

Overview

Economic growth, industrialization and technological advances have created unprecedented living standards across the globe—and a growing problem of effective waste disposal. Landfills are reaching capacity, to the point where many countries are now exporting their refuse to the developing world. Emerging economies are facing their own problems, as higher consumption leads to waste management challenges. In addition, national and other governments (such as the EU), are imposing strict limits on the further use of landfills for waste disposal.

Many local governments are addressing this problem through the recovery of clean energy from household waste, employing the latest in waste-to-energy (WTE) technologies. Modern WTE is clean, hygienic and efficient. Used in conjunction with recycling, WTE is growing in popularity as a clean-tech solution, reducing the volume of household waste by up to 90 percent, while replacing fossil fuels that would have been used to produce energy in conventional power plants.

Dentons' lawyers across the globe have the necessary skills and experience to assist in the development, structuring and financing of WTE, preparing project documentation, engaging in negotiations, and addressing the legal and regulatory issues that are relevant to this growing industry. We have a solid foundation of expertise, experience and innovation, acting for project sponsors, contractors, operators, lenders and governmental authorities, with a deep knowledge of local law and regulation everywhere we operate.

Let us help you maximize the opportunities and mitigate the risks in your waste-to-energy projects.