



University of New Hampshire



Providing LFG for Campus Energy

Environmental Protection Agency
Landfill Methane Outreach Program Conference
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University of New Hampshire

- 12,000 Undergraduates
- 3,000 graduate students
- 5.7 million square feet
- Flagship campus of the University System of New Hampshire



UNH Energy Initiatives

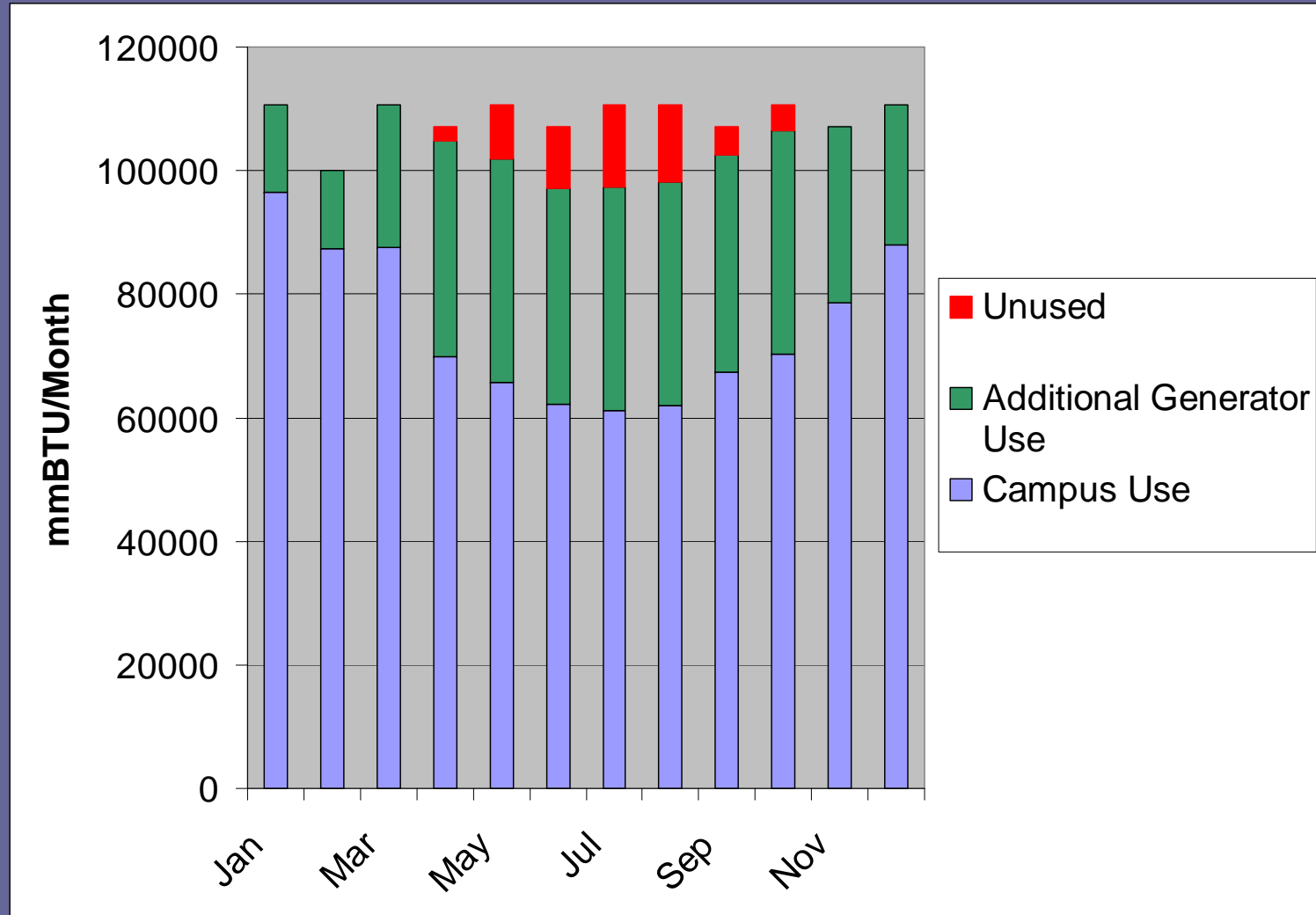
- 2001 DOE Recognition
 - UNH among top 5% of peer institutions for energy efficiency
- 2004 UNH Utility Infrastructure Project Approved
 - \$28 million investment in modern technology
 - Combined Heat and Power (Co-Gen) plant
 - Siemens SGT300 7.9 MW Turbine

