

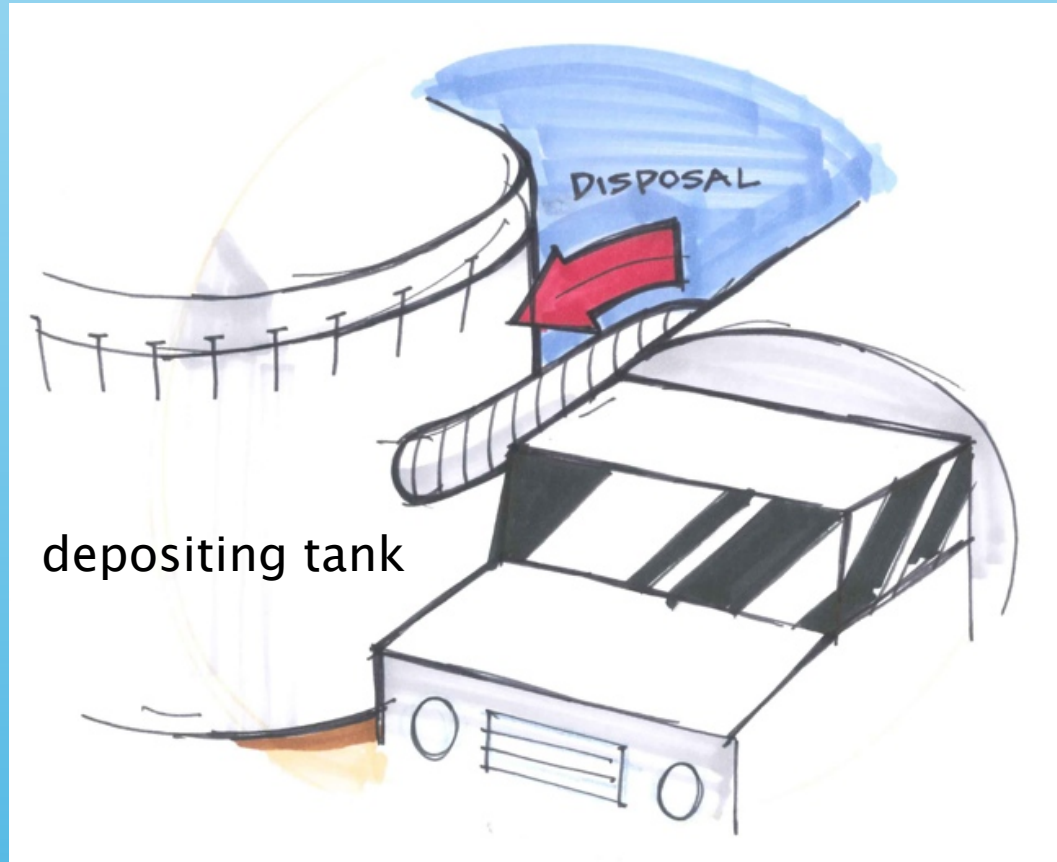
Inspiration for product development - Disposal

