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### **Optimizing Biomass Resources**

### **Anaerobic Digestion**

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### **Our Company**





- Headquarters in Cleveland, OH
- Over \$150M in Executed Projects
- 14 Anaerobic Digesters (OH, NY, MA, and ME)
- Capacity to annually manage 700,000 tons of organic waste
- Municipal, Industrial & Agricultural ADs
- Mature US Supply Chain with in-house fabrication

#### **Full Suite of Services**



# **Building an Industry**



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## quasar's National Presence





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- ✓ 14 Digesters in 4 states
- ✓ 5 Projects Under Contract
- ✓ Projects in development in 12+ states

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## What is Anaerobic Digestion



Anaerobic digestion is a natural process where microorganisms break down organic waste in the absence of oxygen producing renewable energy and a valuable natural fertilizer product.

**Types of Organic Waste:** 

Food waste Fats, oils and greases Manure Biosolids (sewage sludge) Ethanol residuals





### **Environmental Benefits**

- Renewable energy natural gas, electricity, motor vehicle fuel (CNG/LNG)
- Animal bedding, peat alternative, or compost
- Natural solution to chemical fertilizers.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner air, soil and water





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# Where is the Industry Going?



Today, there are approximately 2,200 operating anaerobic digesters in North America:

- 247 on farms (dairy & swine)
- 1,269 at **wwtp**
- 39 at food waste generators
- 652 at landfills

**CONSERVATIVE** potential for the industry:

- 8,241 on farms
- 3,888 at wwtp
- 931 at food waste
- 415 at landfills

Source: American Biogas Council



Current Locations



### **Our Vision: The Utility of the Future**

"The Utility of the Future transforms itself into a manager of valuable resources, a partner in local economic development, and a member of the watershed community seeking to deliver maximum environmental benefits at the least cost to society."

It does this by:

- reclaiming and reusing water
- extracting and finding commercial uses for nutrients \_
- capturing heat and latent energy in biosolids. -

The Water Resources Utility of the Future: A Blueprint for Action - NACWA, WERF, and WEF



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The Water Resources

## **Optimizing Resources**



**Biosolids (Wastewater Sludge):** 

Wastewater treatment plants consume 3% of the total US electricity demand.

Biosolids have the potential to produce 12% of the total US electricity demand. Using anaerobic digestion technology, wastewater treatment plants can become energy neutral and upgrade aging infrastructure without increasing costs.

#### How Do We Encourage Adoption?

- Education & outreach with wastewater treatment plants
- Coordinate with the state USDA Rural Development Office to understand and market the opportunity to leverage REAP funds to upgrade treatment plants through public/private partnerships.
- Work with state regulatory agencies to streamline the permit application process for digester projects.



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Food Waste:

Food production accounts for 10% of the US energy budget, requires 50% of our land, and 80% of our freshwater consumption<sup>1</sup>.

Yet – 40% of food produced goes uneaten and 33.8 million tons of organics ends up in landfills or incinerators.

Anaerobic digestion turns food waste into renewable energy and nutrients. Food waste has up to 3 times the energy potential of biosolids!

#### How Do We Encourage Adoption?

Establish a state wide commercial food waste diversion program.

- more than 1 ton per week
- Massachusetts was an early adopter in 2014

1. NRDC Issue Paper – Wasted: How America is Losing Up to 40% of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill.



### **Biosolids and Food Waste**



Location: Wooster, Ohio Placed in Service: 2013 Energy: 1 MW Annual Tons: 100,000 wet tons

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#### **Renewable Energy:**

Anaerobic digestion is the most versatile advanced energy technology. Biogas can be used to generate:

- electricity & heat
- natural gas (biomethane)
- motor vehicle fuel (CNG)

#### How Do We Encourage Adoption?

- Establish a renewable portfolio standard
- Develop a virtual net metering program
- Incentivize fleets to convert to run on renewable fuels
  - Conversion funding and/or fueling station funding



## Columbus, OH



Placed in Service: 2010 Annual Tons: 90,000 wet tons Fuel/Day: 2,800 GGE or Electricity: 1 MW energy group Federal Program: EPA RFS 3 aroup

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### **RECs & RINS**

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**Collaborators:** City of Columbus, SWACO

Feedstocks: City of Columbus biosolids Organics diverted from landfills

Electricity: Sold to the City of Columbus

Heat: Used on-site

**Federal Participation:** Public Fueling Station approved to generate RINs under US EPA's Renewable Fuels Standard program.

**State Participation:** RECs from electricity generated and new initiative to allow RECs from CNG and heat production.



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