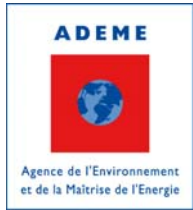




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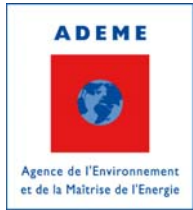
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Biogas Plant Inventory

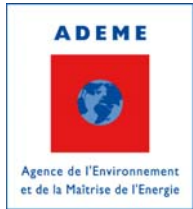
AD plants in operation (ADEME, 2011) :

- On-farm : > 30 (average of 150 kWe, 7000 tons)
- Centralised : 5 (average of 1,1 MWe, 25 000 tons)
- Industrial : 88
- Sewage sludge : 74
- MSW : 9 (3 biowaste & 6 grey waste) – 710 MT/yr
- Landfill : 262 inc. 71 with energy valorisation



Up-grading plants in operation

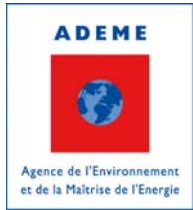
- 1 landfill (Claye Souilly) : 100 m³/h of biomethane (PSA and membrane)
- 1 biowaste (Lille) : 1.200 m³/h (water scrubber)
- 1 municipal sludge (Lille-Marquette) : 100 m³/h (water scrubber)
closed until 2014



Gas production 2008

(French Ministry for Environment and Energy, 2009)

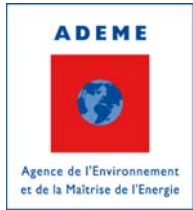
- Raw biogas production : 3.300 GWh
- Energy production : 1.290 GWh
- Electricity production : 660 GWh inc. 77 GWh CHP
- Amount of heat recovered : 630 GWh inc. 70 GWh CHP
- Up-graded to biomethane (2011)
 - no amount injected into the natural gas pipeline
 - very low amount used as vehicle fuel



Performance data :

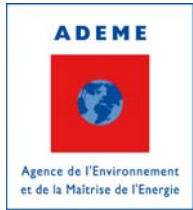
French Ministry for Environment and Energy, 2009

- electrical efficiency : 15,0 %
- total energy efficiency : 39,1 %
- emissions : nd



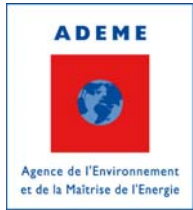
Economic Data :

- *Investment costs*
 - on-farm AD and centralised :
 - 8 600 €/kWe for 100kWe
 - 5 600 €/kWe for 500 kWe
 - 5 200 €/kWe for 1MWe
 - MSW AD : 540 €/t treated
- *Up-grading*
- *Operating Costs*



Economic Support Data :

- Electrical feed-in tariffs : new regulation in progress (attended on april 2011)
 - 20 % of increase
 - incentive for use of animal manure
 - maximum : 20.1 c€/kWh
- Up grading feed in tariffs : new regulation in progress (attended on july 2011)
 - maximum 103 €/MWh
- Investment grants
 - No change since the last meeting



National Strategy/Support for Exploitation of Biogas :

national WG on up-grading and grid biomethane injection :

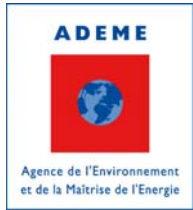
- leaders : French Environment and Energy Agency and GrDF (gas grid distribution operator)
- definition of technical specifications to inject biomethane into the grid

Ex.: standardization of feasibility studies ; content limit in O₂ ; control quality of biomethane ; standard contracts ;

- creation of a web site (attended in June)

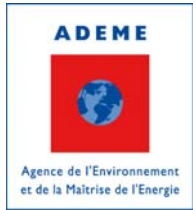
• the situation today :

- around 140 up-grading projects
- 70 % on farm or food processing industry
- 75 % with a flow rate > 100 m³/h biomethane



Challenges :

- *AD plant permitting*
- *Environmental licenses*
- *Grid connections (electricity, heat, gas pipeline)*
- *Digestate utilisation*



Research Activities :

- Study on **digestate valorization** (DIVA program):
 - Inventory and characterize different types of digestate and management
 - Evaluate the capacity of digestate to be used on soils or to be transformed in commercial products
 - Realize a technical, economical and environmental balance of digestate post treatment compared with direct spreading
 - Set up a regulation to permit a evolution of digestate from a waste to a product
- Total cost : 3.8 M€ ; Total subsidies : 1.23 M€ (National Research Agency)

