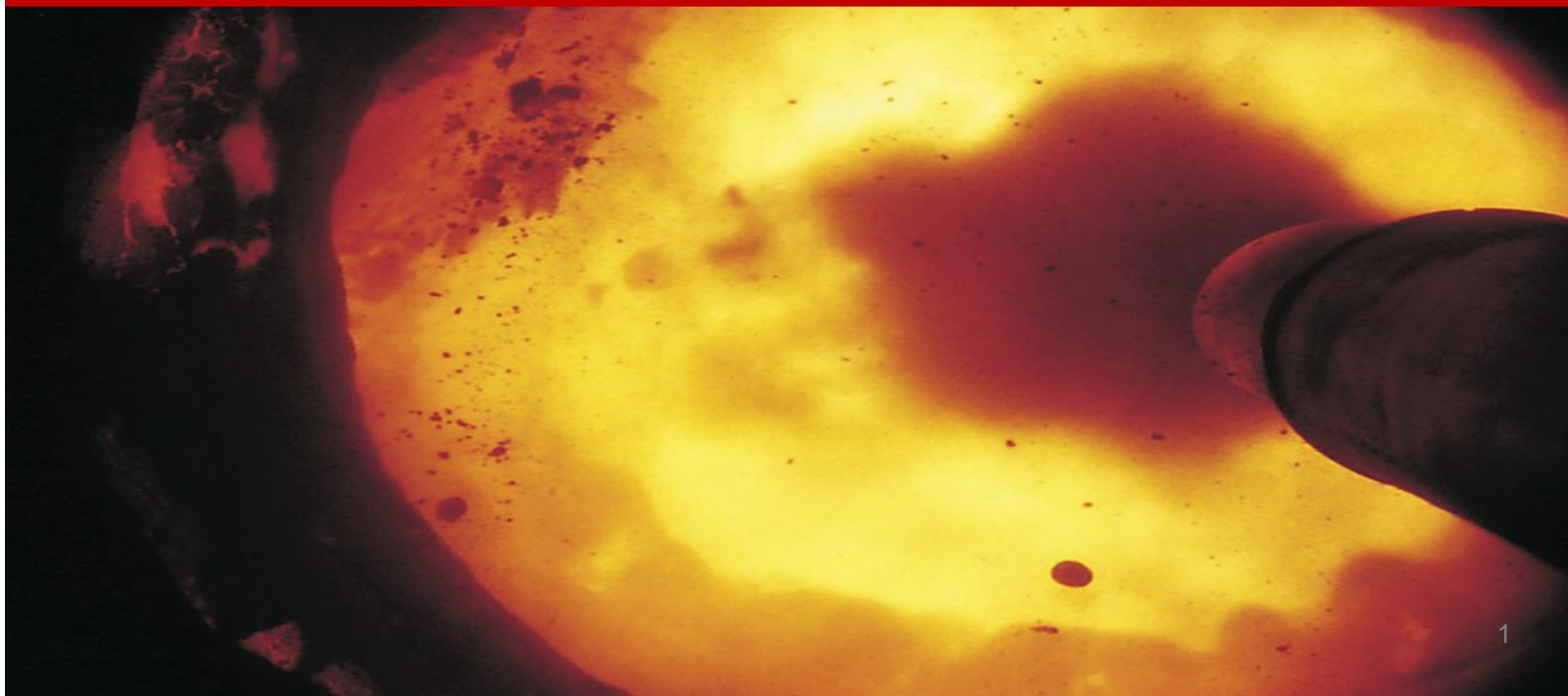


# PCBs and other POPs Thermal treatment – Cement Kilns

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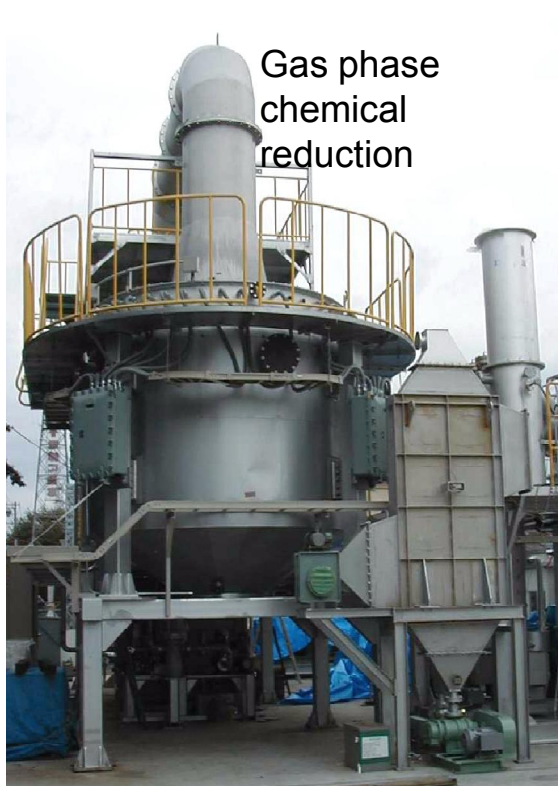
# Basel Convention and its general guidelines



**Technical Guidelines for POPs management available (under update process).**

- Complementary with Stockholm Convention BAT and BEP.
- Promotion of “proximity” principle for POPs management and disposal (priority country of origin).
- Definition of minimum destruction and removal efficiency, to be accredited through test protocols.
- Indication of acceptable emission levels for dioxins.