Landfill Gas

The Opportunity

- UNH need for fuel
 - Annual Natural Gas use ~ 750,000 – 800,000 mmBTU
- Large landfill nearby
- Constraints on landfill gas use on site
 - Air Permit restrictions
 - Local utility limitations

Maximize Landfill Gas Use





- Gas Source
 - Waste Management Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprise



- Processing Plant
 - SCS Engineers - Design/Build/Operate



- Pipeline
 - R.H. White Construction - Design/Build



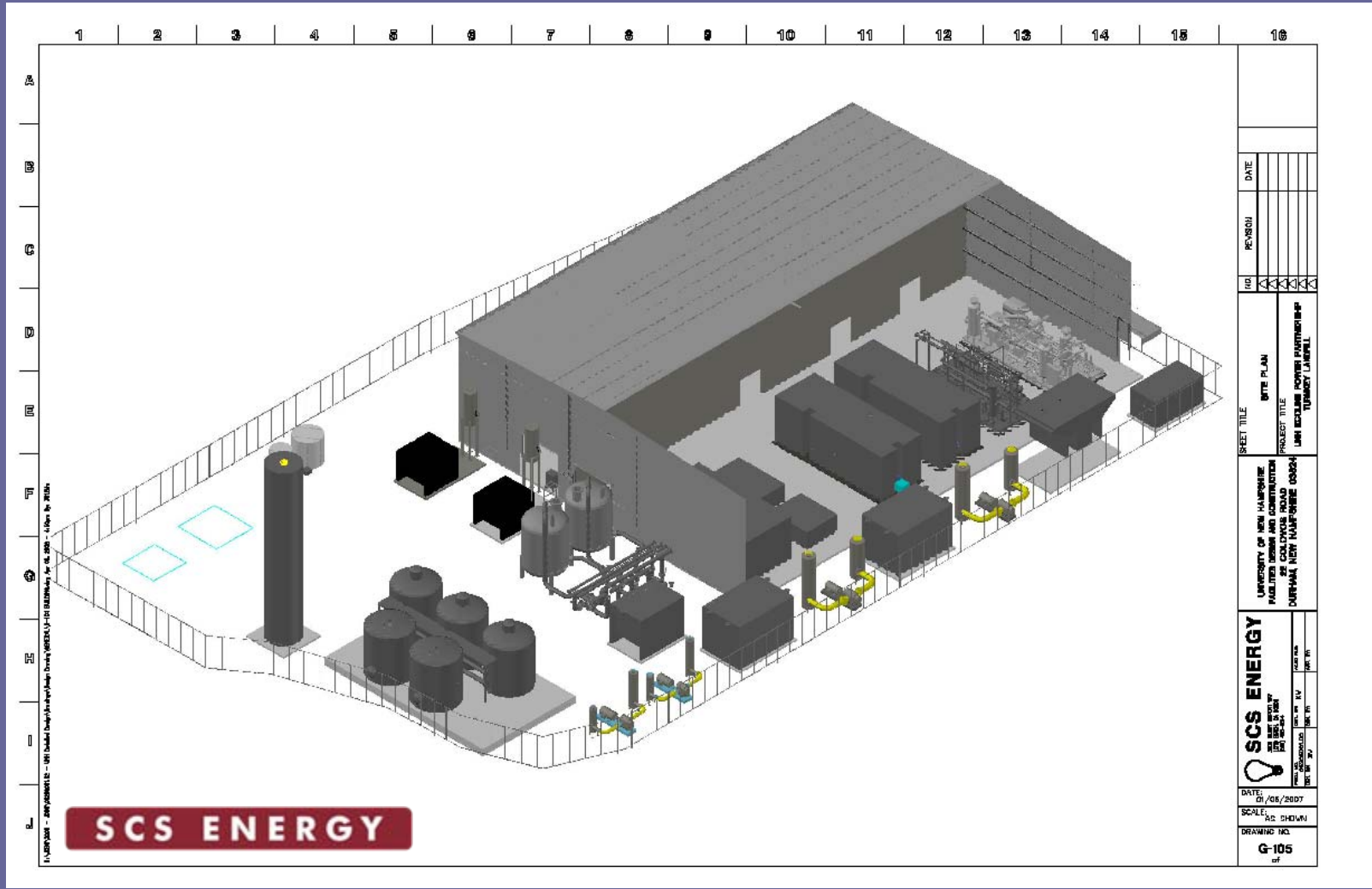
- Co-Gen Plant Modifications & 2nd Turbine Installation
 - EMCOR Energy Services - Design/Build/Operate



Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprise



Gas Processing Plant



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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FACILITIES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DE CHADBOUR ROAD DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03824		
PROJECT TITLE		
LIH SCHEMATIC POWER PLANT/REF-PP TURBINE LAYOUT		
SCS ENERGY		
DATE: 01/08/2007		
SCALE: AS SHOWN		
DRAWING NO. G-105		

Processing Plant Steps

Raw Gas

(7000 scfm
design
capacity)

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50%
Methane



Processing Plant Steps

Raw Gas



Sulfur Removal

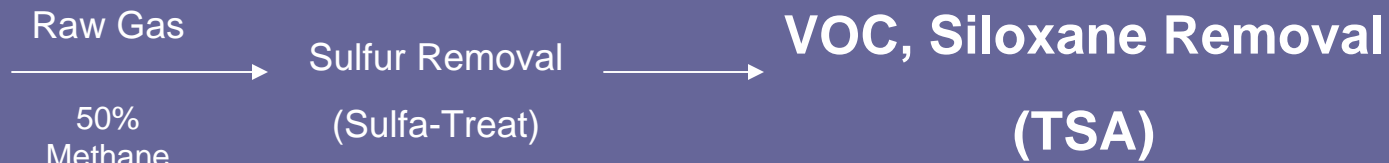
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**Spent Iron
Sponge
(Solid Waste
to Landfill)**



