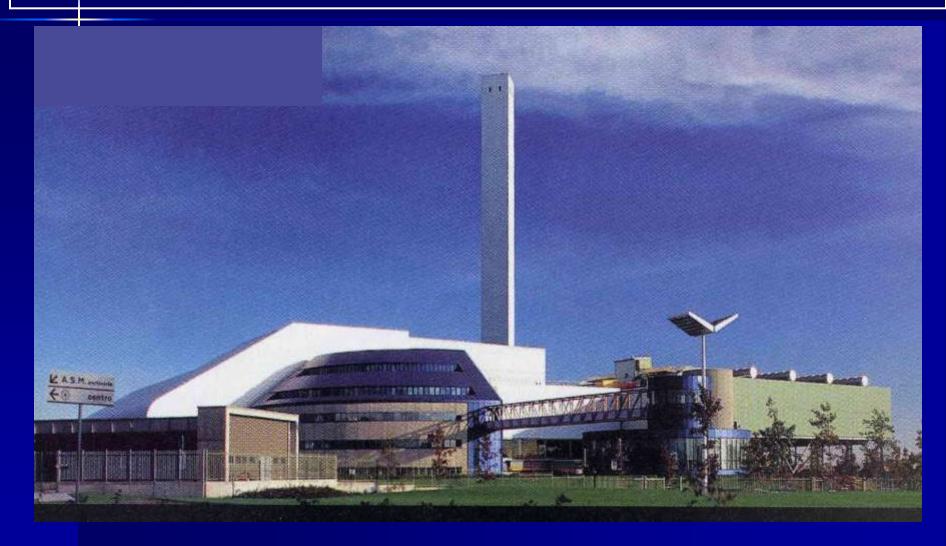
I am far more concerned about the wasted opportunities that incineration represents In addition to wasting finite material resources ...

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A modern incinerator looks better, but...



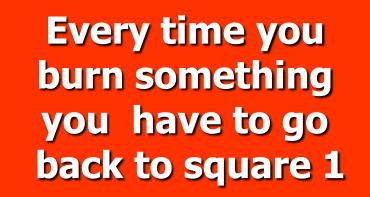
It is attempting to perfect a bad idea

Our task in the 21st Century is not to get better at destroying discarded materials

But to stop making packaging and products that have to be destroyed!

Incineration is simply NOT sustainable

INCINERATION



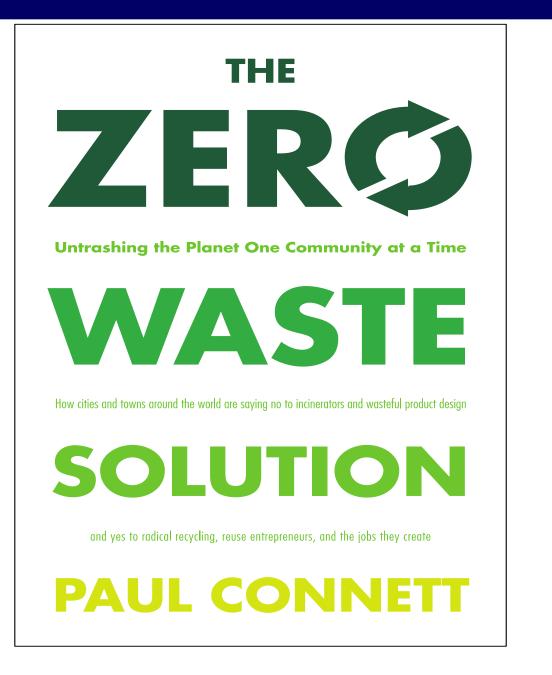
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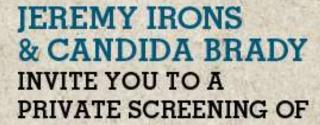
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Subtitle of the Book: "Untrashing the Planet One Community at a Time."

OUTLINE

- 1) A few words about Sustainability
- 2) Ten Steps to Zero Waste (including the 4th R)
- 3) More arguments against incineration

1. A few words about Sustainability

We are living on this planet as if we had another one to go to!

Sustainability

- We would need FOUR planets if every one consumed as much as the average American
- We would need TWO planets if every one consumed as much as the average European
- Meanwhile, India, China etc. are copying our consumption patterns
- Something has got to change and the best place to start is with waste

As far as sustainability is concerned

Every ton of waste that we landfill or incinerate takes us in the wrong direction

Whereas, every ton we

Compost,

Reuse,

Recycle, or

Avoid

Takes us in the right direction

The Waste problem will not be solved with better technology

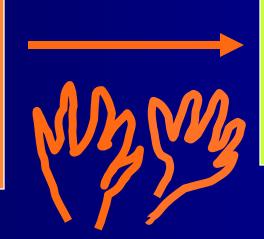
But with
Better organization
Better education
and better industrial design

2. TEN STEPS TO ZEROWASTE

STEP 1.

1. Source Separation

Waste



Resources

STEP 2.

1. Source Separation

2. Door to Door Collection

The San Francisco system



Once a week pick-up

In Wales, some communities are serviced by collection systems which sort at kerb ("slow recycling")

Intelligent - from kerb to depot.





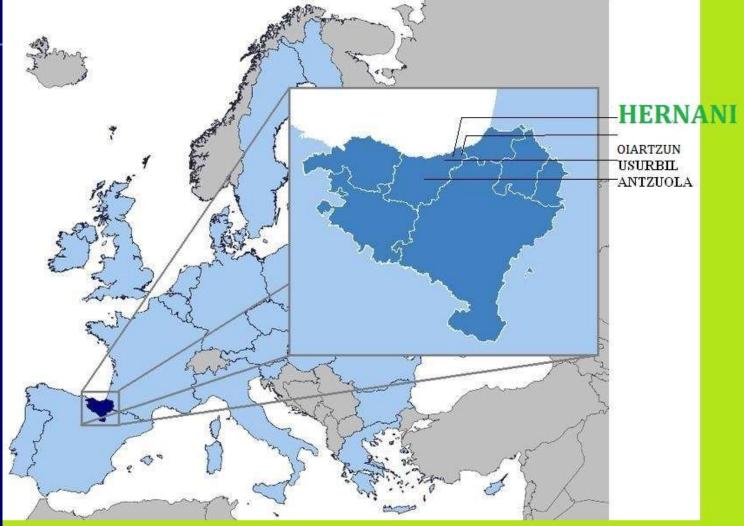


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HORARIO Y CALENDARIO DE RECOGIDA

	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado	domingo
9:00					rechazo		
23:00	envases ligeros	papel- cartón	orgánico	envases ligeros	orgánico	rechazo	orgánico











Calidad del compost



Pureza del 99,76 %

STEP 3.

1. Source Separation

2. Door to Door Collection

3. Composting

Discarded organics hierarchy

- Feed people (see *The Stop* by Saul and Curtis)
- 2) Feed animals
- 3) Feed the soil
- Composting (and vermiculture) Hierarchy
- a) Backyard and onsite (institutions)
- b) Community composting (e.g. Zurich)
- c) On farms
- d) Centralized facility (also anaerobic digestion)



Feeding the community Protecting the environment

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Welcome to re-plenish - the Oxford food bank



Making a difference

re-plenish, the Oxford food bank, is all about making a difference. Making a difference to how we think about food and waste, making a difference in how we treat our world and making a difference to people's lives.

re-plenish is a food bank which takes unsold food from local supermarkets and suppliers and redistributes it to community food projects in and around Oxford. This simple system provides healthy, wholesome food to people who need it and reduces the amount of unsold food that ends up in landfill.