- General guidelines for handling, sampling, analysis, collection, packing, labeling, transport and storage.
- Indication of adequate treatment and disposal technologies (in principle).





Gas phase  
chemical  
reduction



Base catalyzed decomposition



Cement  
kilns



Alkali metal reduction



Hazardous waste incinerator



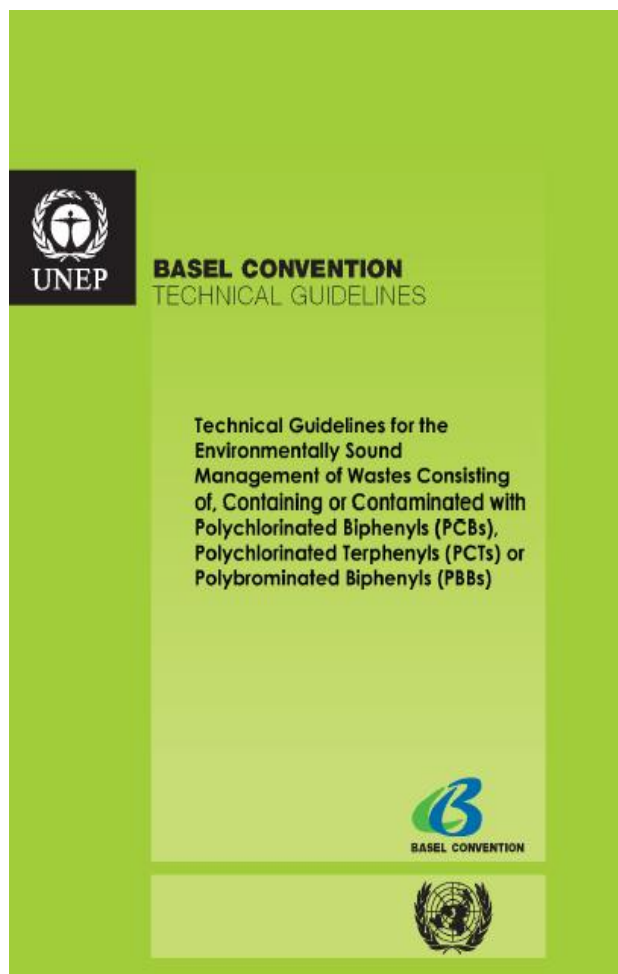
Autoclaving



Plasma ark



# Basel Convention Guidelines for PCBs



## Technical Guidelines for PCBs, PCTs and PBBs management

- Under update process
  - Inclusion of PCTs y PBBs
  - Based on general guidelines for POPs
- Mix (blending) of PCBs with other substances is allowed, only if that mix facilitates efficient treatment.