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Disposal



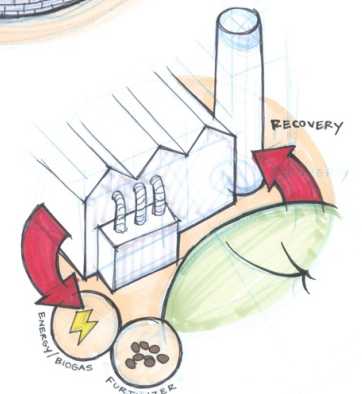
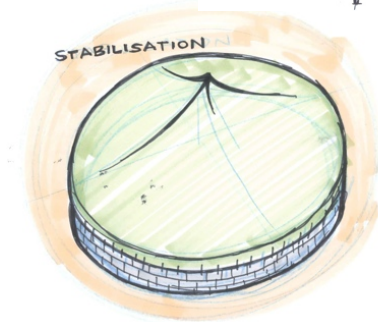
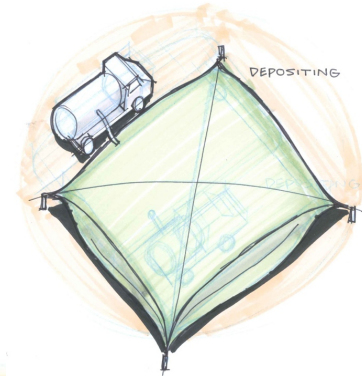
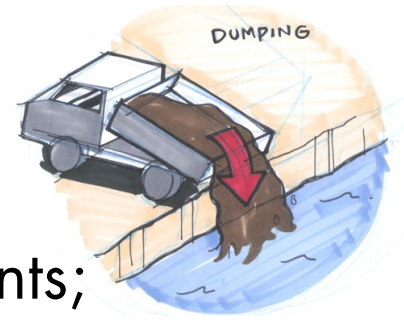
Disposal

Research into disposal requirements;

New technology inspiration;

- * Dumping
- * Depositing
- * Stabilization
- * Resource/energy recovery

Challenges & discussion points;





Research into disposal requirements

Problem:

there is no acceptable (kit) solution available to be deployed in all emergency situations

Goal:

to establish an unambiguous set of requirements for new disposal facilities:

1. General consensus
2. Feasible solution in all emergency situations



Research into disposal requirements

Method:

1. Evaluating current solutions
2. Response to concept requirements
3. Search for new inspiration
4. Reaching consensus in workshop

Research into disposal requirements

Different methods for waste management

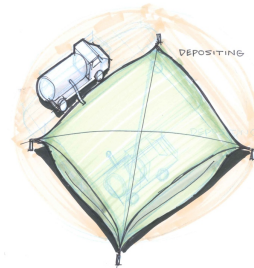
Dumping

- * infiltration into ground /water



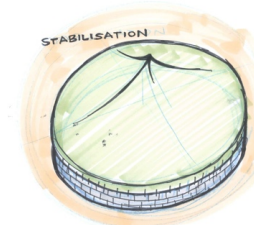
Depositing

- * discharge in temporary storage medium



Stabilization

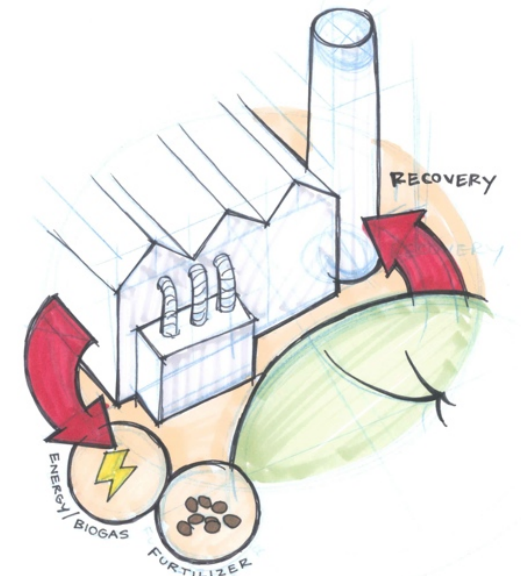
- * stabilization ponds
- * thermal stabilization (e.g. incineration)
- * chemical stabilization



Research into disposal requirements

Resource and/or Energy recovery

- * composting
- * constructed wetlands
- * digestion/biogas usage



Responses to concept requirements

Conclusion 1: Ideal disposal facility:

100% pathogen reduction, 100% nutrients recovery, high capacity, fast deployment at low costs and high processing





Responses to concept requirements

Conclusion 2:

- * High amount of disposal methods available, however none (to little) of them are used in emergency situations
- * constructed wetlands 100% pathogen reduction, 100% nutrients recovery,
- * Simple (covered) storage requires good ventilation



Responses to concept requirements

Conclusions 2:

