

The background features a stylized illustration of a green industrial facility with several blue wind turbines. The scene is set against a light blue sky with soft clouds. The overall theme is sustainable and green energy.

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Alternative Fuel in Cement Industry



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Introduction

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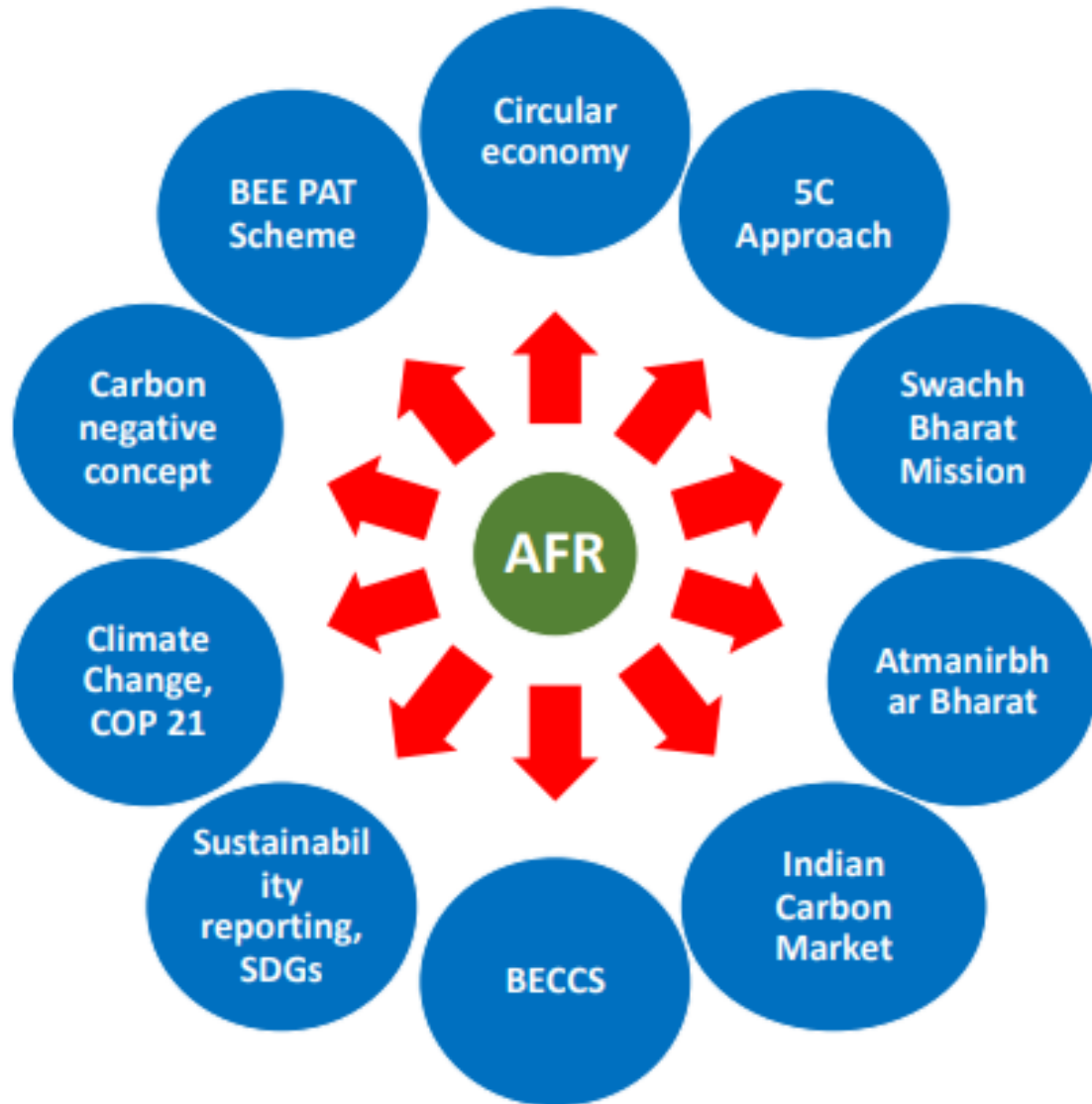
What is AFR ??

- ❑ This term refers to the practice of substituting traditional fossil fuels and raw materials with alternative sources in the production of cement. The goal of using AFR is to enhance sustainability by reducing reliance on non-renewable resources, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and managing waste more effectively.
- ❑ Alternative Fuels can include things like waste tyres, biomass, industrial wastes/by-products, and incinerable fraction of municipal solid waste.

Types of AFR :



Why AFR ?



- **Environmental Benefits:**
 - Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
 - No landfills/no incineration.
 - Reduced Waste.
- **Resource Conservation:**
 - Less Dependence on Natural Resources.
- **Energy Efficiency:**
 - Energy Recovery: Some AFRs have high energy content and can provide a significant portion of the energy needed for cement production, making the process more energy-efficient.
- **Economic Benefits:**
 - Cost Savings.
 - Lower Fuel Costs.
 - Reduced Disposal Costs.
- **Stable Supply of Raw Materials:**
 - Diversified Supply Chain: AFRs can provide a more stable and predictable supply of raw materials, as they are often available in large quantities and are not subject to the same market fluctuations as traditional raw materials.