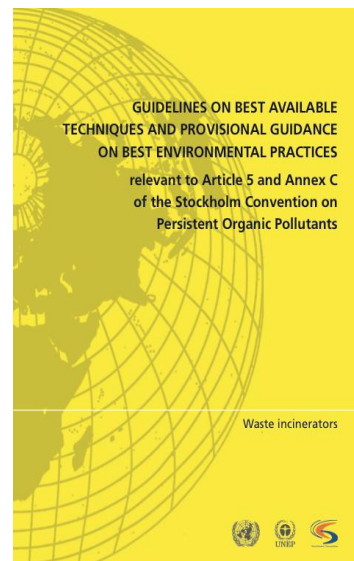
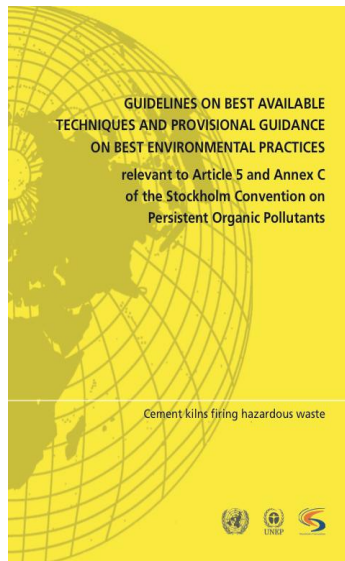
# BAT and BEP already defined by Stockholm Convention



BAT: Best Available Techniques  
BEP: Best Environmental Practices



# BAT and BEP already defined by Stockholm Convention



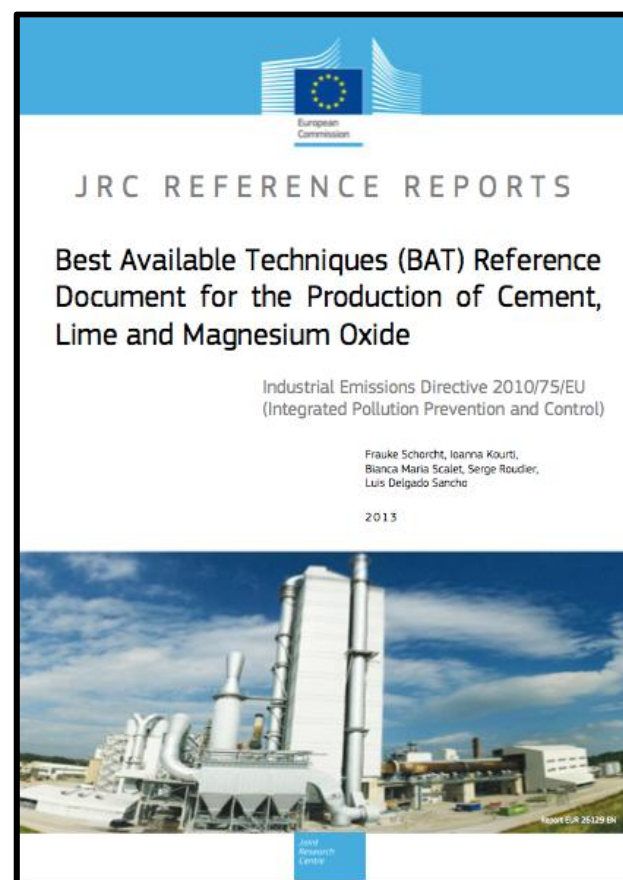
- Process temperatures
- Residence time
- Operational conditions
- Emission control equipment
- Primary measurements definition
- Secondary measurements definitions (in case of need)



# Latest International references



2011



2013



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## **BASEL CONVENTION** *TECHNICAL GUIDELINES*

Technical guidelines on the  
environmentally sound  
co-processing of hazardous  
wastes in cement kilns

**Co-processing:** The use of suitable waste materials in manufacturing processes for the purpose of energy and/or resource recovery and resultant reduction in the use of conventional fuels and/or raw materials through substitution.