- * Composting requires the least equipment for recovery, however is slow in processing
- * Incineration is a very fast method of stabilization, but requires advanced equipment.
- * Biogas installations have high equipment intensity



Responses to concept requirements

Conclusions 2:

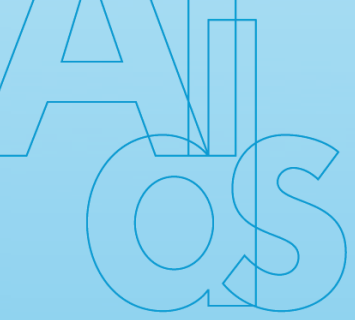
- * Consensus regarding priorities of requirements
 1. High safety
 2. Speed of deployment
 3. Scalable configuration
- * some specifications are not quantified:
e.g. process type, speed of deployment, range of capacity, efficiency rate, time: volume ratio
- * negative correlated specifications lead to challenging requirements:



Responses to concept requirements

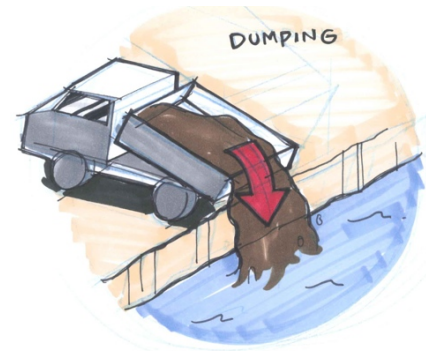
Conclusions 3:

- * Not enough consensus on quantitative specifications
- * Doubts on feasibility of requirements...
- * Process knowledge is required to judge criteria



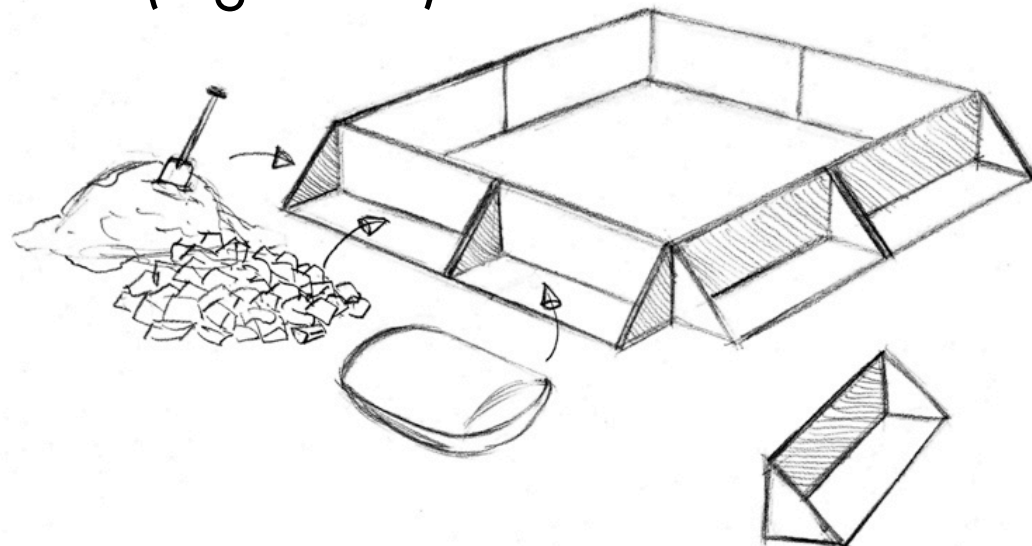
New technology inspiration;

Dumping

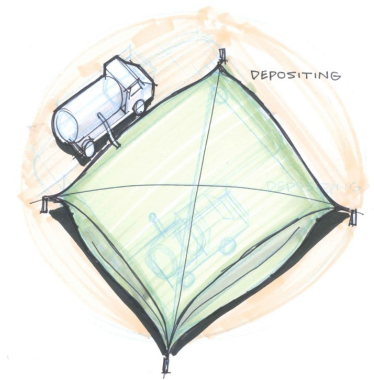


Temporary dumping constructions

- * appropriate for large quantities
- * modular configuration by building blocks
- * reinforcement with local abundant material (e.g. sand)



