

#### **Methane to Markets**

### United States Government Update: Landfill Subcommittee Activities

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### Methane to Markets: U.S. Commitment

- Pledge of \$53 million over five years
- To date, the U.S. has:
  - Provided more than \$5 million to support a wide range of projects and activities.
  - These investments, if fully implemented, will result in estimated annual emission reductions of approximately 5 million MTCO2E.
  - U.S. investments have leveraged over \$235 million in public and private sector contributions.
  - Continued significant work in all four Methane to Markets sectors (agriculture, coal mines, landfills, and oil and gas).















# U.S. Involvement: 2006 Landfill Highlights

- U.S. EPA co-sponsored LFG workshops and training seminars in Russia, India (with USAID), and Ukraine.
- USAID supported implementation of a LFG-fired power plant in Brazil.
  - An amount equivalent to 2.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E will be avoided from 2007 through 2012.
- United States and Mexico collaborate to energize M2M projects.





## U.S. Involvement: 2006 Landfill Highlights

- Pre-feasibility study and pump test completed in Ensenada, Mexico; two studies underway (January '07) in Ecuador.
- Australia and US developed and distributed landfill candidate criteria and data collection profile to Partners
- U.S. EPA spearheaded development of global database of disposal sites and LFG project opportunities.



#### **M2M Partnership in Action**





**Ukraine Workshop and site visits** 

LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY WORKSHOP

**Delhi LFGE Workshop** 



## U.S. Involvement: Looking Forward

- Developing projects that achieve direct and rapid emission reductions.
- Building capacity, providing training, and overcoming technical, policy, and market barriers (see lessons learned)
- Planning the Partnership Expo.
  - support approximately 6-10 assessments and pre-feasibility studies
- Finalize and launch international landfill database in early 2007

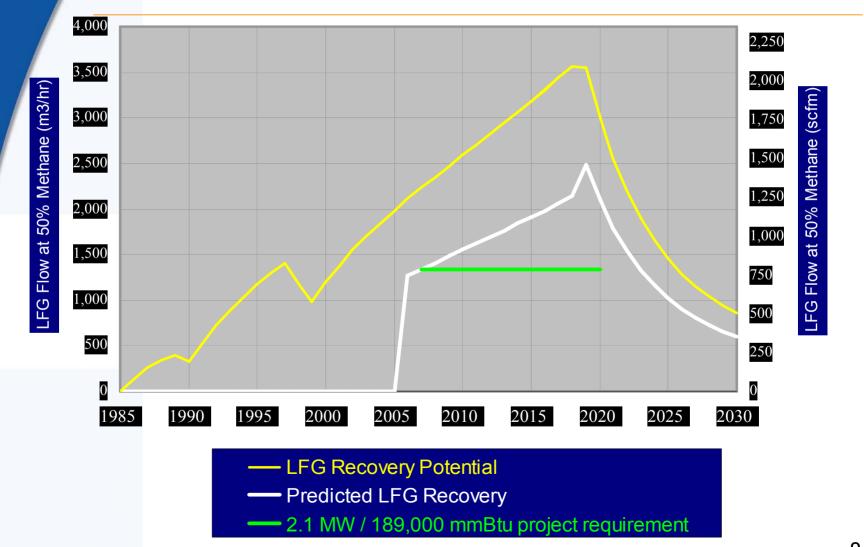


#### **Landfill Lessons Learned**

- There are serious technical hurdles regarding basic landfill management and landfill gas system O&M that must be overcome in most developing countries.
- Lack of awareness of all LFG uses.
- Contractual disputes (e.g., gas rights) must be addressed.
- M2M Partner Country participation varies widely.
- Political change presents unique challenges.
- Carbon credits are driving almost all projects.



### Typical Landfill Biogas Recovery Curve





# U.S. Involvement: 2006 Highlights (con't)

#### Grant Solicitation

- U.S. EPA issued a RFP to fund methane recovery and use projects and activities.
  - Total estimated amount is \$2,500,000.
  - Up to 20 cooperative agreements, at \$25,000 to \$300,000 per award.
  - Estimated project period: May 2007 May 2009.
  - Deadline: January 3, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. EST