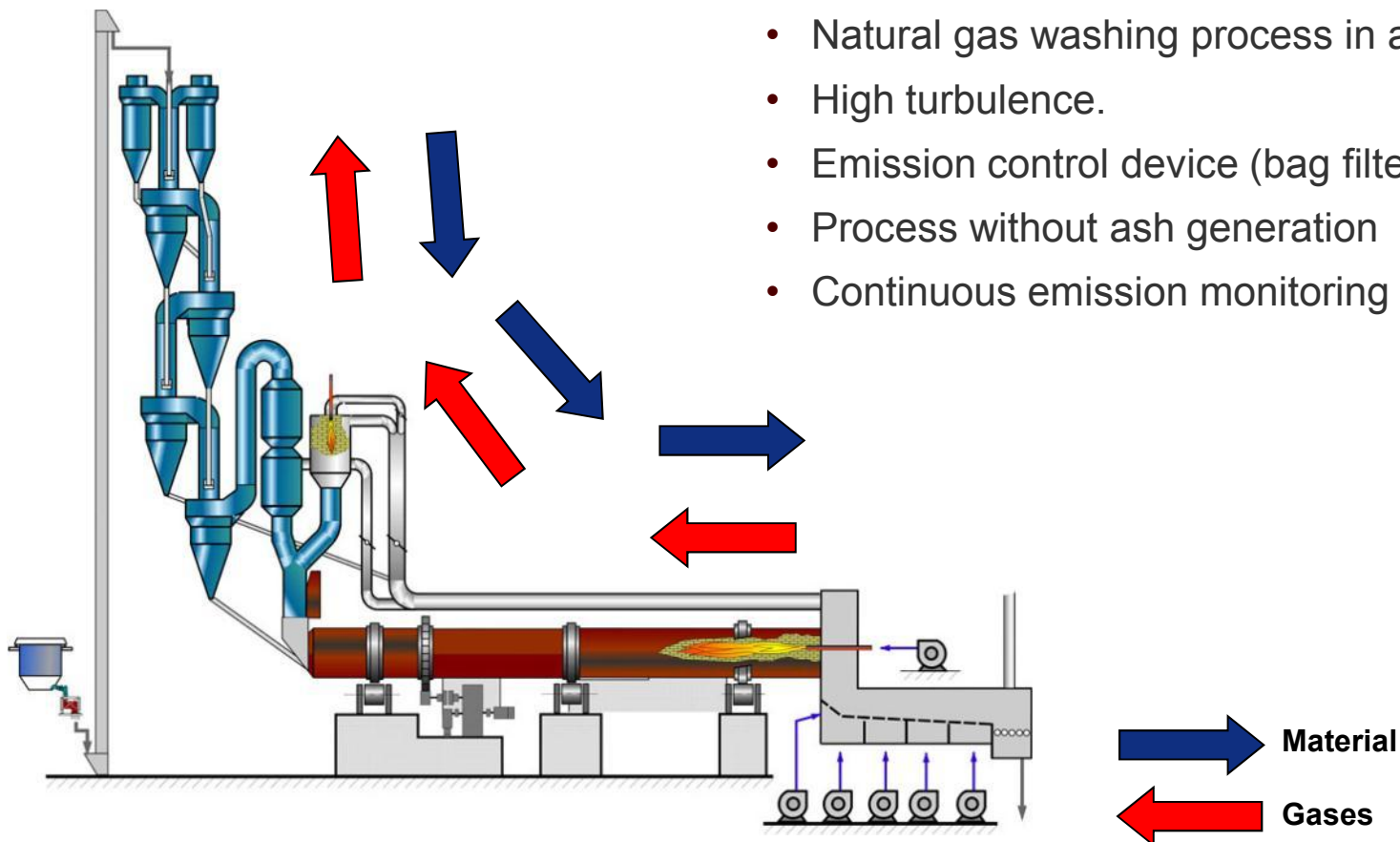




# Cement Kiln

## BAT

- Preheater / precalciner kilns
- High temperatures, up to 2.000 °C (main burner)
- Long residence time for gases(> 6 seg at  $T^{\circ} > 1.200$ )
- Natural gas washing process in alkaline environment.
- High turbulence.
- Emission control device (bag filters)
- Process without ash generation
- Continuous emission monitoring





## BAT Cement Kilns are present in Latin America



**Example :**  
**Cemex Caracolito Colombia**

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# The capacity for a sound POPs management has to be demonstrated through trial burns

Y Protocols designed specially for each instalation / facility.