Depositing

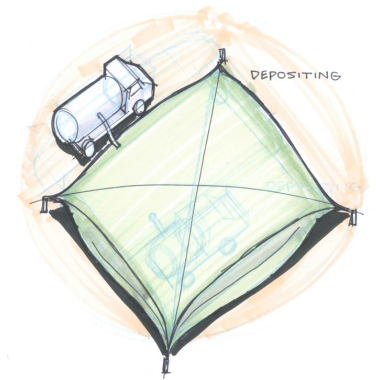


Large (manure/water) tanks

- * appropriate for large quantities
- * compact transportation
- * robust and solid construction



Depositing



Flexible water tanks

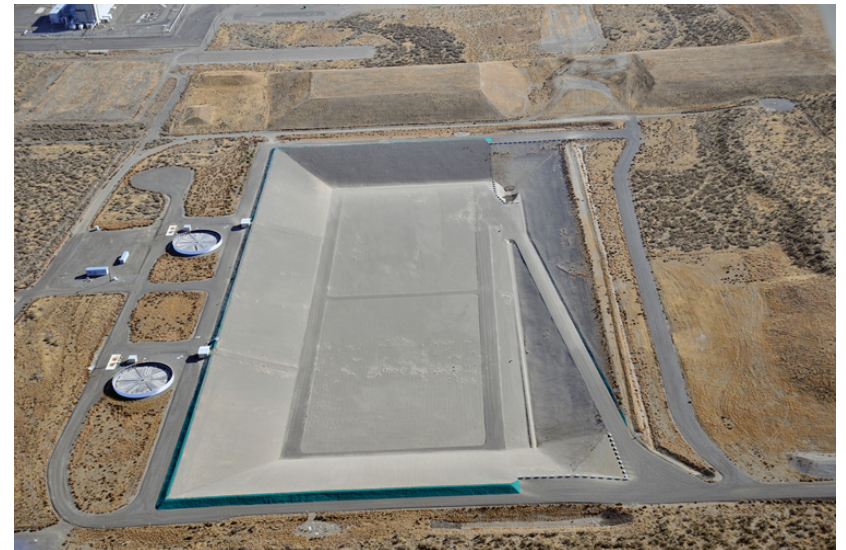
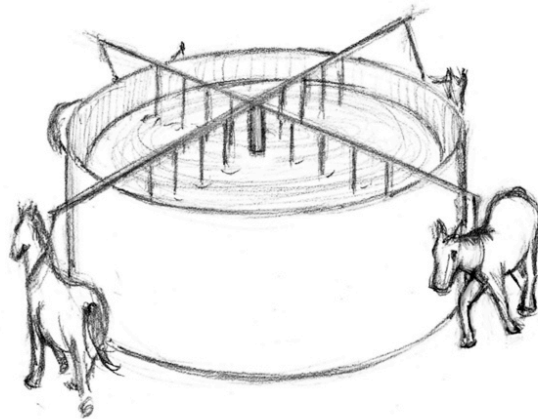
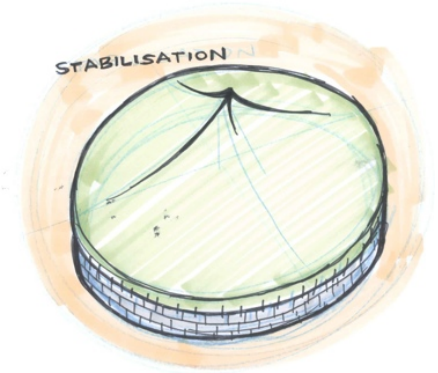
- * appropriate for large quantities
- * compact transportation
- * can be placed on different types of surfaces