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Italia In time collection of food from supermarkets and restaurants Prof. Andrea Segre Agriculture Dept., U. of Bolgna andreasegre@unibo.it

The Composting plant



Serving San Francisco



Over 200 vineyards use the compost

Local farmers use compost



The fruit and vegetables go back to restaurants in San Francisco



For restaurants it is 25% cheaper to put out clean organics than mixed waste



We must involve restaurant owners



STEP 4.

1. Source Separation

2. Door to Door Collection

3. Composting

Recycling facility on Pier 96







The separation lines





STEP 5.

Reuse and Repair Centers (Community **Centers**)





Urban Ore operating for 30 years

Grossing \$3 million per year
27 full-time well-paid jobs

















ReSource, Burlington, Vermont





Build it with Reclaimed NOOD



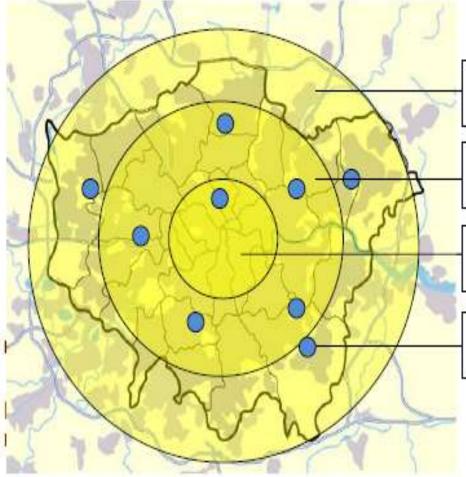
ReSource, Burlington, Vermont







LONDON, UK has put \$ 6 million into 9 Reuse and Repair centers



Bases [High Volume, Low Frequency] Large consolidation warehouses

Hubs [Med Volume, Med Frequency] Approved Reuse Projects

High-Value Outlets [Low Volume, High Frequency]: Maximise Income

Low-Income Outlets [Low Volume, High Frequency]: Accessibility

Opened by Mayor of London

REUSE





Reuse & Repair Centers

- Poverty Relief
- Job Creation
- Job Training
- Link to deconstruction businesses
- Link to value-added enterprises
- Community Development
- To fight overconsumption we need to recreate the village within the city

VIDEOS ONLINE

On the Road to Zero Waste see

www.AmericanHealthStudies.org

Kretsloppsparken – the Reuse Park in Gottenburg, Sweden.





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STEP 6.

Waste Reduction Initiatives

We have to minimize the residual fraction with...

Ireland

 Government put a 15 cent tax on plastic shopping bags
 reduced use by 92% in one year!



In Ontario, Canada

They have been REUSING glass beer bottles for over 60 years!

In Ontario, Canada



Italy

Several supermarket chains are providing dispensers which allow customers to refill shampoo and detergent bottles... Effecorta, A food store in Capannori, Tuscany, Italy



L'esperienza effecorta

www.effecorta.it

60 taps



Filiera Corta di prodotti sfusi e alla spina

REFILL SYSTEM FOR DETERGENTS

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No plastic bags used





TAP WATER INSTEAD OF BOTTLED WATER

GLASS INSTEAD OF PLASTIC BOTTLES

REUSABLE PAMPERS



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STEP 7.



The "Pay by bag" system



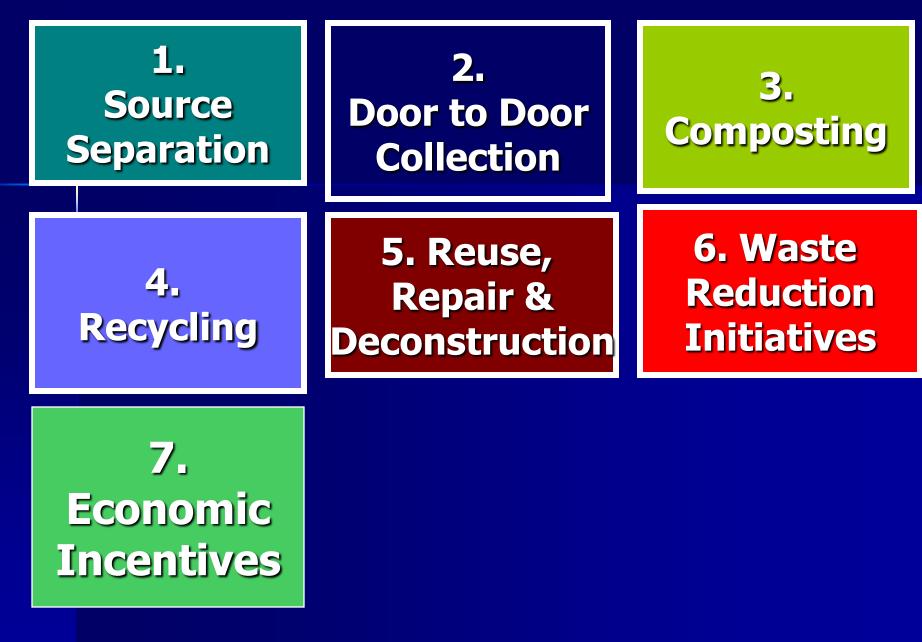
The "Pay by bag" system



you make the more you pay!

Italia

Villafranca d' Asti (population = 3,000) went from 70% to 85% using "pay by bag" system



Step 8 Is the most important step For Zero Waste

8A. The Residual Screening Facility

Nova Scotia, Canada

These are built IN FRONT of the landfills

No waste can go directly to the landfill. It must first go through the screening facility



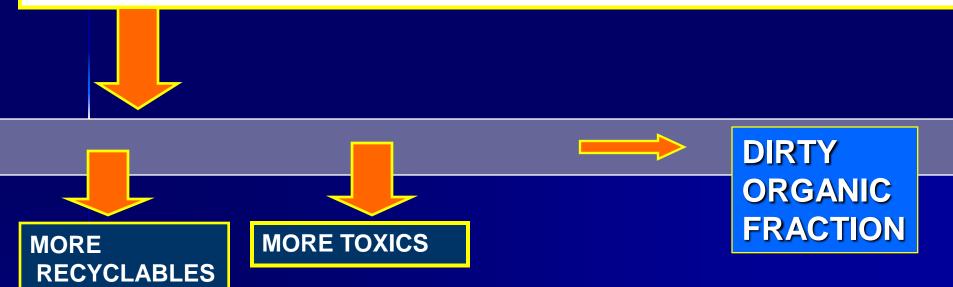








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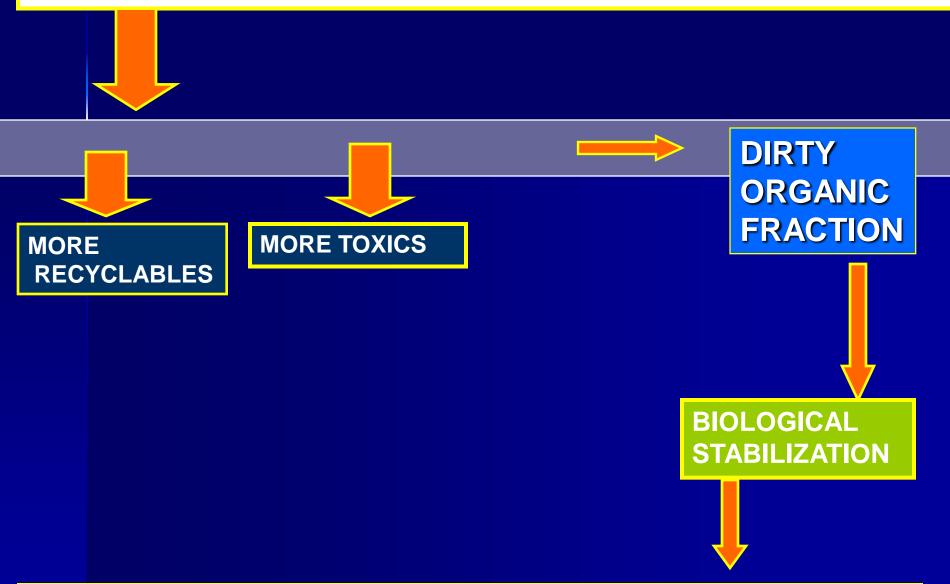








