Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System



Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System Historical Background



- Toyota Elephant Passage A Vision for Renewable Energy
- 10 Years Research & Development in collaboration with City and County of Denver, NREL, CDPHE, Colorado School of Mines & University of Colorado



Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System Benefits



Trash + Poop = POWER

- Utilizing Gasification Technology
- Clean Energy
- Will produce 20% of zoo energy needs
- Will eliminate 90% zoo waste from landfill = 1.5 million pounds
- Will save \$150,000 annually
- Helps us reach our goal to become Zero Waste by 2025

Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System The Most Important Thing...



- Biomass gasification involves the thermo chemical conversion (high temperature, low oxygen process) of biomass, or in the zoo's case, zoo waste, into a combustible gas, called synthetic gas or syngas.
- Syngas contains hydrogen, carbon monoxide, methane, and other inert gases. This gas provides a fuel source to power a generator to produce electrical energy and heat.
- Gasification is safe and has been used for more than 100 years. Our process will meet stringent emission standards.

Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System Process



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Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System By-Products



- Ash is the single largest bi-product. It is being tested for use in commercial composting or as an ingredient in concrete.
- Minimal air emissions will be consistently monitored to ensure standards are met.



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Working Prototypes





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Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System Where we are now





Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System Sharing Our Story



- Parks & Rec Advisory Board
- Neighborhood Groups
- Open House

Denver Zoo Waste to Energy System Any questions? How can we help you?



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