Stabilization

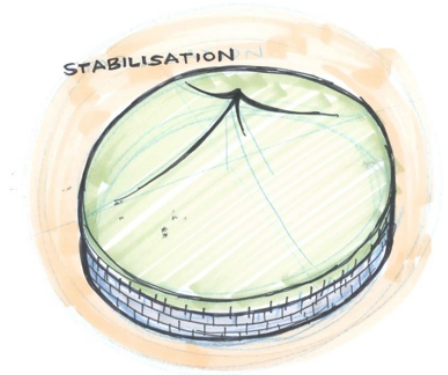
Stabilization pond

- * appropriate for large quantities
- * modular configuration by building blocks
- * reinforcement with local abundant material (e.g. sand)

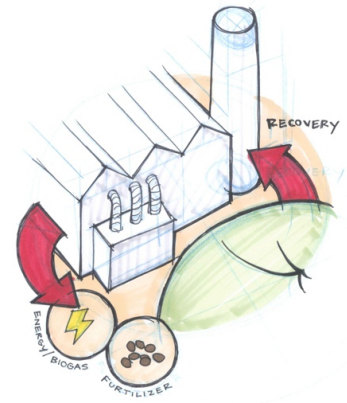


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Stabilization

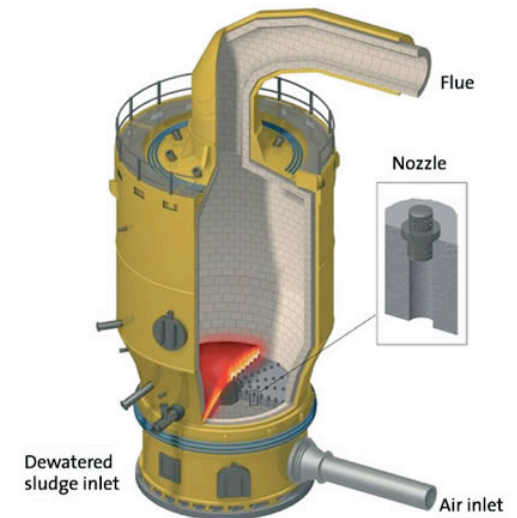
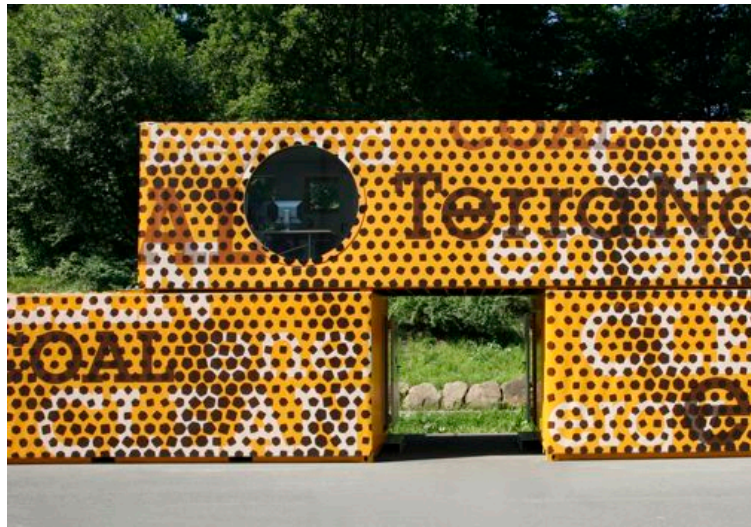


Resource/energy recovery

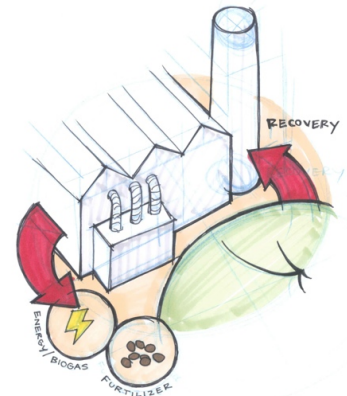


Compact incineration units

- * very safe and fast disposal method
- * modular configuration by building blocks
- * high throughput and energy output
- * nutrient rich ashes