RESIDUAL SCREENING FACILITY



INTERIM LANDFILL for non-recyclable and stabilized organic fraction





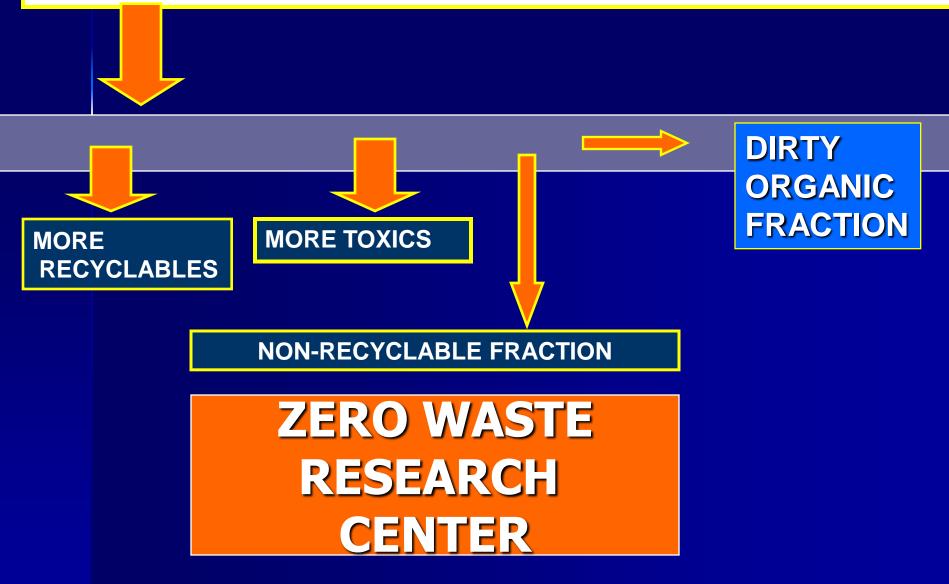


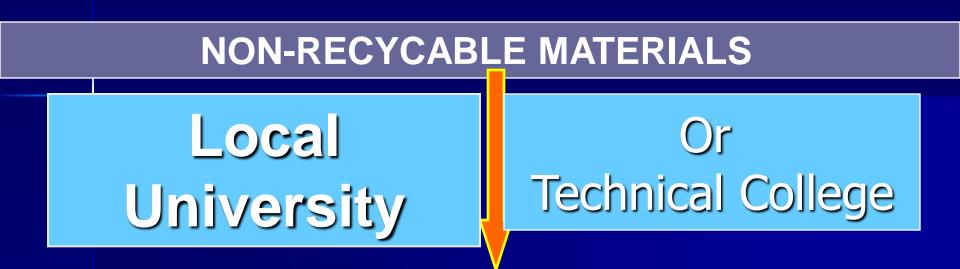




8B. THE ZERO WASTE RESEARCH CENTER

RESIDUAL SCREENING & RESEARCH FACILITY





ZERO WASTE RESEARCH CENTER

RESEARCH CENTER

Recommend better designs to industry on packaging and products

THE RESIDUAL SEPARATION AND ZERO WASTE RESEARCH CENTER



The Message to Industry:

- If we can't reuse it, recycle it or compost it,
- Industry shouldn't be making it
- We need better industrial design for the 21st Century

On Jan 23, 2010 Capannori launched its Rifiuti Zero Research Center

Rossano Ercolini <u>Ambientefuturo@interfree.it</u>

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FRAZIONE RESIDUA – Capannori Porta a Porta

1.	Tessili e cuolo	16.52 %
2.	Pannolini	13.95 %
3.	Materiale organico da cucina	10.56 %
4.	Altra plastica: non imballo	9.98 %
5.	Imballaggi cellulosici poliaccopiati	8.05 %
6.	Imballaggi poliaccopiati in plastica	7.45 %
7.	Imballaggi flessibili in plastica	6.81 %
8.	Materiale organico da giardino	4.64 %
9.	Imballaggi rigidi in plastica (non bottiglie)	3.23 %
10	Giornali (quotidiani e riviste)	2.54 %



REUSABLE PAMPERS



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LETTERA APERTA ALLA LAVAZZA

<u>Spettabile Lavazza</u>

Dal giugno 2010, il Comune di Capannori (Lucca, popolazione 46.000 abitanti e sede del distretto cartario più importante d'Italia) ha promosso il progetto "Passi concreti verso rifiuti zero"fondato sulla costituzione del **CENTRO RICERCA RIFIUTI ZERO**.

Tale Centro di Ricerca, dotato di un team operativo e di un Comitato Scientifico presieduto dal professor **Paul Connett**, ha lo scopo di STUDIARE la composizione del RIFIUTO RESIDUO "a valle" di raccolte differenziate che hanno raggiunto la media (certificata dalla Regione Toscana) dell'81%. A partire dallo scorso luglio il team operativo del Centro di Ricerca al cui interno operano sia esperti di gestione dei **rifiuti** che progettisti sono stati effettuati diversi sopralluoghi presso la stazione di trasferimento dei rifiuti del comune dove viene conferito il "rifiuto non riciclabile". Attraverso questi sopralluoghi condotti in collaborazione con il soggetto gestore ASCIT si è riscontrato una grande quantità di **CAPSULE DA CAFFE**. In merito il soggetto gestore ci ha confermato che l'indicazione che viene data alle utenze circa la gestione di tale imballaggio è quella della collocazione nel contenitore del "residuo" da inviare a smaltimento in quanto trattasi di plastica parzialmente contaminata dalla residua polvere di caffè.

Poiché il comune di Capannori nel **2007** è stato il primo in Italia ad approvare una DELIBERA RIFIUTI ZERO entro il 2020 collocandosi tra le numerose municipalità che a livello internazionale (soprattutto in California ed in USA cosi' come in Canada, Australia, Sud America ed adesso anche in Europa) perseguono questo obiettivo; poiché, altresi' la RD nel comune raggiunge livelli ottimali che testimoniano un alto livello responsabilizzazione dell'intera comunità *APPARE DI ESTREMA ATTUALITA' E NECESSITA' ACQUISIRE LA COLLABORAZIONE DELLE IMPRESE* PRODUTTRICI. Tanto più se la conseguenza dei loro prodotti è rappresentata da scarti non aventi alcuna alternativa alle operazioni di smaltimento. Per questo il CENTRO DI RICERCA ha aperto un "caso studio" su questa tipologia di imballaggio muovendo dalla constatazione DI UN **ERRORE DI PROGETTAZIONE** DELLO STESSO (vedi su www.rifiutizerocapannori.it) per aprire senza alcun spirito polemico un "percorso condiviso" per un suo "ripensamento" in grado di superare le "*criticită*" attualmente evidenziate dai sopralluoghi . Già, nel corso di un <u>seminario nazionale</u> tenutosi a Capannori il 20-21 novembre scorsi è stato avanzato un "*ventaglio*" di **ALTERNATIVE** a cui, cortesemente, <u>VORREMMO COINVOLGERVI</u> considerando anche la necessità da parte dei produttori di avviarsi sempre più nella direzione di **farsi carico dei propri prodotti** dalla "*culla alla tomba*".