Y Oriented to:

- Destruction Efficiency (DE) demonstration (higher than 99,9999%)
- Destruction and Removal Efficiency (DRE) demonstration (higher than 99,9999%)
- No emission of other POPs to be demonstrated through DDFE emission analysis.



# The capacity for a sound POPs management has to be demonstrated through trial burns

## Design of trial burns must consider:

- Pre-assessment of installation (Technical, health, safety, environment)
- Training of involved employees.
- Health and safety aspects assurance, including emergency response.
- Assessment and selection of expert third party for material management and preparation.
- Assessment and selection of specialized laboratories for sampling and analysis.
- Stakeholder relation plan, including open communication and information. Emphasis in local communities and employees.





Not all stakeholders have same view....



# Efficient socialization is key...

- Υ Team work authority – private sector, with the authority as leader.
- Υ Stakeholders Identification and assessment
- Υ Messages and communication tools definition.
- Υ Transparency and proactivity.
- Υ Education about risks of inadequate PCBs (POPs) management, I comparison with technology to be used.
- Υ Trial burs with participation (as observers) of interested stakeholders.
- Υ Results sharing process





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**Norway: Cement Kilns used for co-processing of organic hazardous waste (PCBs) for more than 25 years. Is the only one available option locally.**



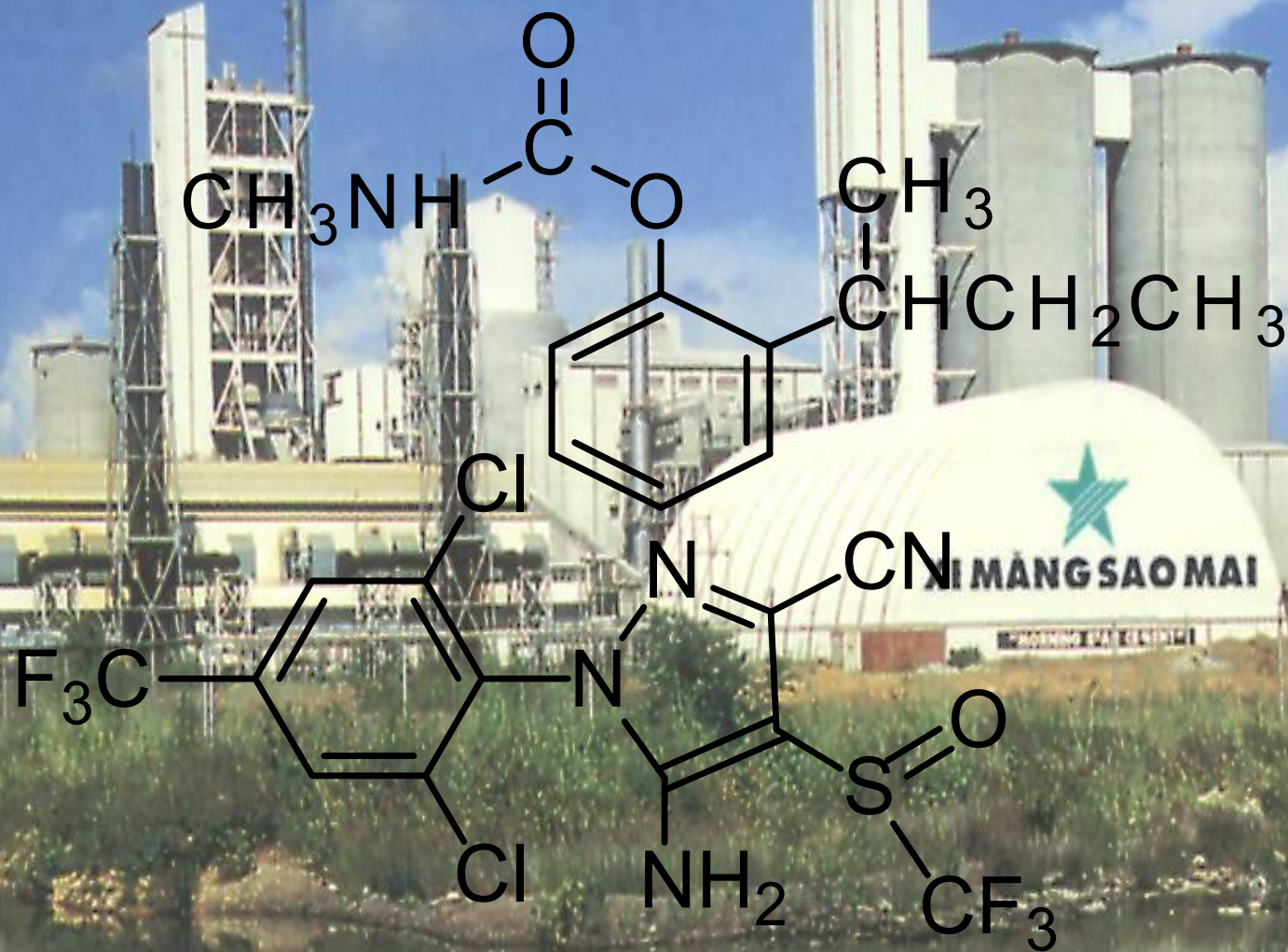


Vietnam - 2003





**Test burn with two obsolete and toxic insecticides**  
**Hon Chong, Kien Giang, South Vietnam, October, 2003.**













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#### Review

### Environmentally sound destruction of obsolete pesticides in developing countries using cement kilns

**39,500 liters of high toxic insecticides were destroyed.**

The destruction efficiency (DE) was measured to be better than 99.9999969% for **fenobucarb** and better than 99.9999832% for **fipronil** and demonstrated that the hazardous chemicals had been destroyed in an irreversible and environmentally sound manner.

2006



TOWING CAPACITY 900kg



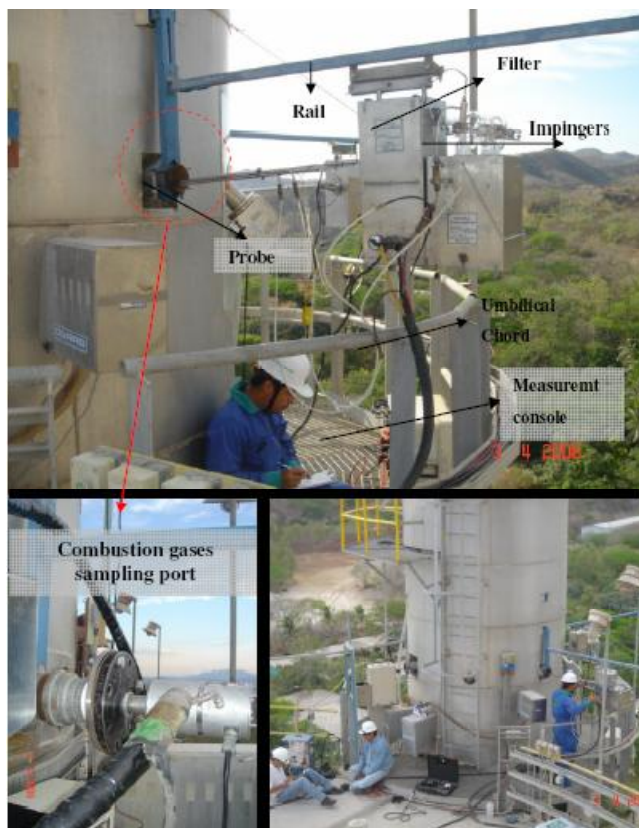
**2006: Trial burn to destroy 0,65 ton of Tetrachloroethylene  
(pure substance)**











**DRE = 99.99998%**

**PCDD/PCDF = 0.0398 ng I-TEQ/m<sup>3</sup>**



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**Coprocessing of  
Alternative Fuels and Raw Materials and  
a Principal Organic Hazardous  
Constituent**