Regulatory Framework.

Regulatory framework for co-processing

Hazardous and Other Wastes

(Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

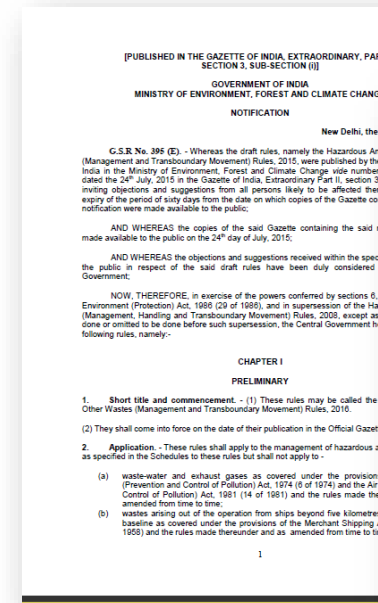
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Rule Nos.

Utilization of hazardous and other wastes.-

- Co-processing is above land-fill/incineration in waste management steps.
- Authorisation is to be granted by SPCB based on SOP/guidelines released by CPCB.



Regulatory framework - co-processing

Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

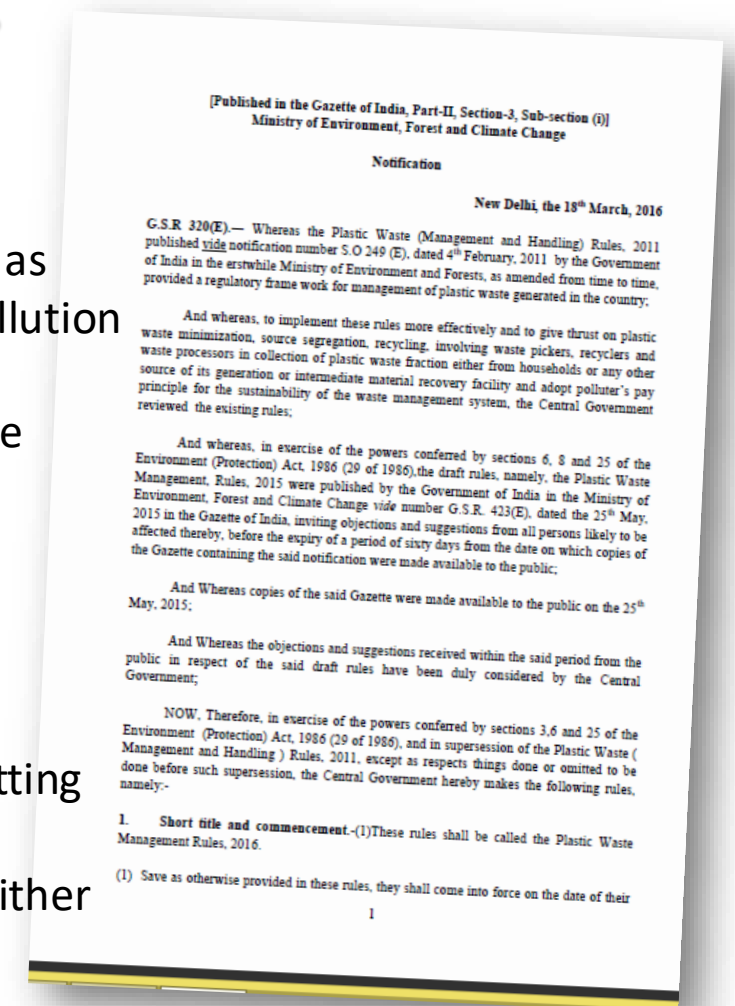


Rule 5. Plastic Waste Management

- 1 [C] Thermo set plastic waste shall be processed and disposed off as per the guidelines issued from time to time by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- 1 (d) The inert from recycling or processing facilities of plastic waste shall be disposed of in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2000 or **as amended** from time to time.

Rule 6. Responsibility of local body

- 1 Every local body shall be responsible for development and setting up of infrastructure for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of the plastic waste either on its own or by engaging agencies or producers.



Emission Standards – Cement Plant with co-processing of wastes

Parameters	Applicable Standards
Particulate Matter	30 mg/Nm ³
SO ₂	100 mg/Nm ³ , if pyritic S < 0.25% 700 mg/Nm ³ , if 0.25 ≤ pyritic S ≤ 0.5% 1000 mg/Nm ³ , if 0.5% < pyritic S
NO _x	600 mg/Nm ³ *
	800 mg/Nm ³ (ILC) **
	1000 mg/Nm ³ (SLC)
HCl	10mg/Nm ³
HF	1 mg/Nm ³
TOC	10 mg/Nm ³
Hg and its Compounds	0.05 mg/Nm ³
Cd+Tl and their compounds	0.05 mg/Nm ³
Sb+As+Pb+Co+Cr+Cu+Mn+Ni+ V and their compounds	0.5 mg/Nm ³
Dioxins and Furans	0.1 ngTEQ/Nm ³

Note: * - On/after 25.8.2014 Commissioning of Plant
** Before 25.8.2014 Commissioning of Plant