In questo percorso di <u>RESPONSABILIZZAZIONE</u> risiede o meno la possibilità di vincere la "sfida della sostenibilità ambientale" a cui tutti (cittadini, imprese e enti pubblici) <u>siamo chiamati a rispondere</u>. **Una disponibilità vostra ad aprire un confronto costruttivo** sarebbe di grande rilevanza non solo per contribuire a risolvere una "criticità" relativa ad una corretta gestione dei materiali di scarto ma anche per avviare un processo positivo nella applicazione di una **RESPONSABILITA' ESTESA DELLE IMPRESE** legata a criteri di *sostenibilità ambientale* e di *eticità*.

Capannori ...



Il responsabile del Progetto Rossano Ercolini



ZERO WASTE

Community Responsibility = Reduce, Reuse, Recycle/Compost

The 4th R

The $4^{th} R =$

RE-DESIGN

ZERO WASTE

Community Responsibility = Reduce, Reuse, Recycle/Compost

Industrial Responsibility = Re-Design STEP 9.

9. Better Industrial Design

10. An interim landfill for biologically stabilized dirty organic fraction



10. Interim Landfill



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This plan 1) Is better for the Economy... **MORE JOBS** 2) Is better for our HEALTH... LESS TOXICS 3) Is better for our UNIVERSITIES **MORE MEANING** 4) Is better for the PLANET... **MORE SUSTAINABLE** 5) Is better for our CHILDREN... **MORE HOPE**

How far have we got?

San Francisco

Population = 850,000
 Very little space
 50% waste diverted by 2000
 80% waste diverted by 2011
 ZERO WASTE by 2020 (or very close!)



Over 200 communities achieving over 70% diversion and some very quickly

Italy

Salerno (near Naples, pop 145,000) 18% to 72% in two years!

Flanders

This whole province in Belgium (population 6 million people) is getting 73% diversion





We need 5 C's to underpin the 4 R's of Zero Waste

1) Common Sense Don't let the experts take your common sense away 2) Community We need to empower communities to protect their air, water, food, resources, their land 3) Creativity We can't expect to outmatch corporate looters for money, but we can beat them on creativity

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4) Children

We need to involve children early in public service and the struggle for sustainability

5) Communication

When we achieve any success – large or small –we must communicate it around the country and the world (video/internet)

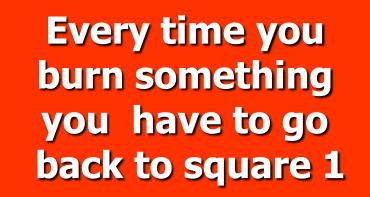
Information – communication –motivationaction We can't leave these matters to "waste experts" or "sustainability experts" we must involve everyone!

A BIG obstacle to Zero Waste is INCINERATION

4. Arguments against Incineration

1) Incineration is NOT sustainable

INCINERATION



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Report from China today (Sept 16, 2014)

South China Morning Post

Published on South China Morning Post (<u>http://www.scmp.com</u>) <u>Home</u> > Incinerator dioxin levels reduced but new rules allow more types of waste to be burned

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ENVIRONMENT

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"Protests over municipal incinerators have broken out in cities in recent years, with the latest taking place in Huizhou, Guangdong, on the weekend. In May, another rally in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, turned violent."



3) Incineration is a waste of energy!

About 4 X more energy saved by reusing, recycling and composting the various components in the discard stream – than burning them to create electricity

Dr. Jeffrey Morris, jeff.morris@zerowaste.com

Energy Comparison: Recycling versus incineration (ICF consulting, 2005)

material	Energy	Energy output	Energy savings
	savings from recycling	from incineration	recycling
	GJ/tonne	GJ/tonne	versus incineration
Newsprint	6.33	2.62	2.4
Fine paper	15.87	2.23	7.1
Cardboard	8.56	2.31	3.7
Other paper	9.49	2.25	4.2
HDPE	64.27	6.30	10.2
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Other plastic	52.09	4.76	10.9

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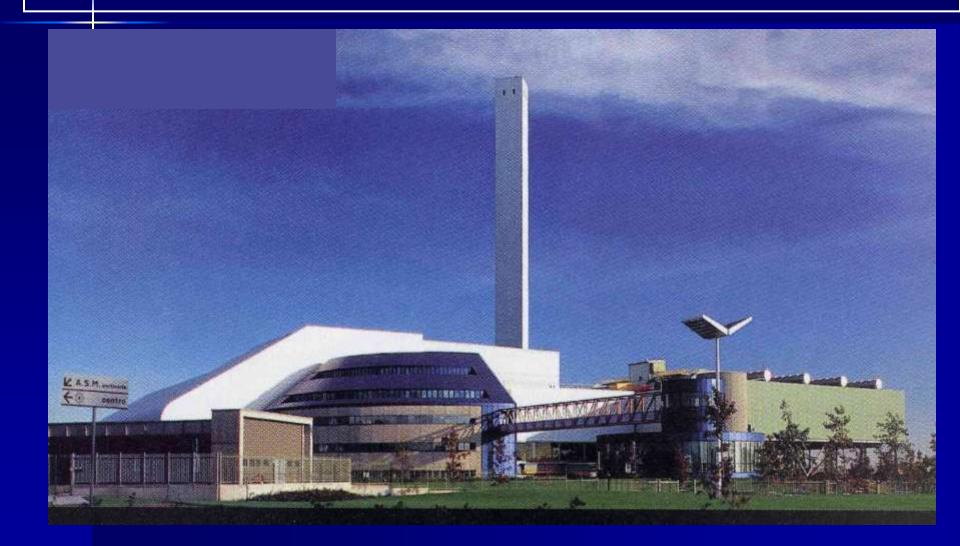
4) Incineration is a poor investment

- Most of the money spent on incinerators goes into complicated machinery and leaves the community (and even the country)
- Over half the money spent on a modern incinerator goes into air pollution control equipment
- Incineration is one of the most expensive way of generating electricity

5) Incineration creates very few jobs

 In contrast, the money spent on the alternatives goes into jobs and stays in the community.

An incinerator in Brescia, Italy



The Brescia incinerator cost 300,000,000 Euro and has created just 80 jobs. Another 500,000,000 Euro spent on energy subsidies

Nova Scotia program (Canada)

- Diverted 50% of waste from landfill in 5 years (Halifax ~ 60%)
- 1000 jobs created in collection and treatment of recyclables and compostables
- Another 2000 jobs created in the industries handling the recovered materials

6. Incineration wastes valuable time in the movement towards sustainability!

- It takes about 25 years (or more) to pay off the massive capital investment costs involved with building an incinerator.
- We don't have this time to waste!

7) Incineration stifles innovation "An incinerator needs to be fed for about 20 to 20 years and in

- for about 20 to 30 years and in order to be economic needs an enormous input from guite a region, so for 20 to 30 years you stifle innovation, you stifle alternatives, just in order to feed that monster which you build"
- Ludwig Kraemer, former Head of EU Waste Management, BBC 1 Panorama Documentary "Rubbish"



Ten years ago, the authority signed a 25-year deal with Kent Enviropower to provide them with 320,000 tonnes of waste to burn each year.

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But what was initially seen as a cash-saving opportunity has quickly turned into a money pit, as the council is forced to send increasingly valuable recyclable material to the incinerator in order to meet its annual quota.

Although it was signed in 1998, the contract only came into affect recently as it took nearly ten years to apply for planning permission and building the incinerator, which has been dogged by controversy itself due to high levels of flies and foul odours.

