# Promoting and Developing Landfill Gas as an Energy Source in Nigeria

An Assessment of Landfills in Ibadan



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## Why Promote LFG Utilisation?



- To improve public health of Nigerian citizens through the installation of LFG collection systems at the landfills
- To improve the quality of life for Nigerians by providing consistent electricity through the LFG to Electricity power plant
- To help mitigate climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

## **Energy Supply Challenges**



- Energy demand far surpasses energy supply
  - Approx. 3000MW of generation capacity
    - Electricity consumption ~ 125kwh per capita
  - 45% of population has access to electricity
    - 30% PHCN; 70% Self Supply
  - Fossil fuels the prevalent energy supply source
  - Electricity tariff (MYTO) artificially low

## Assessing LFG Potential in Ibadan



- Pre-feasibility study of active landfills
  - Evaluate technical considerations for LFG generation and collection
  - Determine the amount of landfill gas (LFG) capable of being generated at each site
  - Estimate the financial impact of LFG to Energy project development at each of the four sites
  - Identifies potential barriers to project implementation

## Elements of Ibadan Study



- Survey and site visit to collect waste data
  - Disposal rates and waste composition data
  - Landfill area, depth, liner, soil cover
  - Disposal practices and site security
  - Distances to potential end users, electricity substations
- Application of data in US EPA LFG Model
- Highlight barriers to project development

## LFG to Energy Revenues



- Revenues would be obtained from
  - Potential power sales to PHCN. The power grids are within close proximity (1km) of the landfills
  - Potential sales of medium Btu gas sales to end users for direct use
  - Sales of Carbon Emission Reductions (CERs) through CDM or other Carbon Finance mechanisms



# Financing LFG to Energy Projects



- Overcoming budgetary constraints by leveraging available Financing mechanisms
  - Ecological Fund (National)
  - Carbon Finance
  - Bonds (Municipal / State)
  - Private Investments (Diaspora Bonds)
  - Climate Investment Funds (CTF)
  - MDB funds (IDA loans / credits)



## LFG to Energy CDM Projects



- 89 LFG projects registered as of Nov 2008
- CDM Methodologies: ACM0001 and AMSIIIG
  - Majority in Latin America
  - 2 in Africa (South Africa and Egypt)
  - Lagos LFG utilisation project (flaring)
    - World Bank financed
    - Pump test yet to be done



## Landfill Gas Modeling for Ibadan



- Model assigned appropriate values for model k, Lo, and collection efficiency
  - Site specific waste composition data applied
  - Proxy region used for Ibadan's climate
  - Collection efficiency estimated based on landfill conditions e.g. depth, cover, fires, waste depth

## **Awotan Site Visit**









#### Awotan Landfill Data

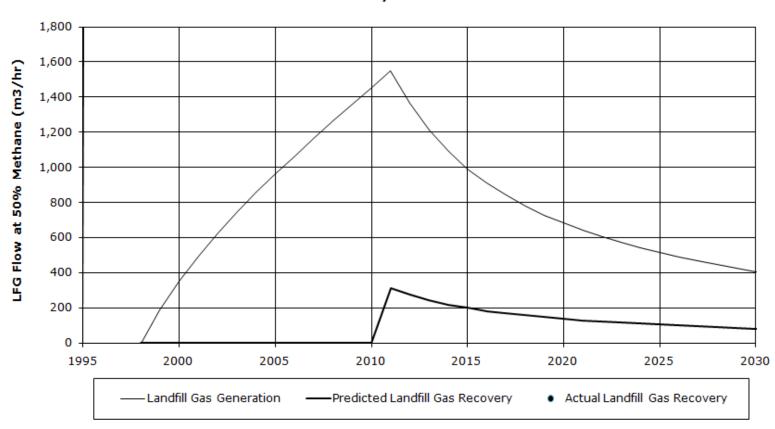


- Awotan owned by the City of Ibadan
- Years of Operation: 1998 2010
- Site coverage: 51 acres (~ 20.3 Ha)
- Waste in Place: ~ 2,147,000 tons
- Estimated LFG generation: ~ 1550m³/hr
  - Collection efficiency: ~20%
- Project type: Electricity 0.5MW
- CO<sub>2</sub>e emission reductions: 178,000 tonnes

#### Awotan LFG Model



#### Landfill Gas Generation and Recovery Projection Awotan, Ibadan





#### Abaeku Landfill Data

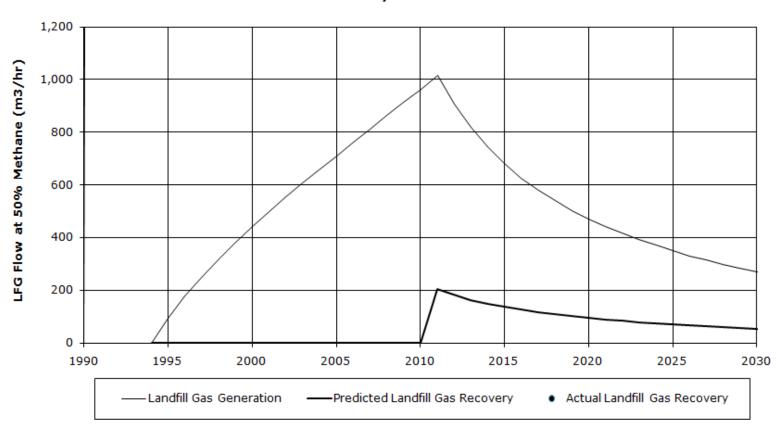


- Abaeku owned by the City of Ibadan
- Years of Operation: 1994 2010
- Site coverage: 24 acres (~ 9.4 Ha)
- Waste in Place: ~ 1,283,000 tons
- Estimated LFG generation: ~ 1015m³/hr
  - Collection efficiency: ~20%
- Project type: Electricity 0.3MW
- CO<sub>2</sub>e emission reductions: 121,000 tonnes

### Abaeku LFG Model



#### Landfill Gas Generation and Recovery Projection Abaeku, Ibadan





## Financial Evaluation Summary



- LFG utilisation at Ibadan's active landfills seems economically feasible given an electricity tariff of \$0.20/kwh (4X current MYTO)
  - Positive IRR but negative NPV
  - Does not include cash revenues from CER sales
- Additional revenues from Carbon financing
  - Positive NPV between \$0.7M and \$1.0M using a CER price of 10USD/tonne



## Making LFG to Energy a Reality



- Political will of both the Federal Ministries of Environment and Power
  - Resource commitment (financial and human)
- Conduct feasibility studies and demo projects
- Innovative Financing
  - Leveraging CDM and other similar incentives
- Awareness campaigns at the community level
  - Improved quality of life

## Next Steps for Ibadan



- LFG utilisation in Ibadan seems viable but is contingent upon the following:
  - Funding for technical assessment and pump test
  - Adoption of adequate site management practices
    - Landfill Cover / Cap implementation
    - Focused tipping areas versus wide area dispersal
    - Frequent compacting of waste
    - Extinguishing of site fires

## Questions?



## Thank You