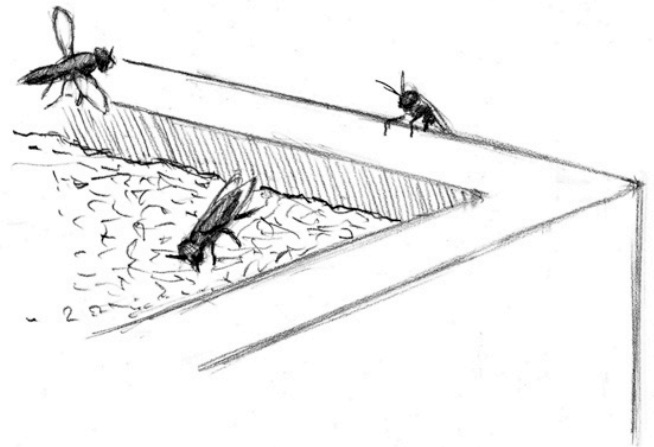


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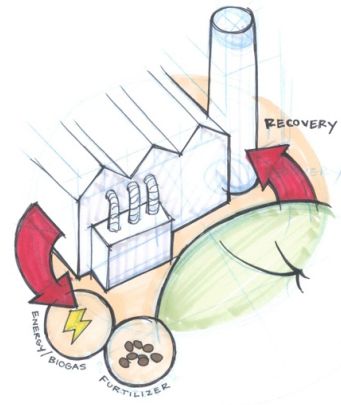


Black Soldier Fly (BSF)

- * biological conversion: the larvae of the BSF are able to consume pit latrine content

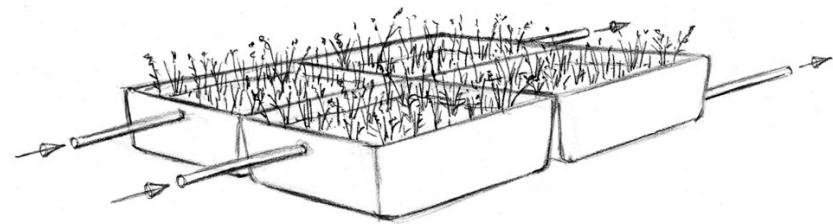


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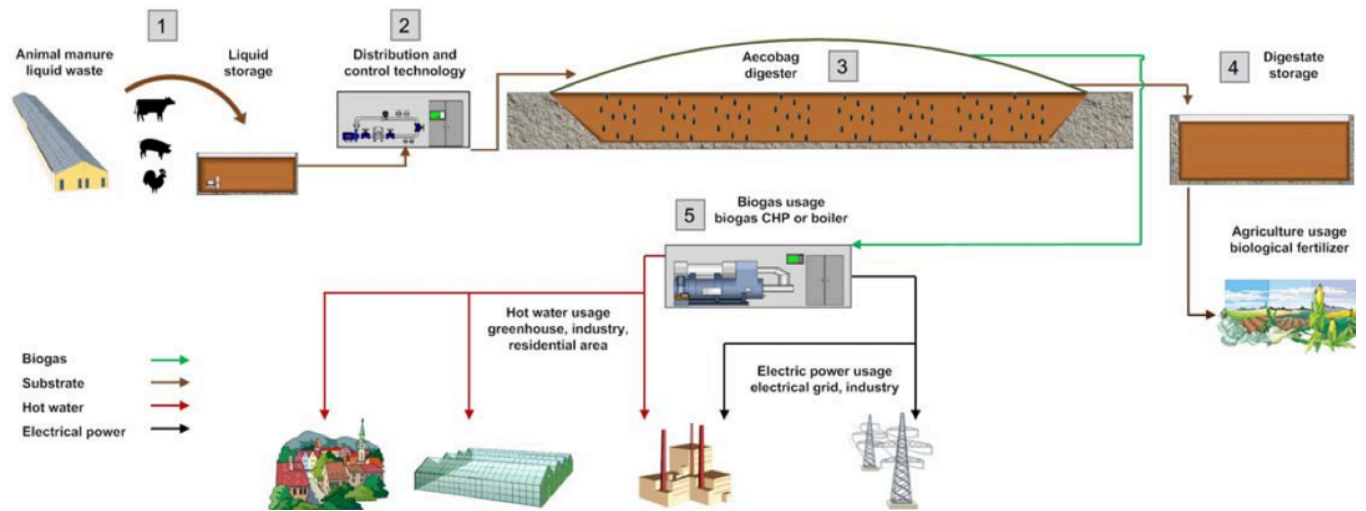
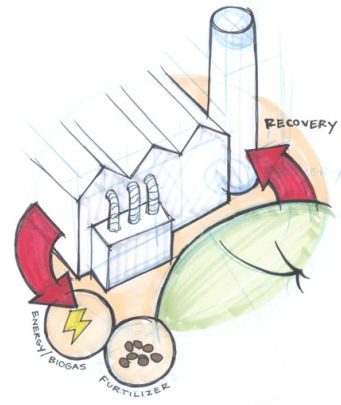
Plant beds

