

# Disposal Challenge to Opportunity

*Biofuel and Bioproducts from Wet and Gaseous Waste Streams: Market  
Barriers and Opportunities*

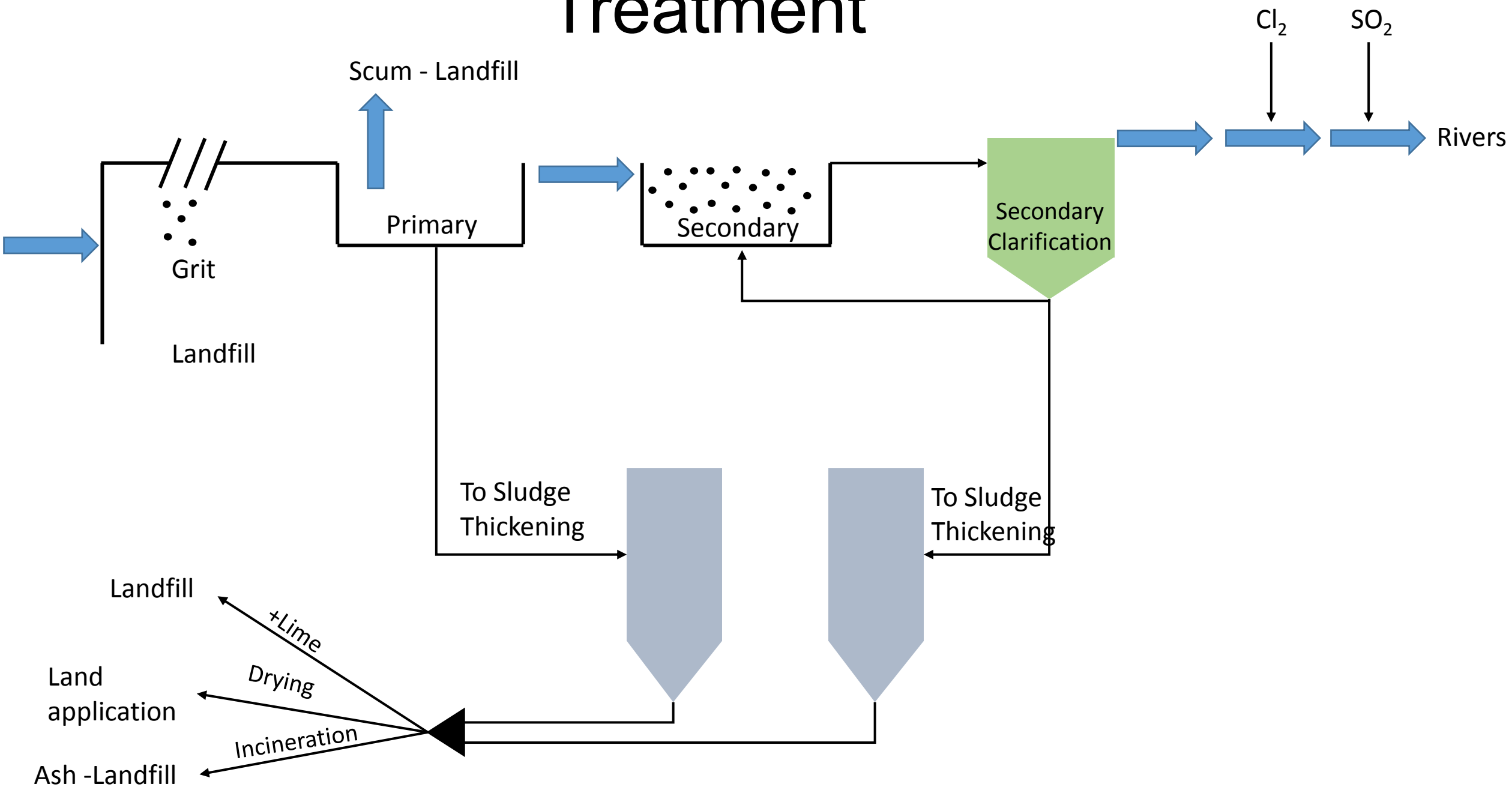
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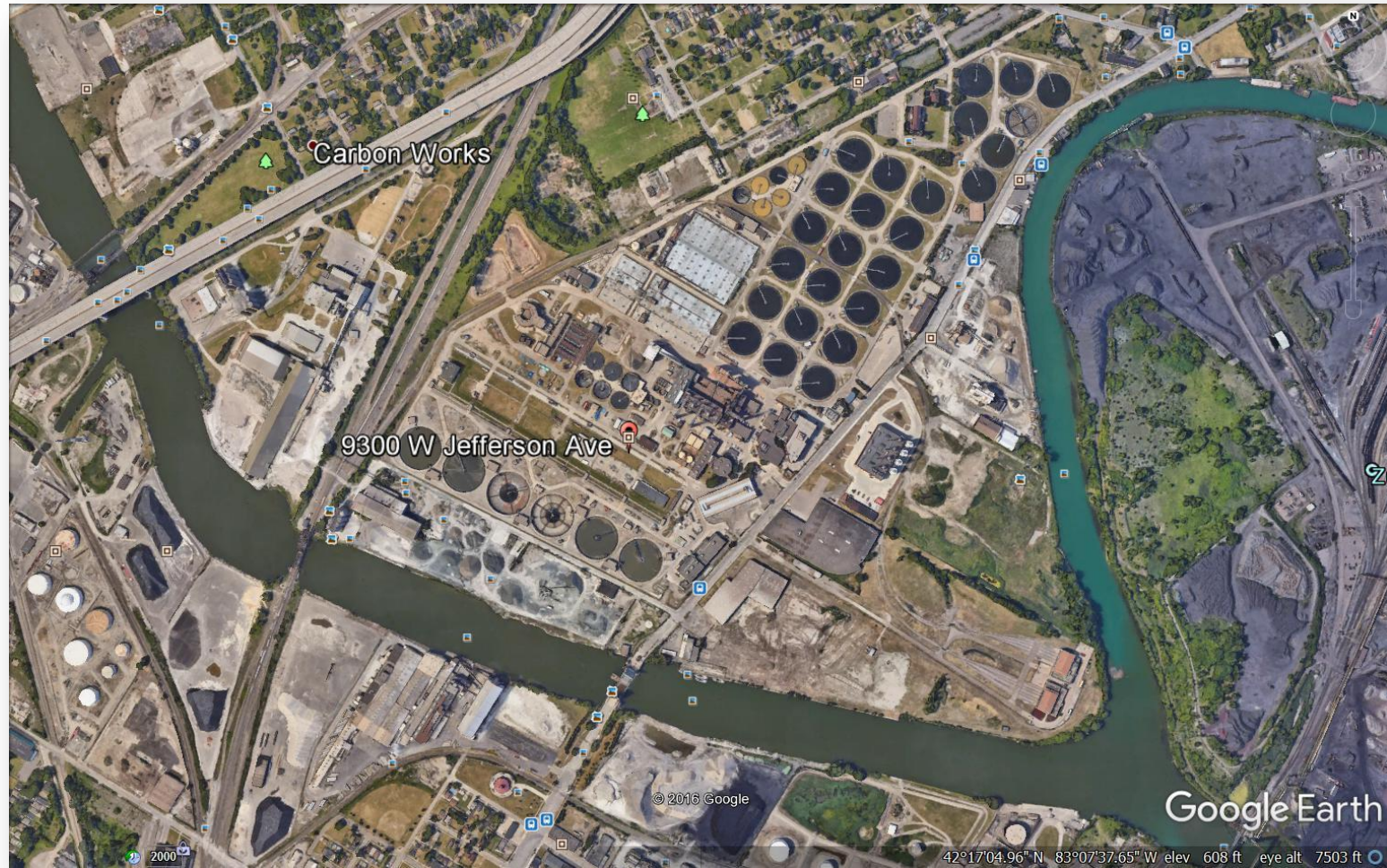


