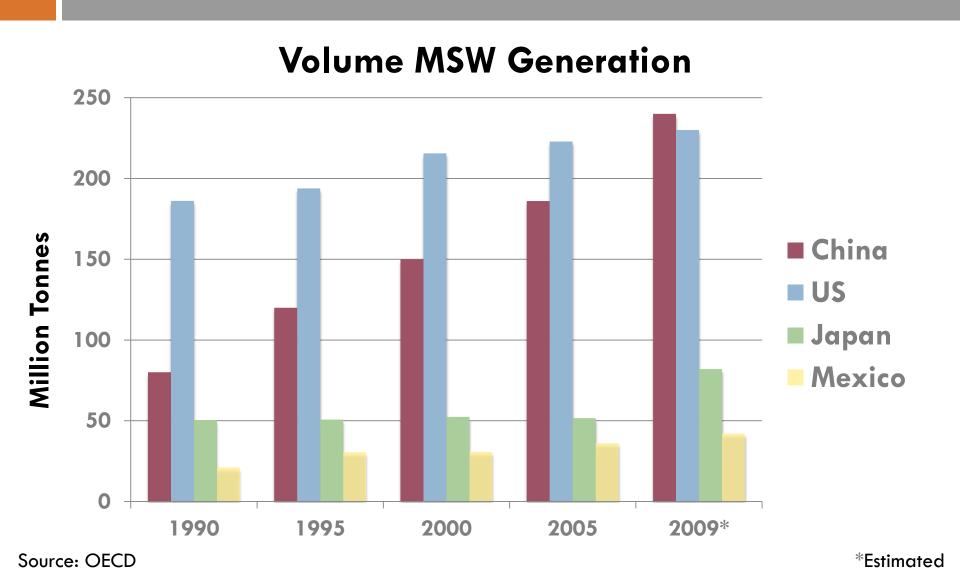


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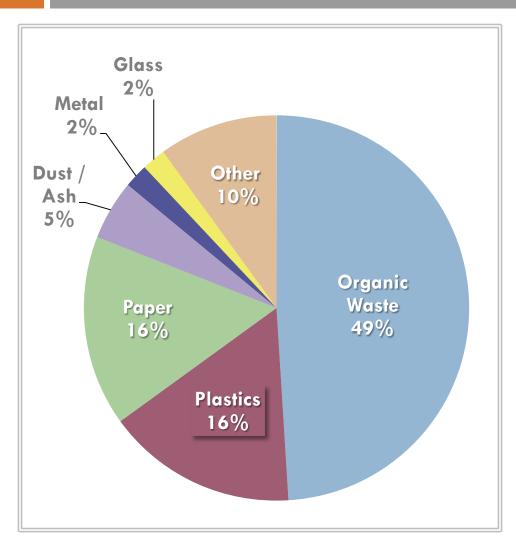


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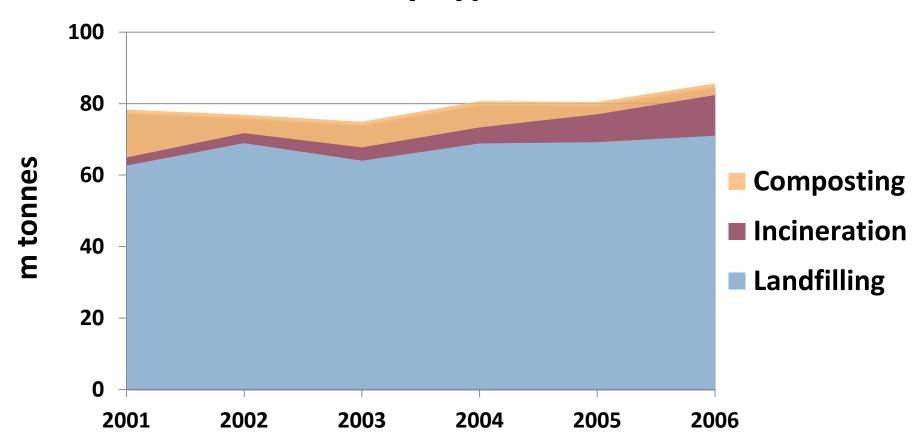




Composition of Solid Waste in China's Urban Areas

Source: World Bank, Tsinghua University

MSW Treatment by Type in China, 2001-06



Source: Guangzhou Academy of Science

Policy Reasons for Incineration in China:

- Implementation of Renewable Energy Policy
- Limited Land Resources
- Changing MSW Composition

Central Government Targets

- By 2030, 30% of managed waste should be treated using WtE and thermal recycling
- By 2020, China should have 30 GW biomass, with WtE comprising 4 GW

Establishing a Municipal-Level MSW Framework

 "Law on Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution Caused by Solid Waste of PRC" (2005)

《中华人民共和国固体废物污染环境防治法》

 "Regulations Regarding Municipal Solid Waste" (2007)

《城市生活垃圾管理办法》



Promoting Private Sector MSW Treatment

 "Comments on Promoting the Industrialization of Municipal Waste" (2002)

《关于推进城市排水处理,垃圾处理产业发展的意见》



WASTE IN CHINA: CHALLENGES

- Information / Data
- Technological
- Regulatory / Policy
- Market



WASTE IN CHINA: CHALLENGES

- VAT refunding
- Corporate income tax exemptions

Tax Benefits

- Guaranteed subsidized price for electricity
- State subsidy for loan interest

Subsidies

Prioritized commercial bank loans

Loans

WASTE IN CHINA: LOOKING AHEAD

- Increased Public Awareness / Enhanced Enforcement
- Sector Consolidation
- Improved MSW Planning
- Regulatory Clarity & Reform

WASTE IN CHINA: LOOKING AHEAD

In the US, Congress and EPA drastically reduced the allowable incineration emissions in the 1990s.

Result: By 2005, mercury emissions declined 96%, and dioxin emissions declined 99%



THANKS!