Waste Utilization

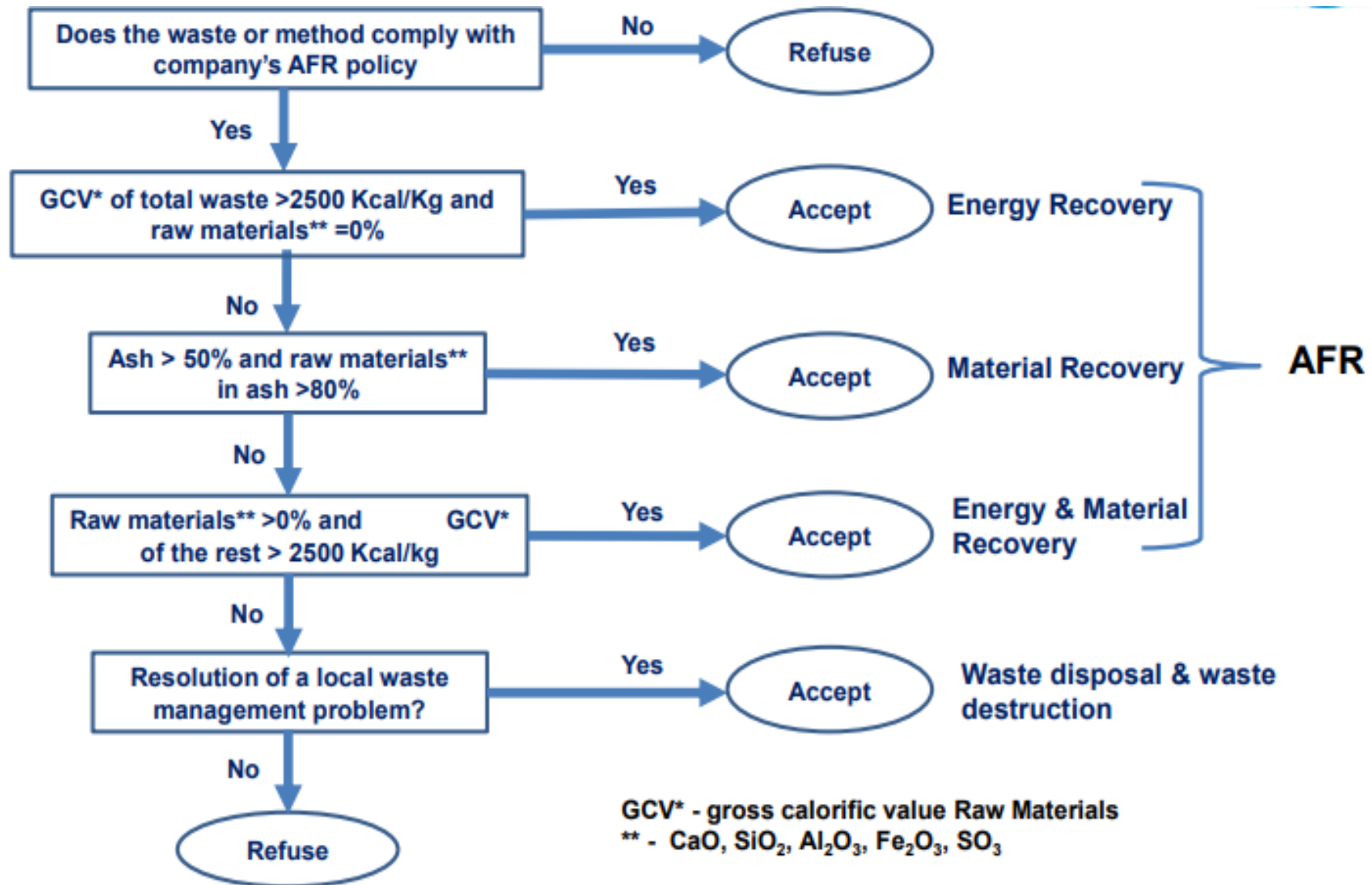
WASTE UTILIZATION HIERARCHY



Five basic rules

- **Rule 1** - Know the potentials and limits of the kiln for co-processing.
- **Rule 2** - No waste enters the plant without rigorous quality control.
- **Rule 3** - Use AFR standard equipment for storage, handling and dosing.
- **Rule 4** - Know how to cope with negative impacts on
 - Kiln production rate
 - Kiln operation
 - Clinker Quality
 - Stack emissions
 - Steel corrosion & Refractory Failures.
- **Rule 5** – Watch out for innovative solutions to improve co-processing.

Acceptance / Refuse chart



Source: Guidelines for Pre-Processing and Co-Processing of Hazardous and Other Wastes in Cement Plant as per H&OW(M & TBM) Rules, 2016

Various wastes in use

- Industrial wastes (various incinerable wastes from automobile, textile, paper recycling, pharmaceutical/chemical industries)
- Footwear scrap
- Expired/Out-of-specs products (FMCG industry)
- Plastics / Sorted Municipal Waste / RDF
- Rubber/Tyre chips/ Carbon powder (from Pyrolysis of Tyres)
- Agricultural residues/husks



What we can not co-process.....