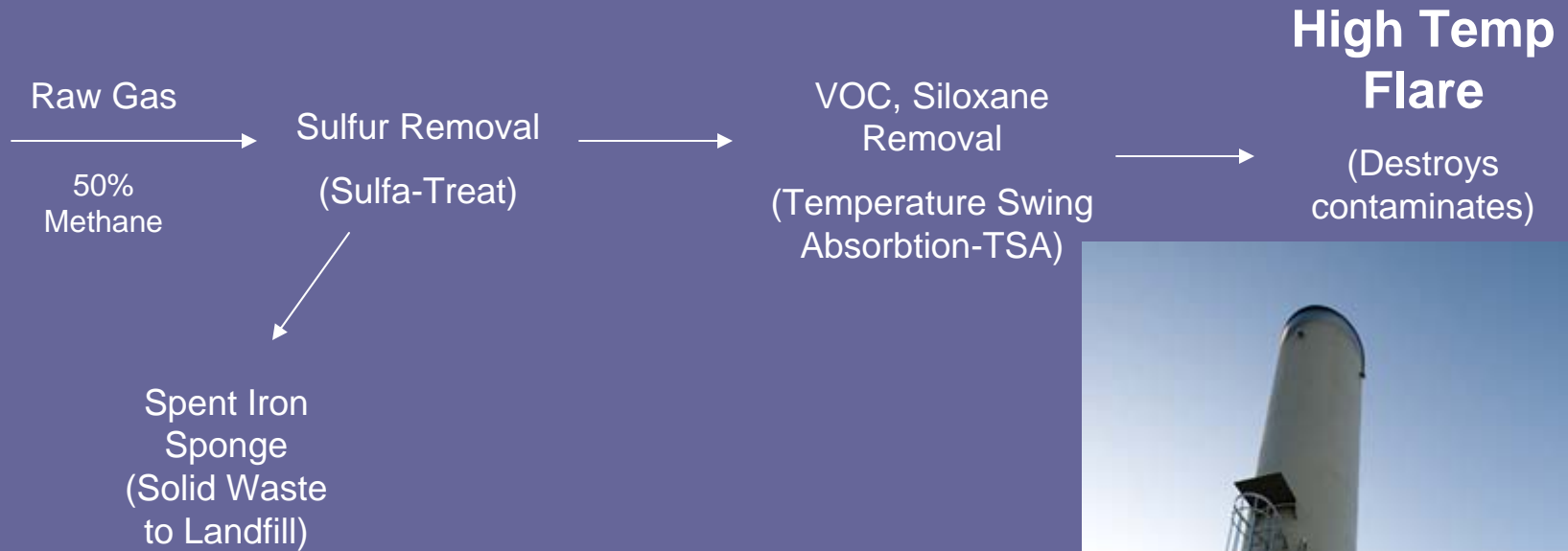
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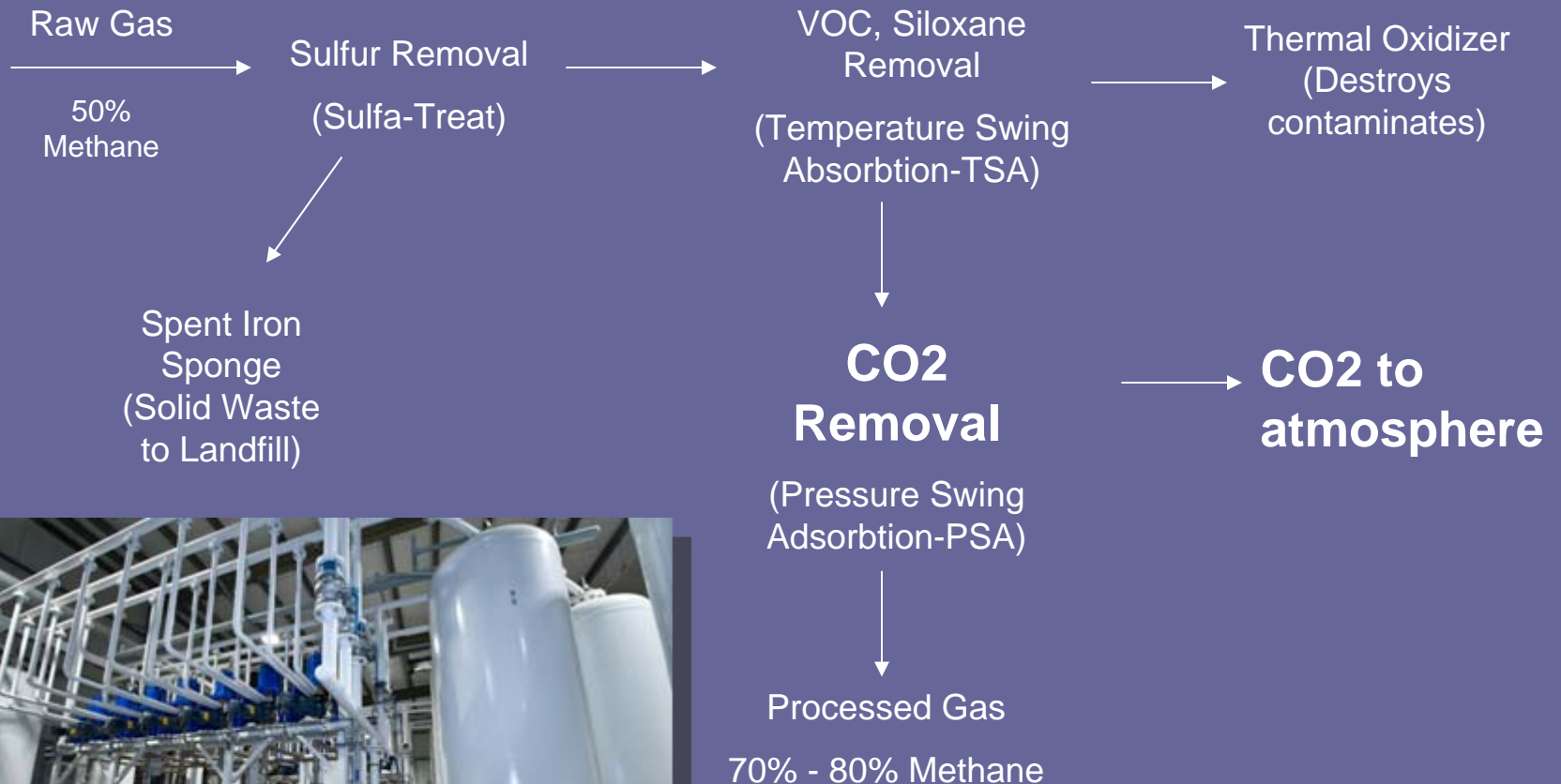
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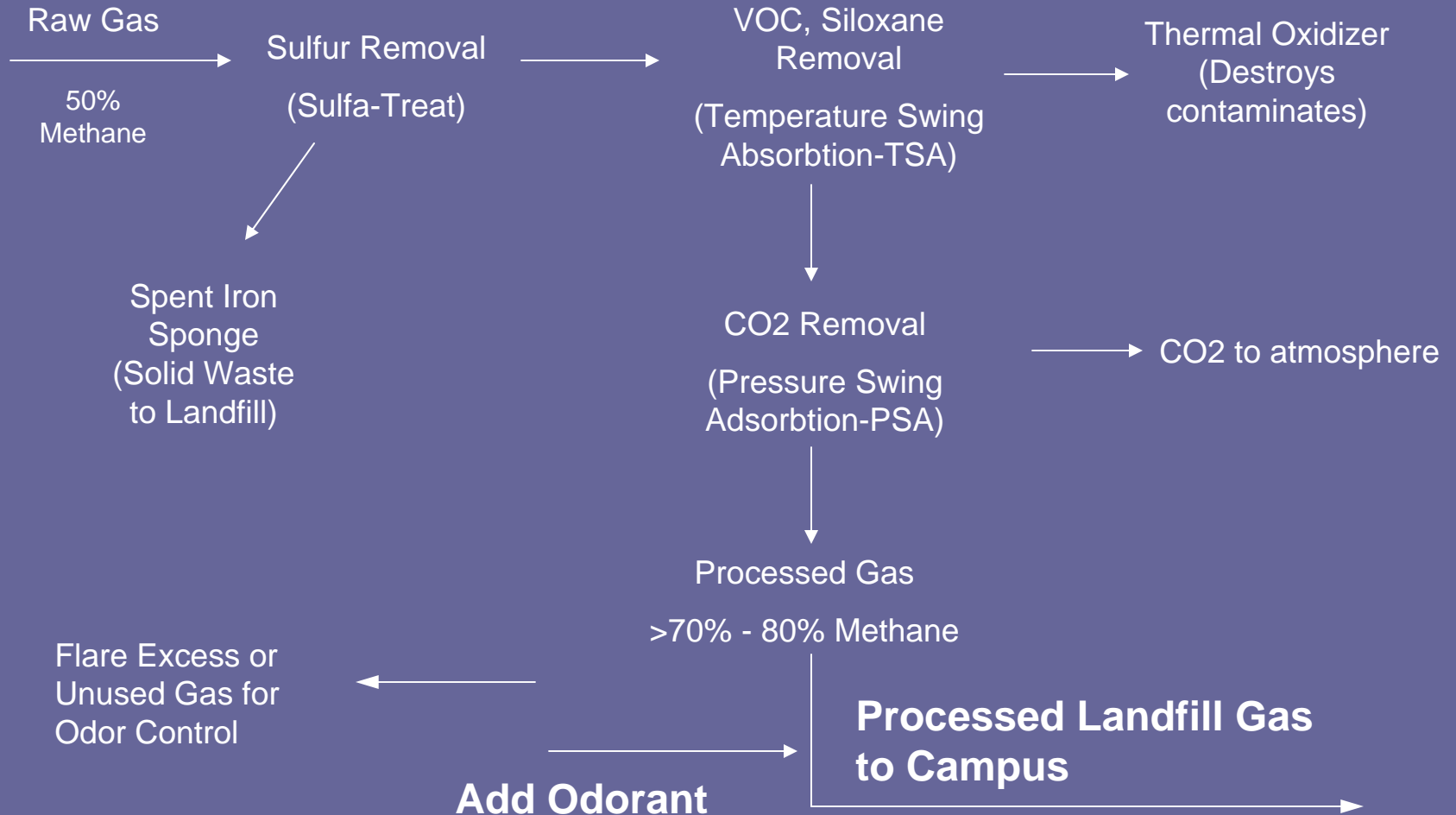