# Treatment



# GLWA Water Resources Recovery Facility

- 675 MGD Avg – up to 930 MDG full primary and secondary
- 1.7 Billion wet weather
- 450 Dry Tons per day Biosolids
  - 320-1100 dry tons per day
- 100 dry tons Secondary (Waste Activated)
  - 70-75% Volatile
  - Thickened 2 – 2.5%
- 350 dry tons Primary
  - 60-65% Volatile (wet weather 50-55%)
  - Thickened 5- 6%
  - At 9 – 10% Problematic
- Sludge flow 2.5 – 3 MGD
- Belt Filter Presses – 25-30% solids



# Size Perspective

- 16 Main Lift Pumps – 800- 1250 hp  
Largest 200 MGD
  - Installed capacity – 1803 MGD
- Primary Clarification
  - 12 Rec @ 90 MGD 273 ft x 112 ft x 14ft
  - 6 circulars @ 180 MGD 250 ft dia x 11ft
- 5 ILP – 2,500 hp    365 MGD ea
- 4 covered aeration decks 310 MGD ea
- Oxygen pipeline 600 tpd
- 25 Final clarifiers 200 ft x 15.5 ft – 40 MGD
- Return sludge 25-50% of influent
- Chlorine gas and sulfur dioxide
  - 90 ton railcars
- 22 Belt Filter Presses 2tph
- 8 Incinerators 2.2 tph
- 12 centrifuges
- Biosolids drying 4 trains @ 105 tpd
- Complex system of belts BFP, Incinerators and off loading
- 3 Pug mills and lime handling

# Costs - Rough

- Operating Costs \$600-800 /MG
- Annual Capital \$150 Million
- Biosolids Drying \$13 M/year (220 dtd) + extra volume + utilities
  - 243 Kwh/dt, 89.4 Therms/dt
- Incinerator approx. \$1000/day/unit at temp.
- Polymer \$0.09lb use 200 lb/dt
- Lime \$147/ton @8% (wet) to landfill
- Hauling \$10.00/ton; Landfill \$31.00/ton
- Ash \$15 haul and dispose
- Electricity \$13 Million/yr.

# Feedstocks for Biofuels production

- Characteristics of waste stream
  - Percent solids, presence of undesirable materials (inerts, rags), quantity
  - Availability certainty
  - BTU potential
  - Location
- Conversion process requirements
  - Percent solids required, consistency of feedstock, handling systems needed (conveyors, pumps), odor control
  - Location



# Wet Feedstocks - Handling



# Wet Feedstocks Receiving





# How much handling?



# Wet Feedstocks - weather





# Site Aesthetics and Odor Control



# Maintenance considerations





# Dry Solids Handling



# Handling of residuals to land application





# When things go wrong





# How bad can it get?





**If it can it will**







# Exterior of biosolids drying facility





# Interior biosolids drying







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