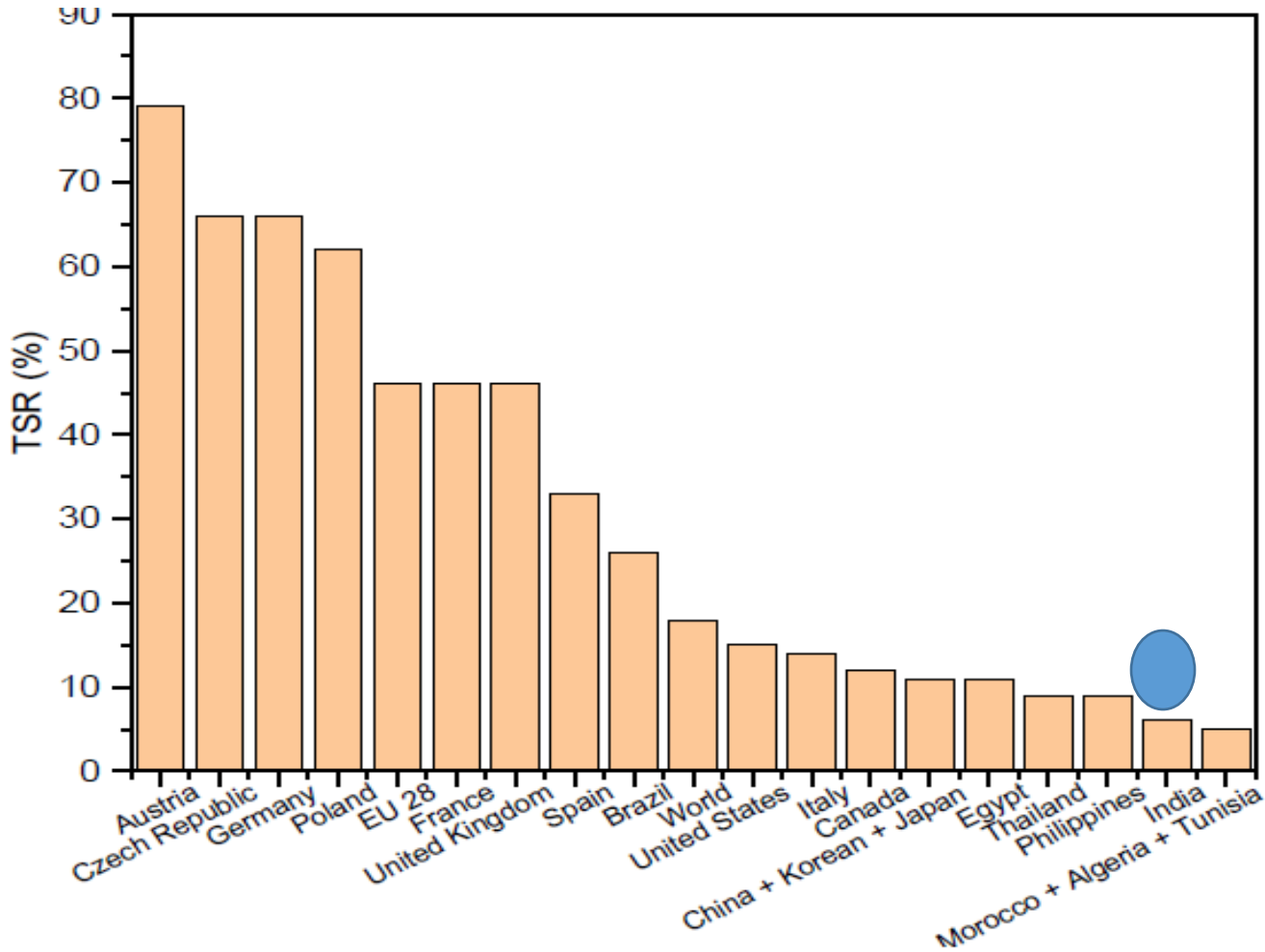
- Anatomical hospital waste
- Asbestos containing waste
- Bio-hazardous waste
- Electronic scrap
- Entire batteries
- Explosives
- High concentration cyanide waste
- Mineral acids
- Radioactive waste
- Unsorted municipal solid waste

TSR (Thermal Substitution Rate)