**Test Protocol (Trial Burn) Report**

Prepared by Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas  
(UCA) by request of Cemento de El Salvador, S.A. de C.V. (CESSA)

August, 2006





**Sri Lanka, 2006**



**2006, Trial burn for PCBs Co-processing (Pyrallene)**  
59% of PCB, 36% trichlorobenzene and 5% tetrachlorobenzene.













	<b>Test Burn 1</b> <b>3 August 2006</b>	<b>Test Burn 2</b> <b>4 August 2006</b>
<b>Feeding l/h</b>	500	1000
<b>PCB concentration mg/l</b>	14,000	10,050
<b>DRE</b>	99.9999999900254	99.999999995278
<b>DE</b>	99.9999926620254	99.999991503337





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## Test burn with PCB–oil in a local cement kiln in Sri Lanka

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**Test Burn with PCBs in  
Holcim Puttalam Cement Kiln,  
Sri Lanka**



**Daft Test Burn Report  
23 January 2007**

## Other experiences....



PCBs:

Υ 2009: Trial Burn Holcim El Salvador (DE/DRE >99,9999 %)

Other POPs

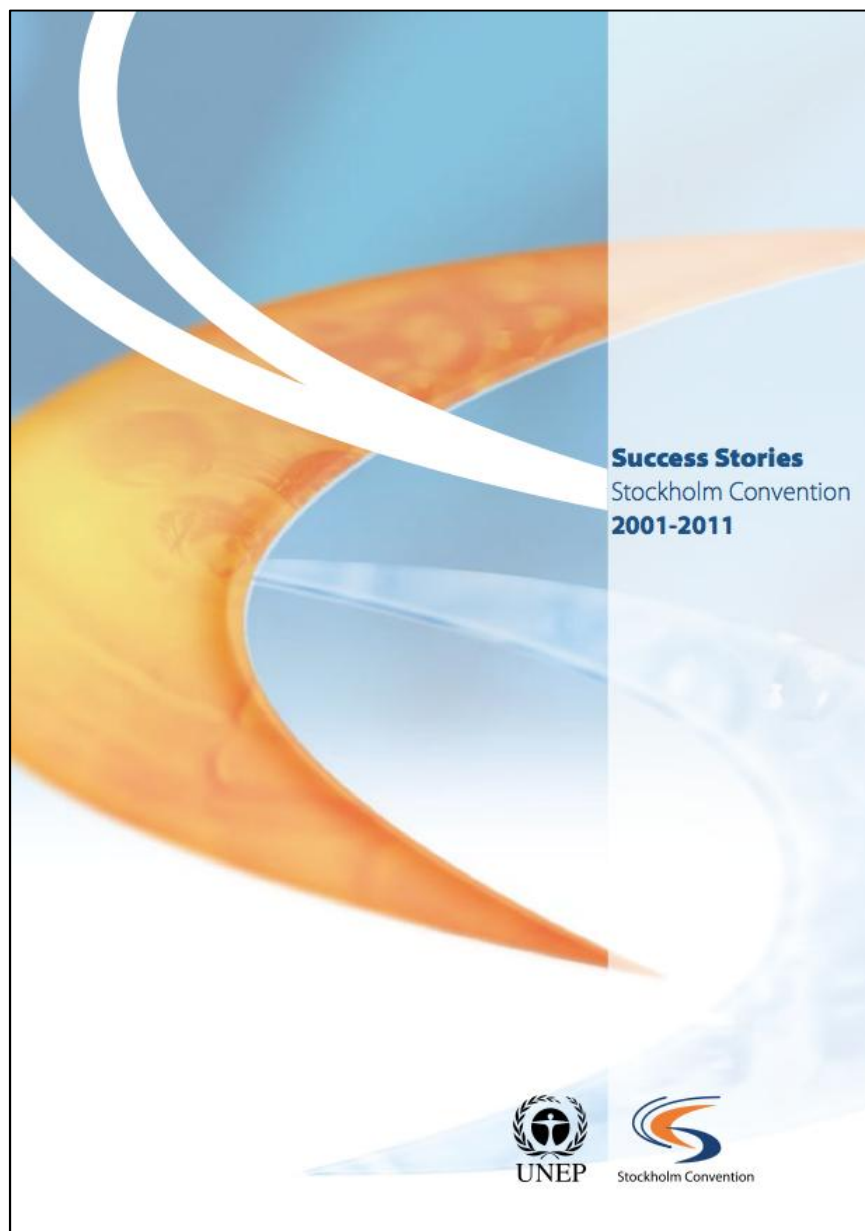
Υ 2007: Trial burn co-processing contaminated soil ALDRIN Venezuela (DRE 99,9994 %)\*