But in the last decade, many more economically and environmentally friendly methods of waste disposal have also been put into action, making the use of incinerators increasingly uneconomical.

Councillor Keith Ferrin, the council's environment spokesman, said it had been a 'stupid' decision in hindsight, but there had been no way to predict changes to the industry.

He said: "The people who thought they were being very clever and economical with people's money ten years ago have produced a situation where the reverse is true, as KCC is now committed to a contract we can't get out of.

8) Incineration makes handling waste very complicated and dangerous

Think of an incinerator as three boxes

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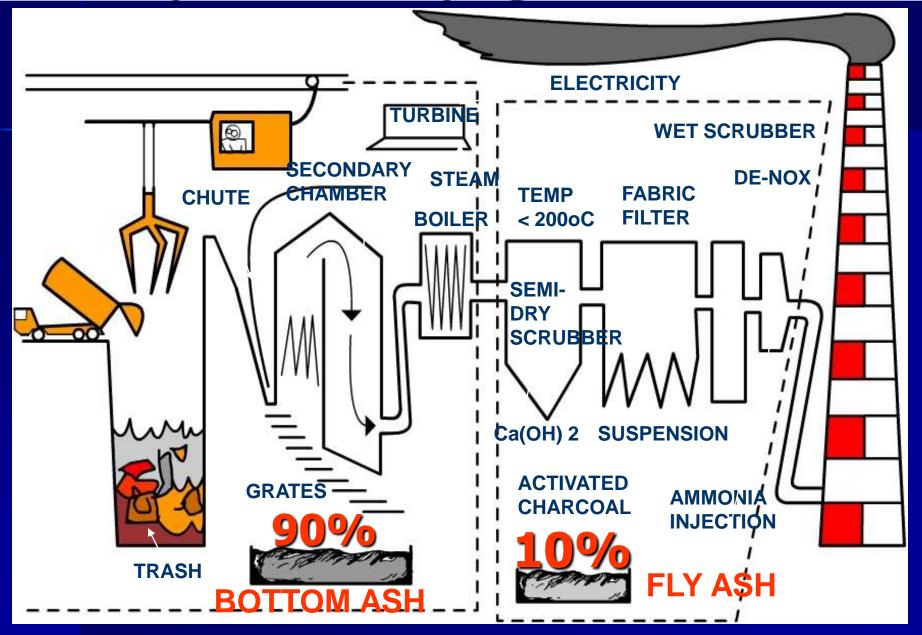
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 For every four tons of waste burned you get one ton of ash (or more)
 That nobody wants!

For every 4 tons of trash you get about one ton of ash



Ash is toxic and difficult to get rid of

- In Germany & Switzerland the fly ash is put into nylon bags and placed in salt mines
- In Japan some incinerators vitrify the ash
- In Denmark...
- They send all the ash to Norway!

In the UK the fly ash is sent to hazardous waste landfills

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The following slides were taken from a presentation at the UK House of Commons (Nov 2, 2010) by Barbara Farmer of the group SWARD (*a citizens' group fighting a fly ash landfill near Gloucester and featured in the movie TRASHED*)

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IF YOU THINK WASTE IS SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM ...THINK AGAIN

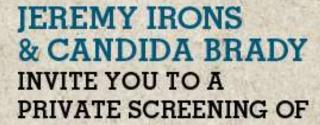
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40 mph road sign covered in ash



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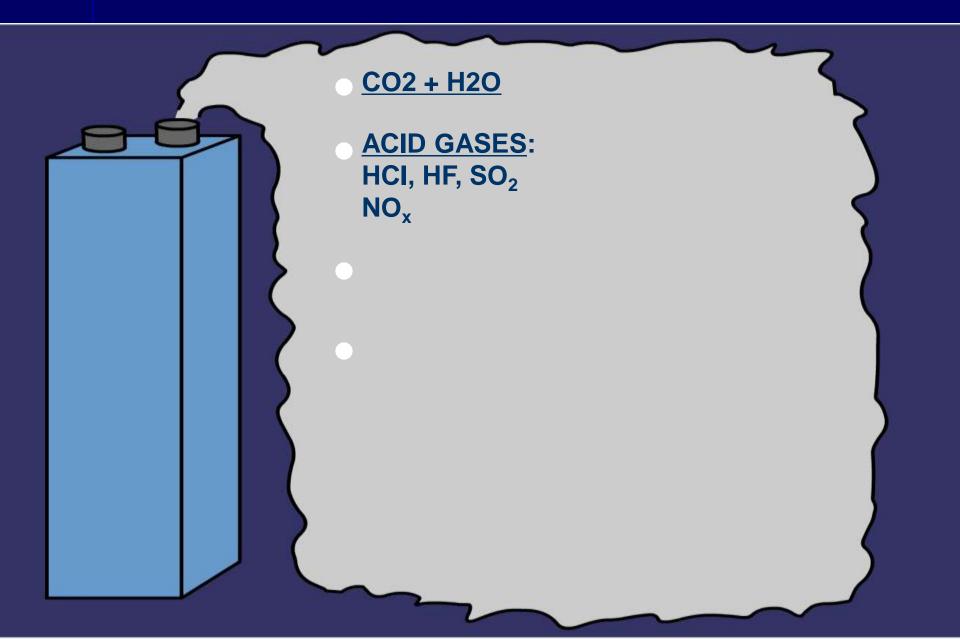
In the US the fly and bottom ash are mixed before testing and then sent to municipal landfills or "combined ash" landfills

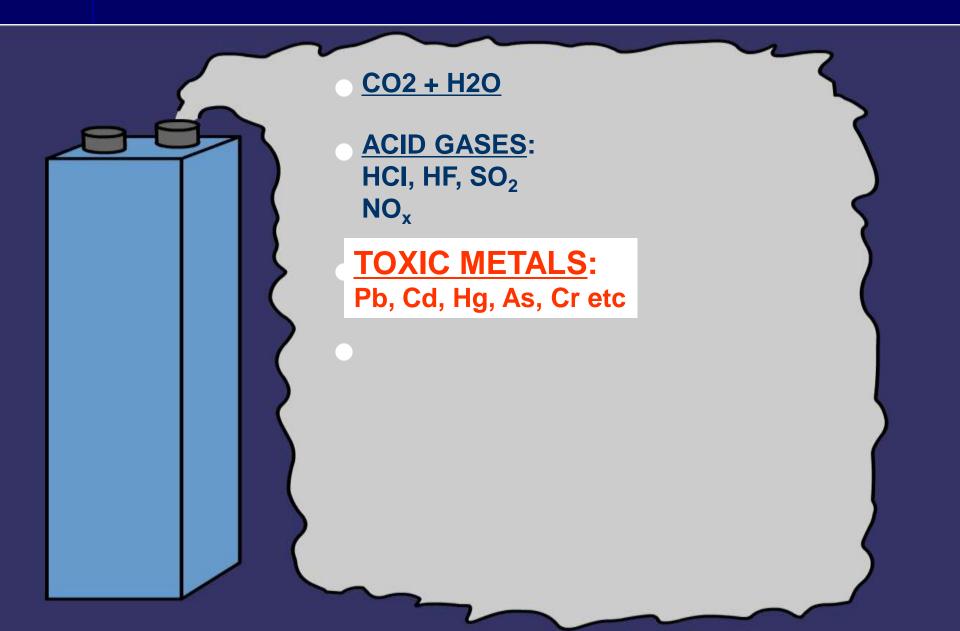
A "combined ash" landfill in Haverhill, Massachusetts

