Landfill Gas (LFG) Emission Reduction Purchase Agreements (ERPAs) in China

Case Study: Tianjin

Methane – Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)

23% GHGs from non-CO₂ emissions
 Human related activities

15% of GHGs from methane
 Global warming potential: 21 times CO₂

 Landfills – 4h largest contributor to non-CO₂ GHGs

Kyoto Protocol

 GHG emissions control through 2012 by Annex 1 countries (industrialized)

 Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) allows Annex 1 countries to buy emission reductions in developing countries

CDM Project Development Stages

- Project Idea Note (PIN)
- Letter of Intent (LoI)
- Project Design Document (PDD)
- Validation
- Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement (ERPA)
- Registration

CDM Projects

Registered projects: 785
 56 LFG projects, registered (7.1%)

China

6 registered LFG projects

2 projects: Review Requested

Additional projects in development – Tianjin,

ERPA between Tianjin Clean Energy and Environment (TCEEE) and World Bank

Registered CDM Projects (LFG), China

Project Name	Province	tCO ₂ e – annual average
REGISTERED		
Nanjing Tianjingwa Landfill Gas to Electricity Project	Jiangsu	246,107
Meizhou Landfills Gas Recovery and Utilization as Energy	Guandong	286,525
Anding Landfill Gas Management and Utilisation Project	Beijing	75,557
Wuxi Taohashan Landfill Gas to Electricity	Jiangsu	75,343
Shenzhen Xiaping Landfill Gas Collection and Utilization Project	Guangdong	471,619
Jinan Landfill Gas to Energy Project	Shandong	112,908
REVIEW REQUESTED		
Guangzhou Xingfeng Landfill Gas Recovery and Electricity Generation CDM Project	Guandong	909,857
Jiaozishan Landfill Gas Recovery and Utilization Project	Jiangsu	153,244

Tianjin Shuangkou Landfill

Start of operations: 2001

- Waste receipts: 1,300 tons per day
 1.6 million tons received (December 2006)
- Disposal capacity: 7.4 million tons
- Site life remaining: 15 years

Tianjin Shuangkou Landfill



Tianjin Shuangkou LFG Carbon Finance Project

 CDM project ('Carbon Finance') – LFG to electricity

 TCEEE to sell 635,000 tCO₂e to World Bank with option for 470,000 tCO₂e

 Bank trustee for 10 funds, including the Spanish Carbon Fund, the buyer

Critical Activities / Milestones

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PIN (Project Idea Note) Submitted by TCEEE approved by the Bank	June 2005
Lol (Letter of Intention) signed between TCEEE (project sponsor) and the Bank	January 2006
EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) completed, Nankai University Approval by Tianjin Environmental Protection Board	June 2006 October 2006
PDD (Project Design Document), prepared by	April 2006-
Shanghai JEC Environmental Consultant Co., Ltd. – initial PDD prepared in 2006, required revisions	June 2007

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BOT contract and Nanjing Long Term Environment Technology and Development Co., Ltd., former Brambles LFG company (Australian) that withdrew from the China market	January 2006
Grid connection approval from the North China Power Grid Company and the Tianjin Electric Power Corporation	February 2006
ERPA negotiation: TCEEE and Bank	May 2007
ERPA signing	June 2007
LOA (Letter of Approval) from the Chinese DNA (Designated National Authority) – NDRC (National Development and Reform Commission)	July 2007

Key Future Activities, Sept. 2007

Key Future Activities, as of 14 September 2007	Expected Date
LOA (Letter of Approval) to be received from the Spanish Carbon Fund (SCF), one of the funds for which the Bank is the trustee. The SCF was created in 2005 with a capital base of US\$202.7 million	September 2007
Validation process to be completion by the Designated Operational Entity (DOE): Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) after the LOA is received from the SCF	October 2007
Public comment period (two months) after validator submits a 'request for registration'	October - November 2007

Key Future Activities, Sept. 2007

Registration as a CDM project to be completed by the UNFCCC's (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) CDM Executive Board	December 2007
LFG recovery operations start-up	Early 2008
Verification and first issuance (expected) of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs)	January 2009

Conclusions

Strong communications

 Trust between the project client (TCEEE) and buyer (World Bank, as trustee)

Long-term relationship between Tianjin and Bank important