TSR

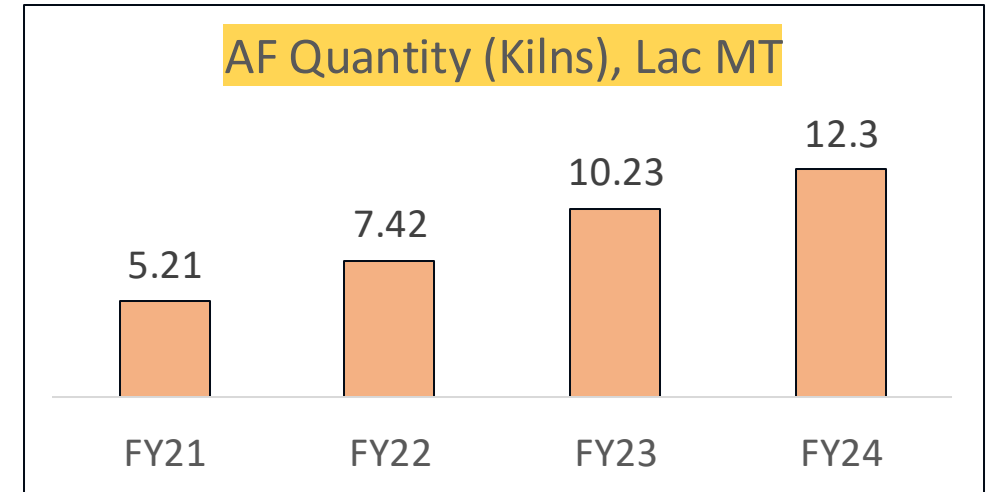
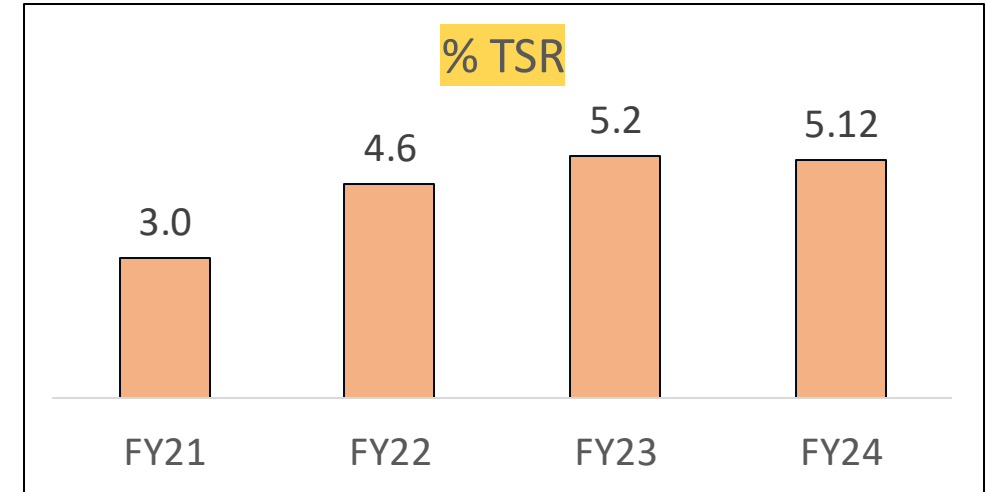
- The thermal substitution rate (TSR) is a measure of the rate at which an substituted fuel is being consumed in energy recovery. It is defined as the ratio of the rate of change of the fuel inventory to the actual fuel inventory (in terms of units of energy)
- TSR is the ratio of the thermal energy substituted by alternative fuels to the total thermal energy used in the process
- $TSR = (\text{Energy from Alternative Fuels} / \text{Total Energy Input}) \times 100$

AF Utilization Scenario (% TSR)



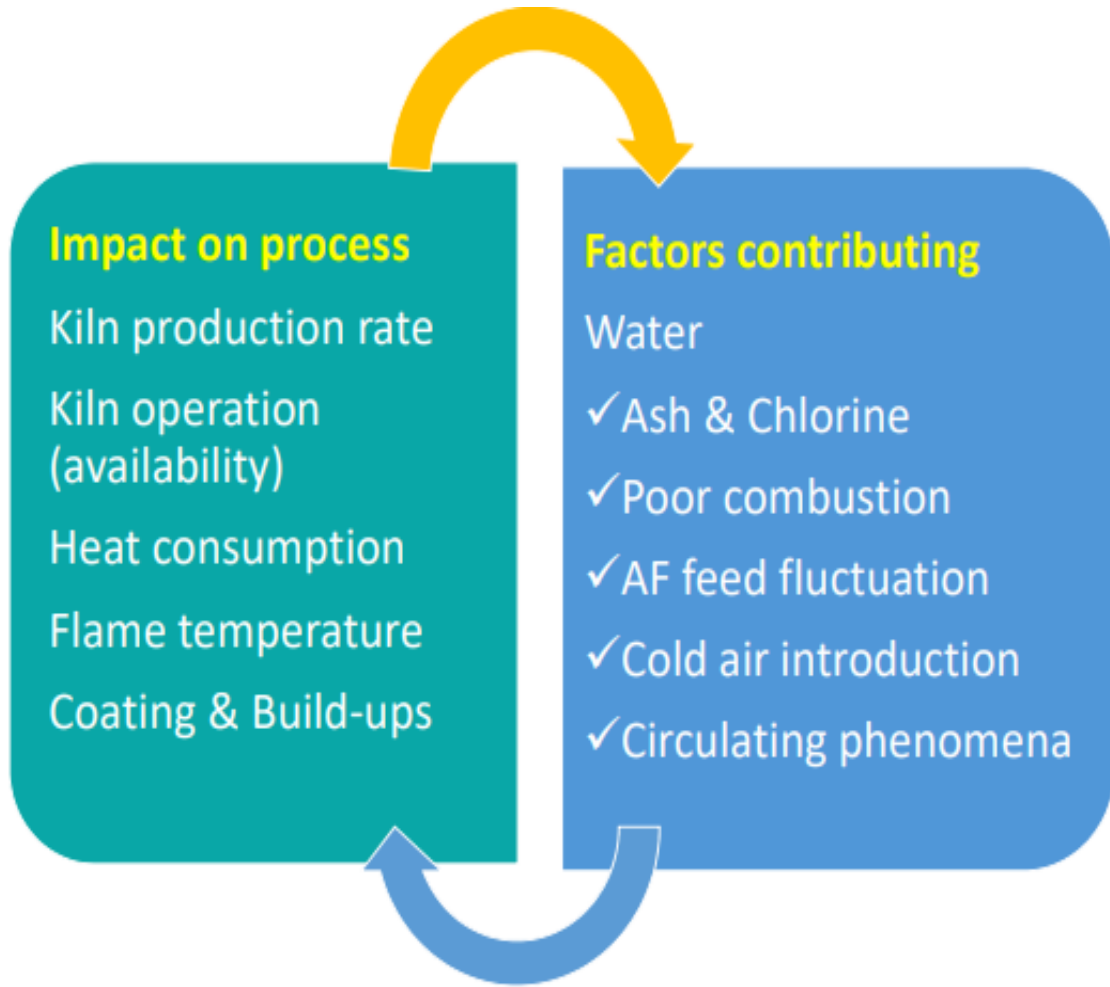
Source: Cemtech Webinar 2020, NCCBM Databank