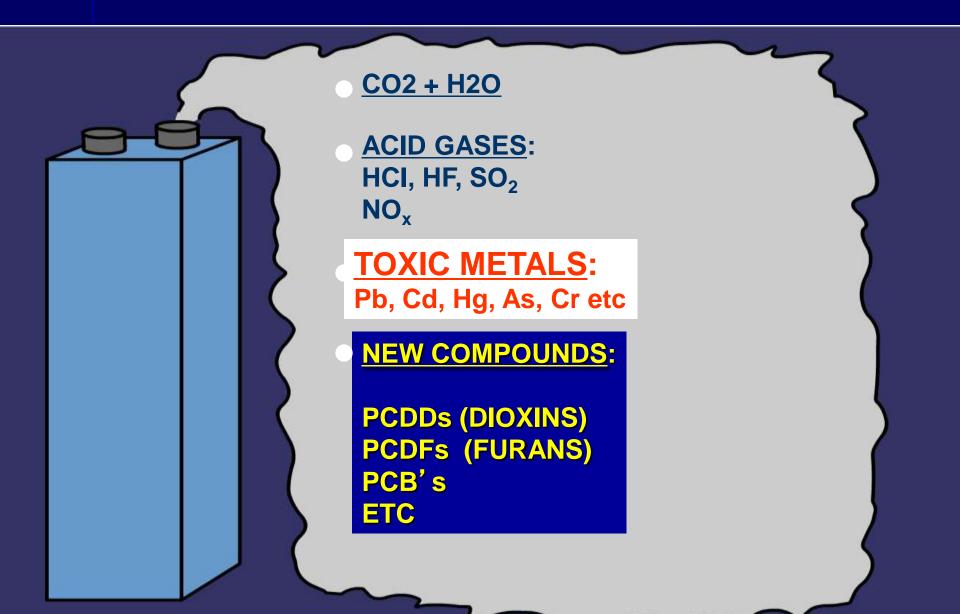


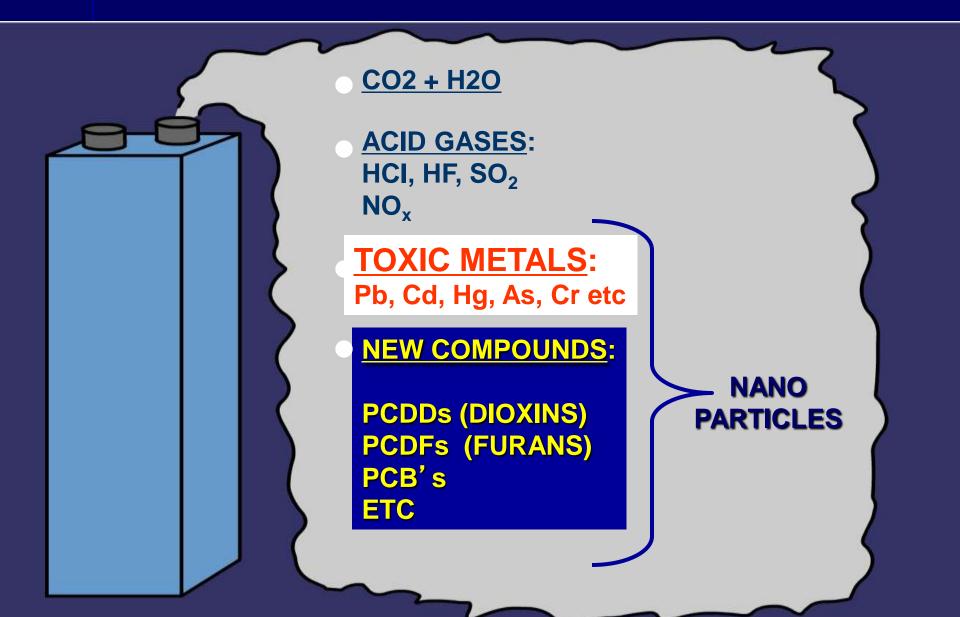
11) Incinerators put many highly toxic and persistent substances into the air











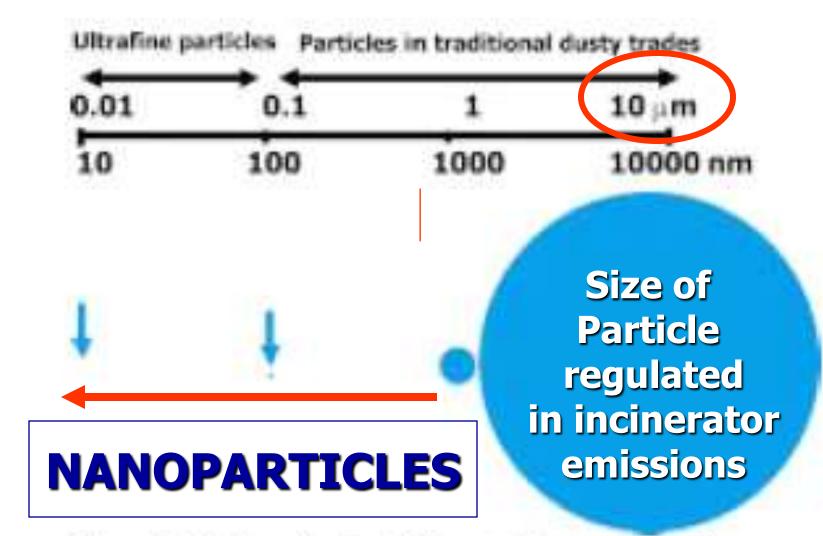


Figure 3 Relative size of ultrafine particles compared with particles in traditional dusty trades.

Review

Origin and Health Impacts of Emissions of Toxic By-Products and Fine Particles from Combustion and Thermal Treatment of Hazardous Wastes and Materials

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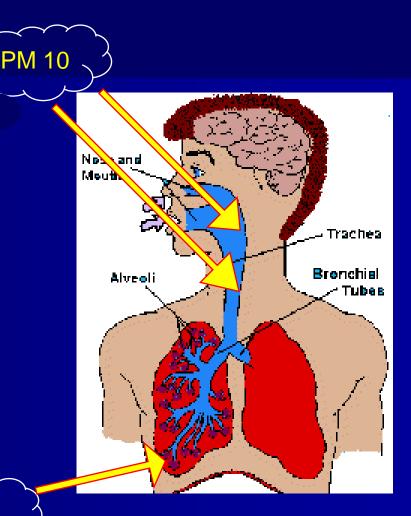
Incineration and nanoparticles

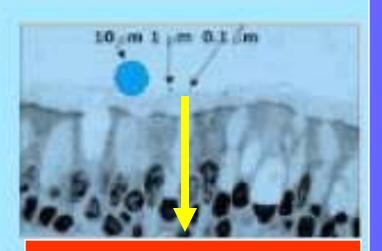
- Nanoparticles are not efficiently captured by air pollution control devices
- Travel long distances
- Remain suspended for long periods of time (especially during air inversions)
- Penetrate deep into the lungs

•MALATTIE RESPIRATORIE...

PM 2,5

- Malattie allergiche
- Asma bronchiale
- Bronchiti acute e croniche
- Enfisema polmonare
- Tumori polmonari e dell'apparato respiratorio in generale





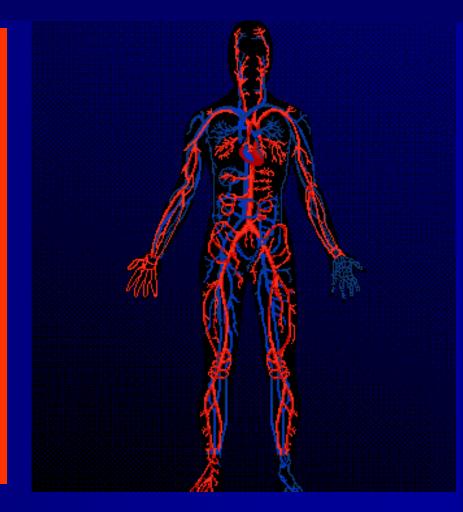
BLOOD

Nano particles are so small they can easily cross the lung membrane

Figure 1 Relation between ultrafine particles and cellular structures in the lung. Idealised particles of 10. 1. and 0.1 µm are shown compared with a bronchial epithelium; note that the top end of the range of ultrafine particles (0.1 µm, 100 nm) is not really visible. On the right are shown the same three particles relative to clia.