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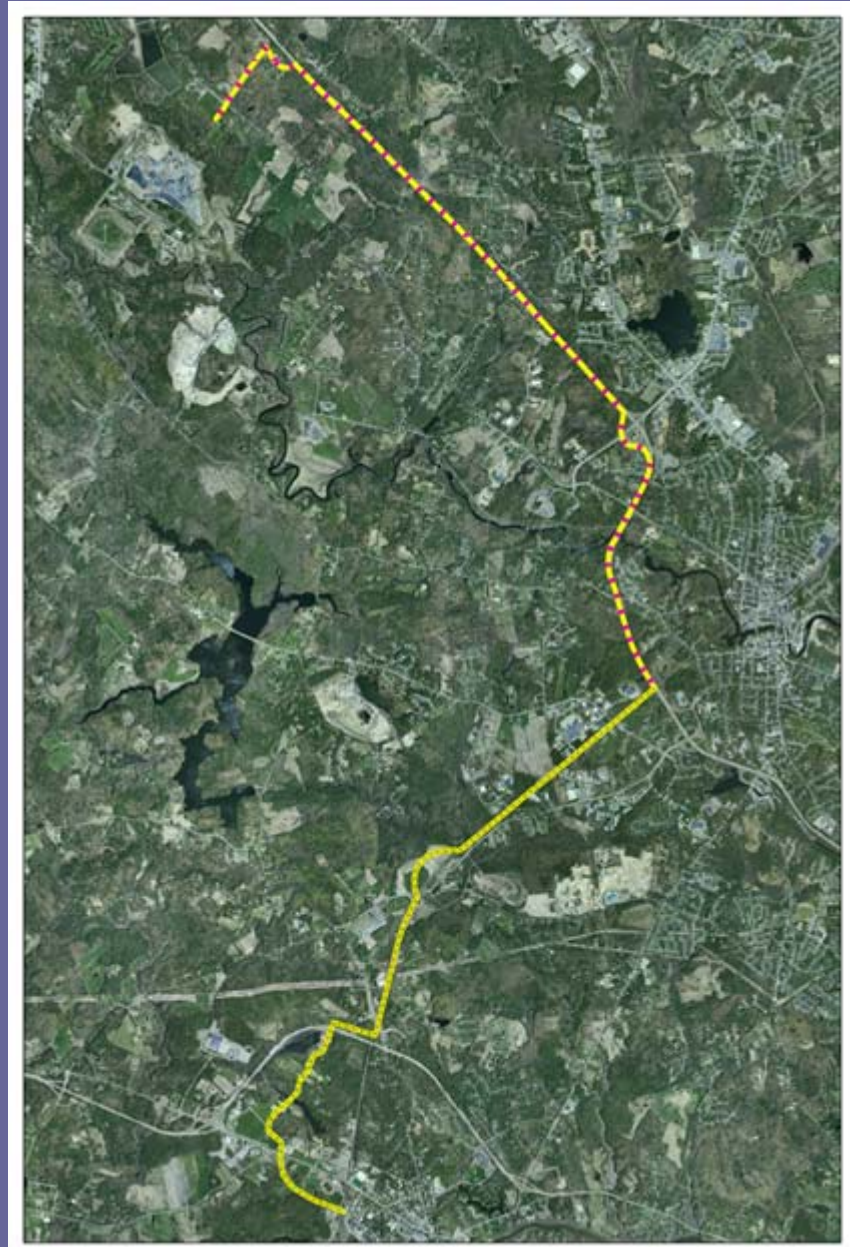
**Flare Excess
or Unused
Gas for
Odor Control**