Worldwide AF Utilization Scenario (% TSR)

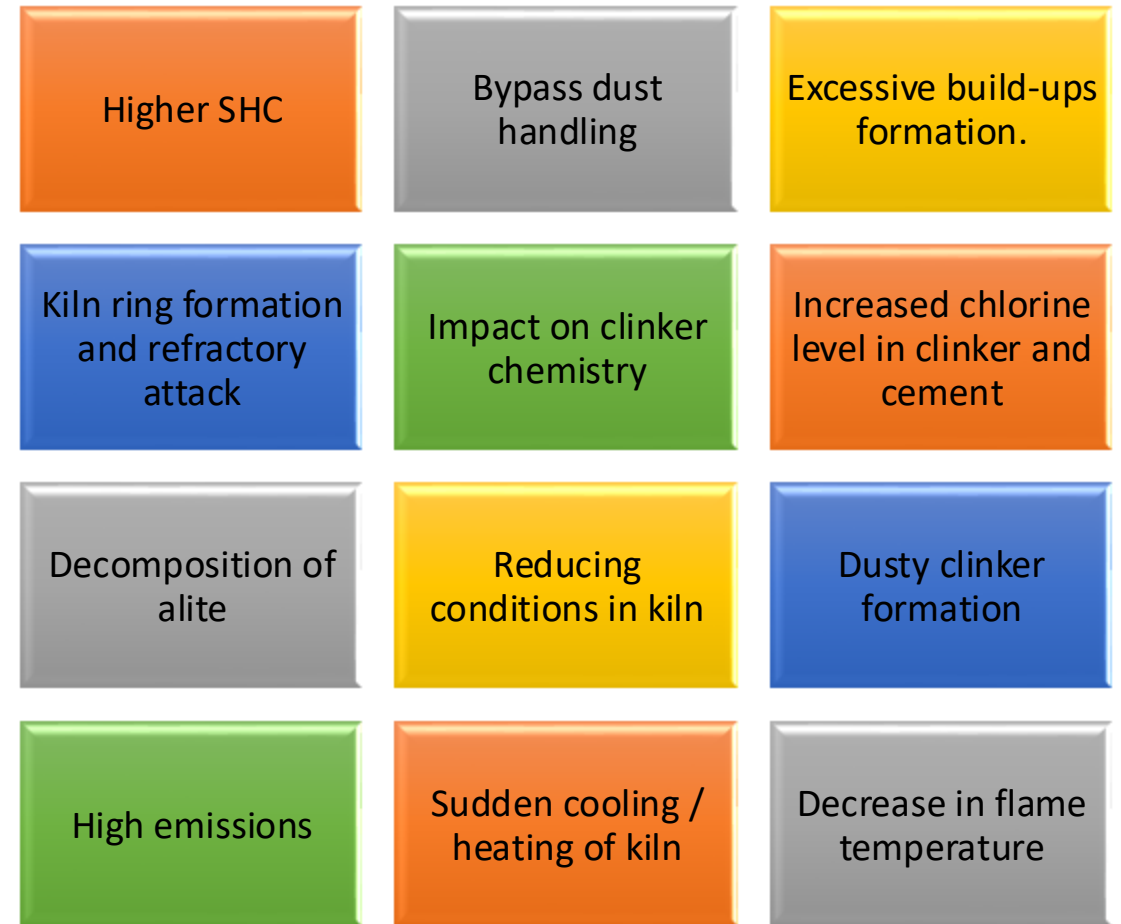


UTCL AF Utilization Scenario

Key Challenges





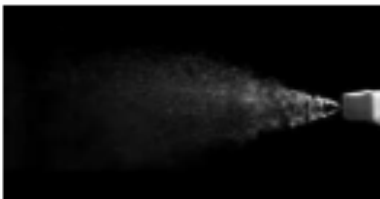


AF Impact on Kiln behaviour & Operation

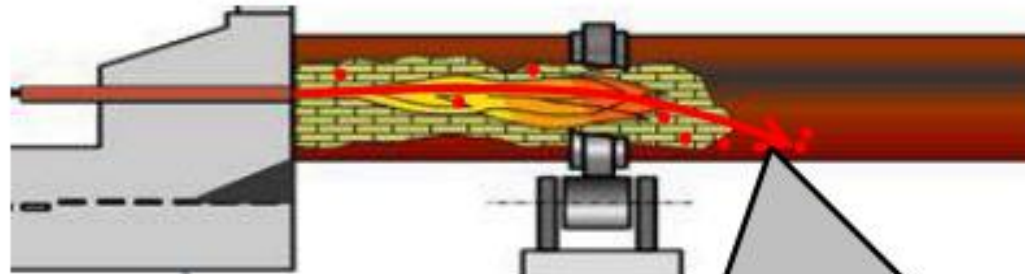


AF Impact on process and Quality

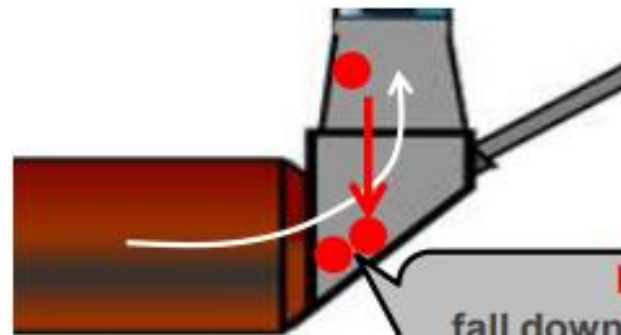
Fuel Preparation & Feeding arrangement

AF Category	Characteristic	Examples	Picture
Lump fuels 3D solids >50mm 2D foils >200mm	Cannot be carried by kiln gases (burns at kiln inlet).	Whole tires, filter cakes, bagged material	
Coarse solids 3D solids <50mm 2D foils <200mm	Can be carried by kiln gases (suitable for in-line calciner). Pneumatic feeding not possible.	Tire chips, shredded plastics and textiles, RDF _c	
