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Landfill gas in Sweden

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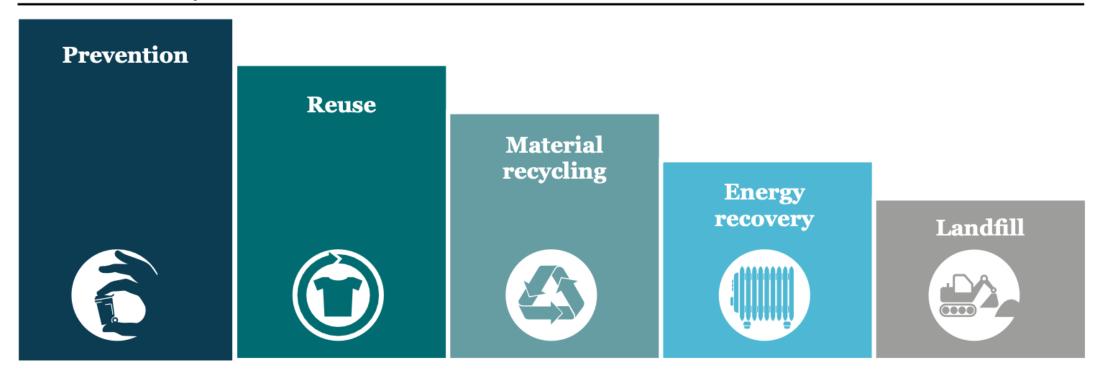




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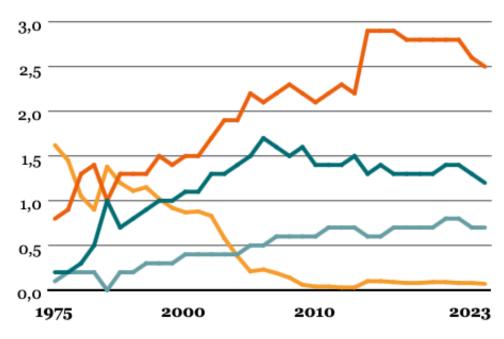


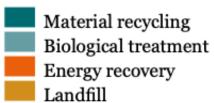
- Landfill directive 1999/31/EG
- Ordinance of Landfilling of waste (SFS 2001:512)
- o Ban on landfilling of combustible waste (2002)
- Ban on landfilling of organic waste (2005)

- Waste Tax Act (1999:673) → A tax on landfilling of waste
- Tax year 2000 = 250 SEK → Tax year 2025 = 744 SEK (≈ 67 EUR)

Overview 1975-2023

millions of tonnes







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Best available technique-Reference document (BREF) for landfills

- The process started 22 november 2024
- → New requirements for landfill gas...?



Seville 22 November 2024 JRC.B.5/EU-BRITE

<u>Subject</u>: DRAWING UP OF THE REFERENCE DOCUMENT ON BEST AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES FOR LANDFILLS

Setting up of the TWG: Deadline 31 January 2025

Dear IED Article 13 Forum Members,

This letter is to inform you that the European Bureau for Research on Industrial Transformation and Emissions (EU-BRITE, formerly European IPPC Bureau) is starting the drawing up of the BAT reference document (BREF) for Landfills, henceforth referred to as the 'LAN BREF'.







48 of 110 landfills collect landfill gas

Gas equivalent to 104 GWh was collected by 48 landfills in 2024



- 68 GWh used as energy
- → 67 GWh used for heating
- → 1 GWh used for electricity

36 GWh was flared

ENERGIUTVINNING PÅ DEPONIER 2020-2024 (MWH)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Nyttiggjord energi	82 750	80 020	75 630	59 770	67 770
varav elenergi*	3 180	3 350	3 160	1 790	1 300
Fackling	53 050	70 380	54 140	50 139	35 830

^{*} Övrig energi blir värme



Final cover of landfills – active or passive gas systems

2015:13/ Decision support for managing landfill gas emissions during final cover 2016:32/ When is active management of landfill gas no longer necessary?



METANOXIDATION



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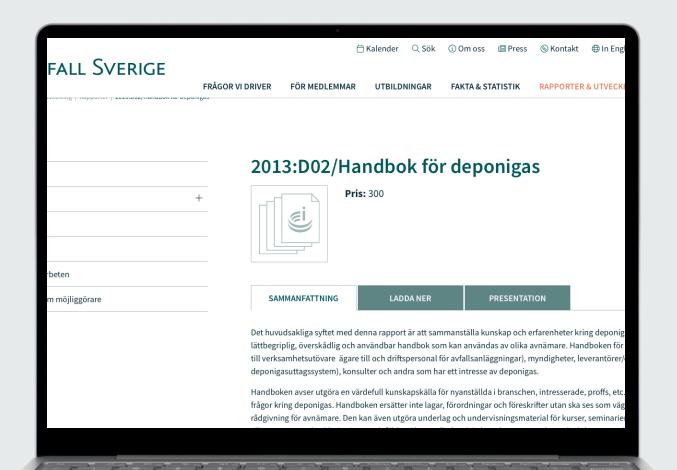
Publications regarding landfill gas

- 2013:D02/ Manual for landfill gas
- 2014:D08/ Hydrogen sulfide and other contaminants in landfill gas
- 2015:13/ Decision support for managing landfill gas emissions during final cover
- 2020:11/ Surface emissions of landfill gas
- 2016:32/ When is active management of landfill gas no longer necessary?
- 2024:12/ Measurement of surface emissions
- 2024:14/ Methane emissions in the waste sector
- 2024:15/ Method proposal for calculating and reporting landfill gas





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Thank you!

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