Nano Pathology

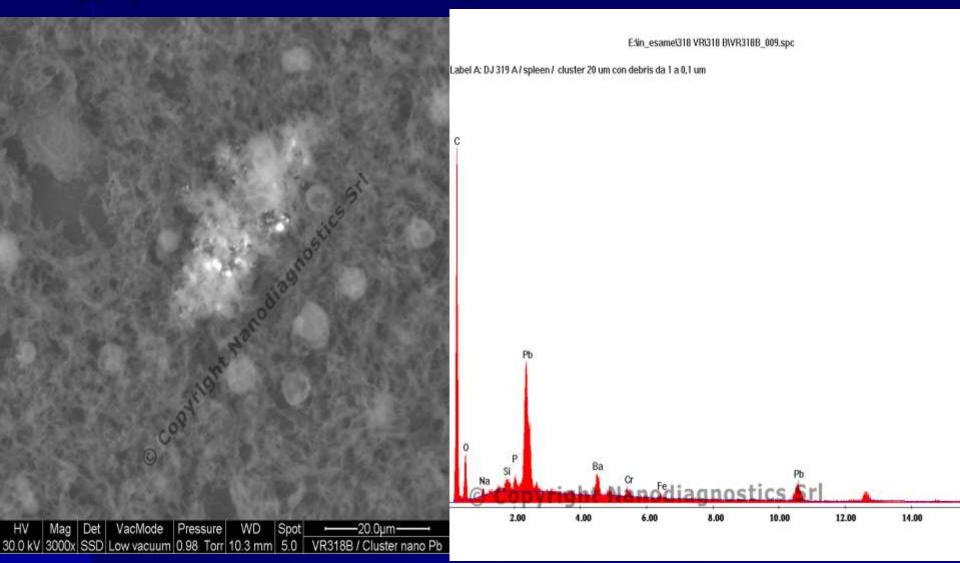
Once nanoparticles have entered the bloodstream they can easily cross the membranes of every tissue in the body.



Nano Pathology

They can even cross the blood brain barrier

Aggregati di Piombo, Bario, Cromo, Ferro e Silicio in Cervello.

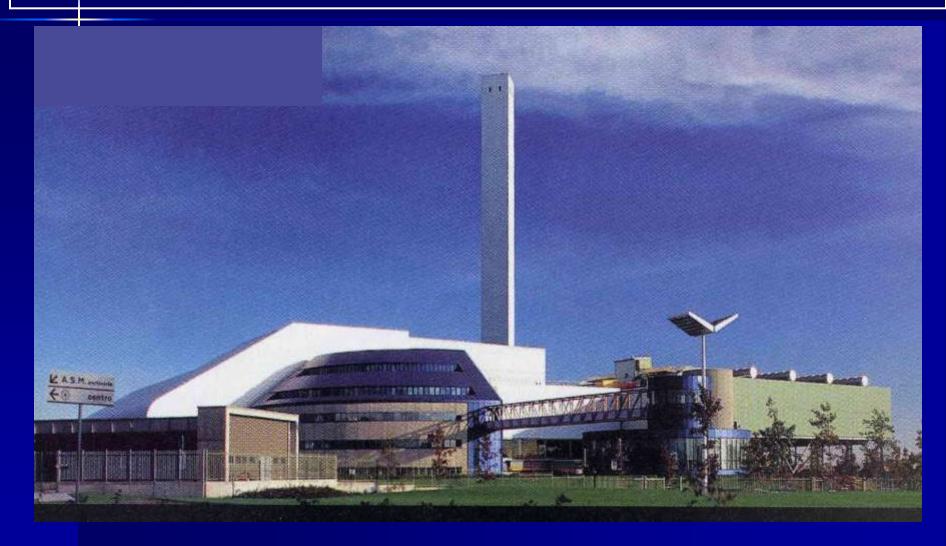


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But even if you made incineration safe...

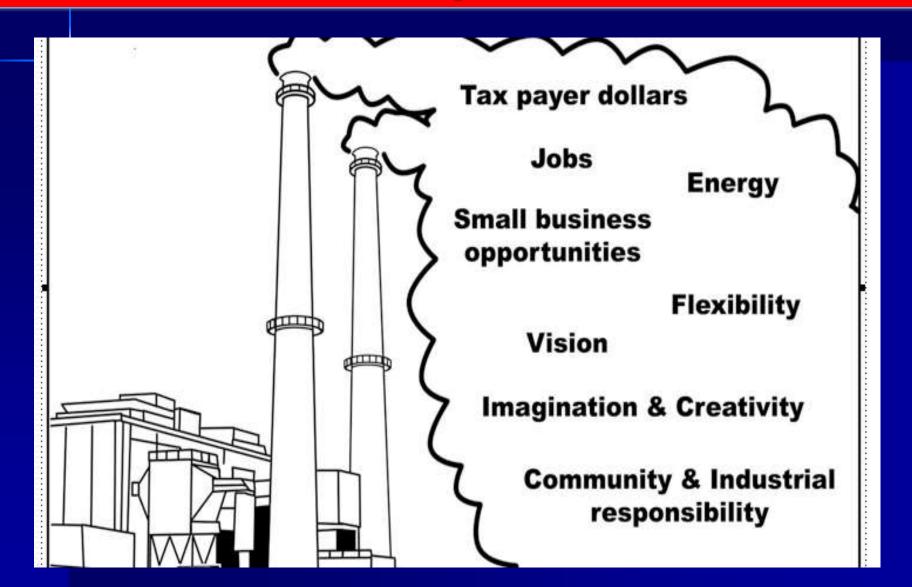
But even if you made incineration safe... You would never make it sensible!

A modern incinerator looks better, but...



Much more goes up in incineration smoke than toxic pollutants!

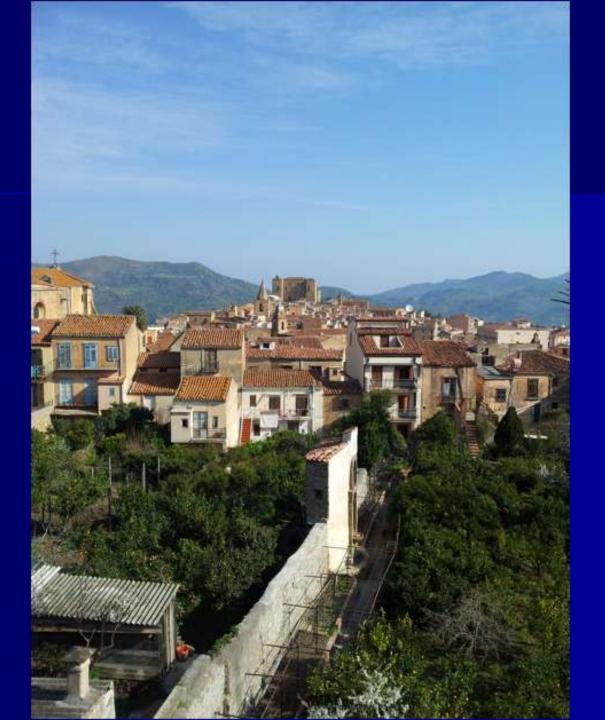
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There is a better solution...