Processing Plant Steps



Pipeline Route



Pipeline Statistics

- 12.7 Miles 12" OD HDPE
- 125 psi Operating Pressure
- 20,000 L.F. Directional Drilling
 - 5,000 L.F. Rock
- 6 Directional Drilled River Crossings
- 2.1 Acres Wetland Disturbance
- 3 Major Right-of-Way Agreements
 - Lots of Small Easements & Joint Use Agreements

Co-Gen Plant First Turbine



Siemens SGT300 Modifications

- Originally High BTU Gas & #2 Oil Fuel
- Modified Combustion Control Logic for Lower BTU Gas
- Recommissioned Turbine
- Increased Inspection Frequency During Initial Operation



SGT300 Fuel Quality Management

- Modified Fuel Spec
 - Wobbe Index > 32 MJ/NM³ at reference temperature
 - Wobbe Index rate of change $< 4\%$ / minute
- System Elements
 - Add natural gas to meet minimum Wobbe Index
 - Lower gas temperature (reduce Wobbe Index Temp Correction)
 - Physical buffer to control rate of change

Fuel Quality Management



Second Turbine Installation



Challenges

- Fuel Quality Management
 - Highly variable gas from landfill
 - Tight fuel specification for turbine
- Approvals
 - Permits and Easements
- Coordination
 - 3 major contracts plus Waste Management agreement
 - Modification of existing, operating plant

Financing

- \$45 million HEFA Bond
- \$4 million internal fund borrowing
- Repay from savings in 10 years
- Stabilize Campus energy costs
- No State Funding
- No Tuition or Student Fee Increase

Major Milestones

- The “Big Idea” – Summer 2004
- Board of Trustee Project Approval – July 2007
- First Operation on Landfill Gas – May 2009



UNH MEDIA RELATIONS

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First University In Nation To Use Landfill Gas As Primary Energy Source

University Of New Hampshire Will Power Its Campus With Renewable Landfill Gas From The Turnkey Recycling And Environmental Enterprise Facility Owned By Waste Management



“By reducing the university’s dependence on fossil fuels and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, EcoLine™ is an environmentally and fiscally responsible initiative. UNH is proud to lead the nation and our peer institutions in this landmark step toward sustainability.”

-- UNH President

Mark W. Huddleston



Thank You