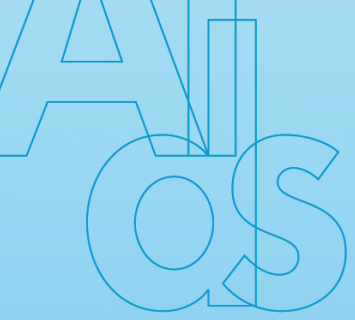
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Resource/energy recovery

Anaerobic digestion systems





Challenges & Discussion points;



Challenges

- * Development of rapid solution for first three months of an emergency
- * Development of a product solution which can be transported by air plane
- * Development of a system with low product & life cycle cost
- * Development of a product able to process high volumes



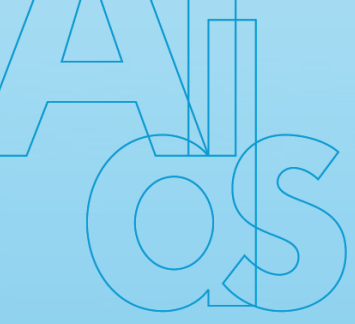
Discussion points

- * What process is most suitable for different emergency situations?
- * Is composting capable of handling large number of people?
- * Is it feasible to treat different types of waste in one type of facility?
- * Does the disposal unit need specific desludging facilities?
- * Does the disposal unit need specific desludging facilities?



Discussion points

- * Would a phased solution of initial disposal and later on stabilization and energy- and resource recovery be helpful?



Group sessions



Group session:

All participants divided in 7 groups

Each group receives a short briefing and emergency context scenario

Group assignment:

1. Decide with your group what disposal solution is best suited in your given context. Draw how it would work! **20 minutes**
2. Quantify and specify the criteria stated in your group briefing: **30 minutes**
3. Add 3 most relevant specs missing: **10 minutes**



Requirements to be discussed:

- A1. The disposal facility should require a limited amount of space at required treatment **capacity of X m³ sludge per day**
- B3. Ability to deploy the disposal facility within short period (**X weeks**) upon arrival in the field
- C1. Items required for the disposal facility should be low in volume (easy to transport/low airfreight) according the following volume factor **1 m³ transport volume : X m³ operational volume**
- C2. Items required for the disposal facility should be low in weight (easy to transport/low airfreight), with a **maximum of X kg per module**

Requirements to be discussed:

- D2. Ability to process **different types of sludge (liquid, semi solid, solid)**
- D3. The disposal facility should be an effective solution to decrease and remove pathogens, by a minimum reduction of **X %**
- D7. The disposal process should consume a limited amount of time **per volume sludge unit (preferably less than X days)**
- E2. Affordability Operation and maintenance costs: Operation Expenditures should not exceed **500 USD per....**