Υ 2010: Trial burn DDT contaminated soil China (DRE 99,999%)\*

\* Trial burn in kiln inlet



Details....



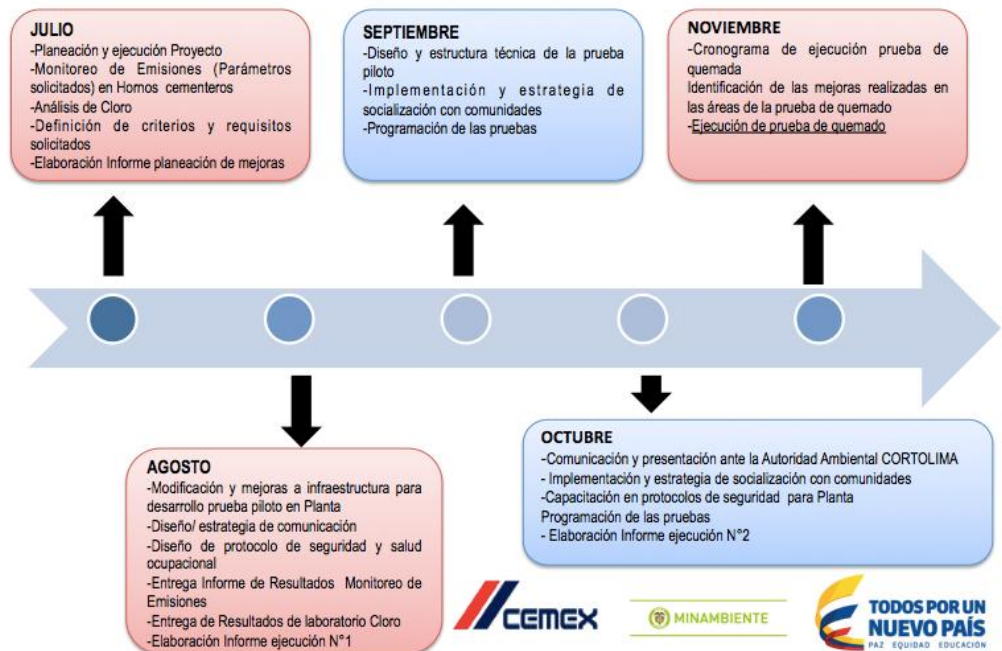
# Today in Latam.... Trial Burns under planning Colombia....

## OBJETIVO

Desarrollar un proyecto piloto de tratamiento térmico de aceites contaminados con PCB en las instalaciones de la Planta Caracolito (CEMEX – Ibagué) mediante la implementación de pruebas de quemado, con el fin de fortalecer la capacidad del país para el tratamiento térmico de residuos contaminados con PCB con el apoyo del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo - PNUD, liderado por el Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible – MADS.



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# Conclusions

- Y PCBs sound management is a challenge for developing countries.
- Y Basel and Stockholm conventions recognize thermal treatment in cement kilns (co-processing) as option for sound management of PCBs and other POPs.
- Y BAT/BEP Cement Kilns are available locally in most of Latin America countries.
- Y Trial burns following international standards must be performed in each cement kiln prior to normal operation (trial burn is kiln specific). Target must be to demonstrate DE and DRE.
- Y Cumulated experience shows that co-processing in cement kilns is a proven technology for PCBs and other POPs treatment/destruction.
- Y Environmental, health, safety and mainly stakeholder relations aspects must be considered for trial burns and future operations design.
- Y Public-private collaboration is a key success factor.



**Muchas Gracias.**

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