

Review of Proposed Concepts and Technologies to Recapture and Destroy Residual Methyl Bromide (MB) after Log Fumigations at New Zealand Ports

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What do we require?

- Environmentally sustainable solutions
- EPA requirements post 2020
- Economically viable
 - cap ex
 - op ex
 - minimal impact on logistics



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What options have we got?

Carbon capture

- does not destroy methyl bromide
- large volumes are required
- direct disposal – issues/costs
- sustainable?
- chemical reaction - effluent disposal
- recycling – technically possible

Destruction

- combustion
- chemical



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What do we get?

- Aware of global research
- Claims that systems work
- Unsubstantiated



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What do we do?

- Treat equally – we want a solution
- Scan globe for solutions
- Ask for data to support claim
- Offer validation testing
 - independent
 - testing protocol
 - at STIMBR's cost



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What do we know with regards log fumigations?

Armstrong reviewed 11 systems:

- Direct combustion - incineration
- Catalytic decomposition
- Bletchley - chemical
- Salience Solutions / PyroPlas
- Ozone
- Value Recovery
- Nordiko
- BioFume / Ecotool Systems
- BioDesorb
- TIGG / Chemtura
- Genera

- undesirable by products
- expensive
- failed validation testing
- expensive, failed to respond
- not feasible
- log specific data needed
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- unproven concept
- desk top study. Unproven
- expensive
- research data reviewed



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GENERA

Points of difference:

- Genera involved in a 2020 goal-oriented research program
- system is unique
- scientists, engineers and support staff
- follows a systematic research and development scheme
- created specifically to achieve set goals.



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Genera technology

- validation testing by PFR
- using STIMBR guidelines
- demonstrated to remove 87% of the available MB
- laboratory tests 70% recapture rate within 3 – 4 h
- is in use to meet Council air quality requirements

Genera

- is actively working to develop the technology
- plans confirmatory tests at critical stages.





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