Fine solids 3D solids <5mm 2D foils <50mm	Can be carried easily by kiln gases (suitable for kiln firing , separate-line calciner). Pneumatic feeding possible.	Fluff (RDF _f), impregnated saw dust, animal meal, rice husk	
Sludges	Pumpable with piston pump → lump fuel. If atomized by compressed air or sludge rotor → coarse solid.	Petroleum / paint sludges	
Liquids	Can be atomized with compressed air (solid particles in liquid <2-4mm)	Waste oil, solvents, emulsions	

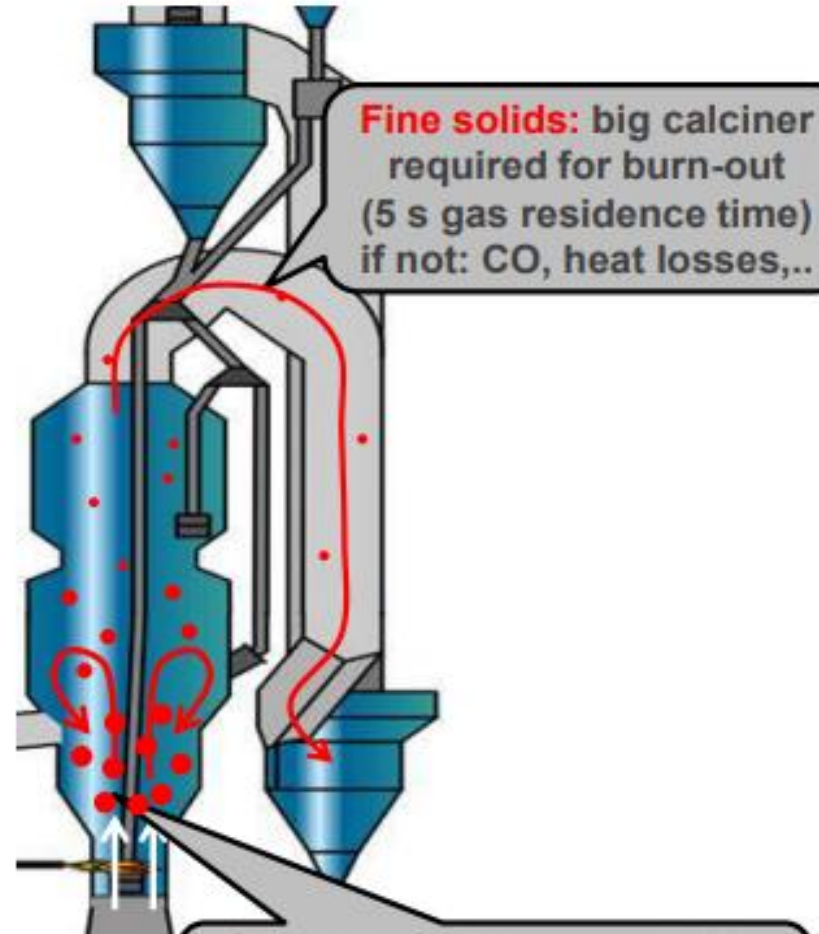
Feed Point specific combustion behaviour and issues with solid AFR



Fine solids:
→ oversize materials create issues with coating, clinker quality and S-volatility (build-ups)