EXTRA SLIDES

















ZERO WASTE EUROPE

If you are not for Zero Waste, how much waste are you for?

Joan Marc Simon Coordinator of Zero Waste Europe & GAIA

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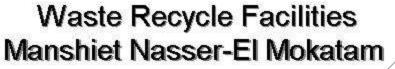


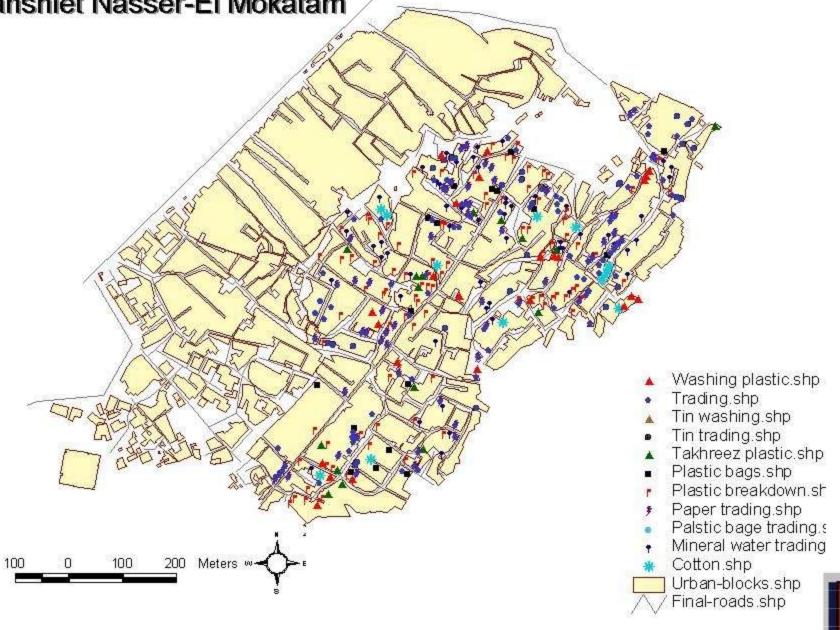






















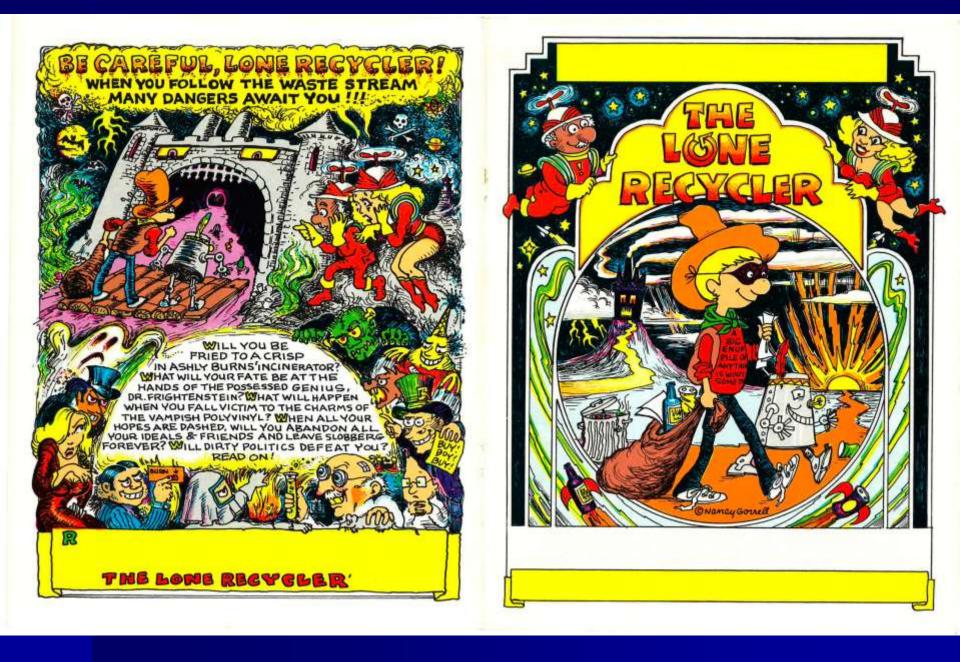








We need our most creative communicators to help us change paradigms and the false messengers who have produced them











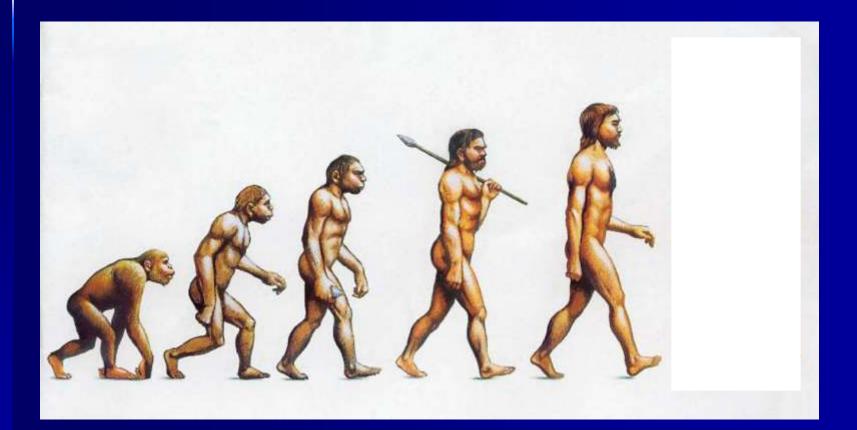
Fighting Overconsumption By the time a high school student leaves school, he or she will have watched over 350,000 TV commercials.

> Paul Hawken The Ecology of Commerce.

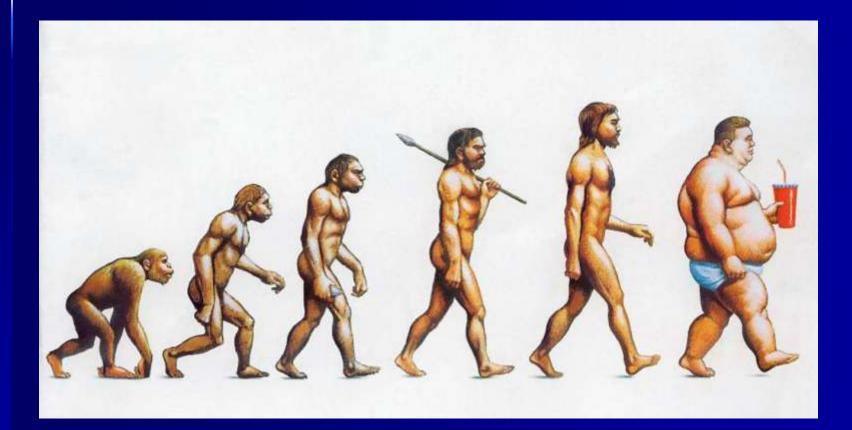
Myth versus Reality

- THE MYTH:
- The more you consume the happier you become
- THE REALITY:
- The more you consume the fatter you become!
- And the more waste you produce

Man



Modern Man!



"The world has enough for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed"

Mahatma Gandhi

We have to destinguish between the standard of living and the quality of life

Material consumption

Quality of life

Material consumption

Quality of life

Material consumption

Quality of life

Consume less Enjoy more!

Less money More meaning!

To fight over-consumption

We need to swap a life built around acquiring a series of objects...

To a life built around a series of expanding human relationships







In the 2000's **"Make Friends, Not Waste"**