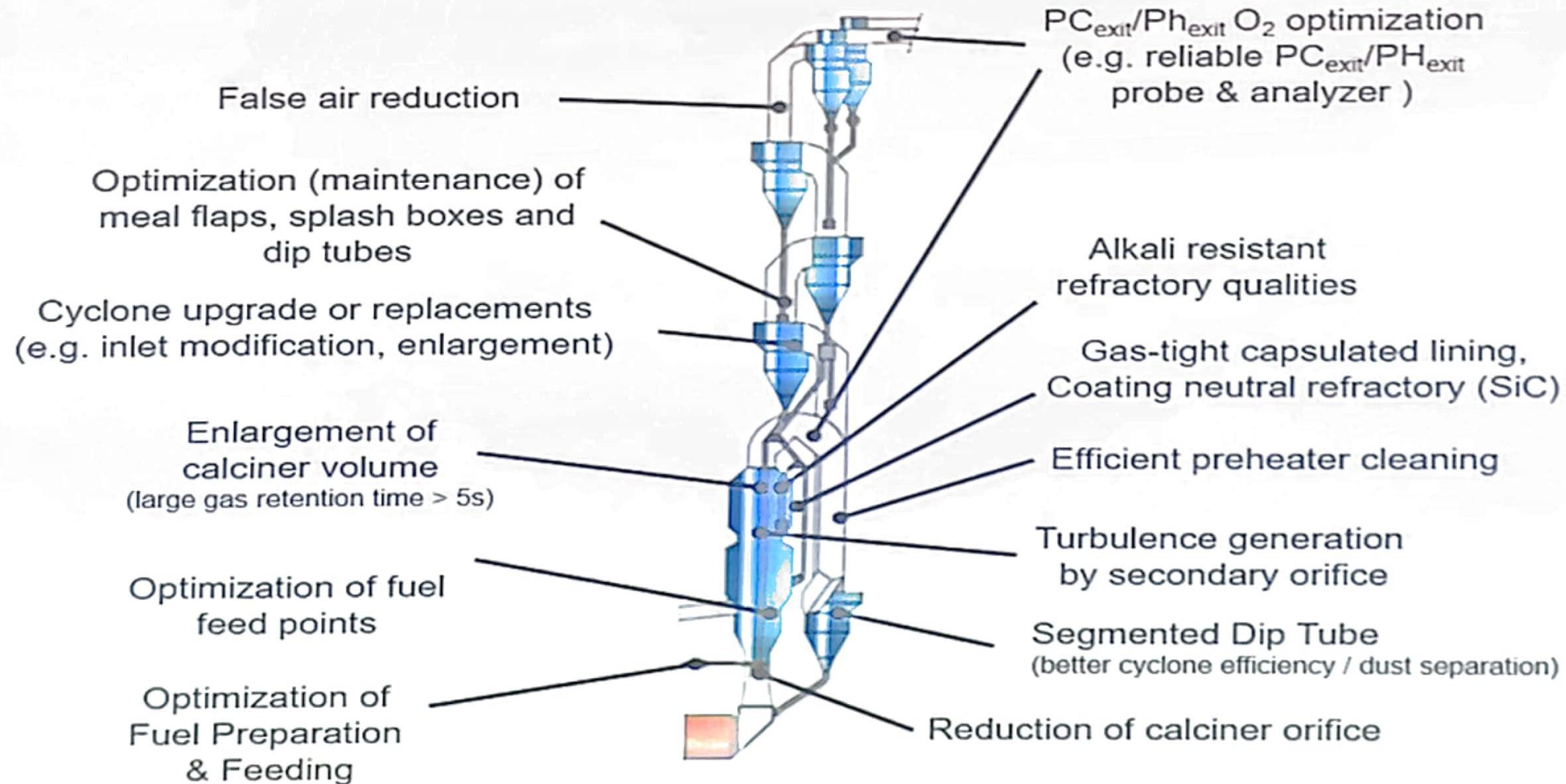
Lump solids:
fall down, poor mixing with O₂
→ slow combustion, build-ups
→ low TSR potential



Fine solids: big calciner required for burn-out (5 s gas residence time) if not: CO, heat losses,...

Coarse solids: suspended in gas stream (35-45 m/s) → good mixing

Preheater : Optimizations / modifications to reduce SHC, exhaust gas flow and increase availability



Modifications required for increasing TSR

10% TSR	15% TSR	25% TSR
✓ Pre-processing facilities including shredding, screening & proper storage	✓ Separate dedicated system for AF feeding end storage	✓ Improvement of turbulence in calciner by optimization of its design and flow deflections
✓ Improvements of AF dosing systems	✓ Modification of orifice in calciner	✓ Addition of controlled hot spot in calciner
✓ Optimum elevation and position of feed point in calciner	✓ Upgradation of burners/new high momentum burner	✓ Automated multi-fuel controller
✓ Enlargement of calciner volume to increase gas residence time	✓ Bypass installation to remove Cl in case of chlorinated waste	✓ Expert operational control systems
✓ Repair/replacement of kiln inlet seal for reduction of false air	✓ Selection of suitable refractories in kiln and calciner	✓ Addition of meal curtain to reduce build-up formation
✓ State of the art laboratory	✓ Technologies to meet emission norms	✓ Additional safety measures for handling multiple waste

Approach

1

Expert Assessment



Analysis



MOU & Regulatory Clearance



2

Receipt and Sampling



Laboratory Control



Pre-Processing



3

Co-Processing



Certification



Infrastructure (Storage, Pre-processing and Co-processing).



Infrastructure.

Laboratory



**Plastic, MSW,
Hazardous & Other
Wastes**

AFR



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