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(54) **Title:** WET AIR OXIDATION OF WASTEWATER SLUDGE SOLIDS

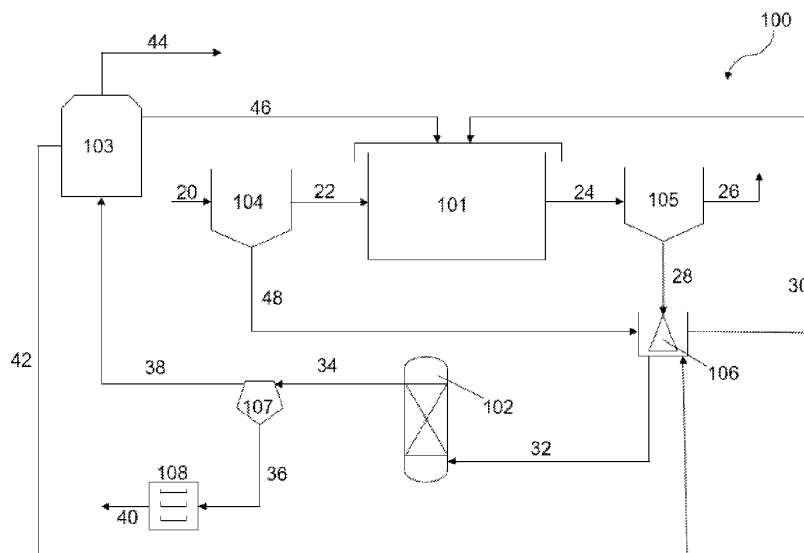


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** Methods of and systems for treating the sludge solids of a wastewater stream are provided. The wastewater treatment includes a wet air oxidation (WAO) treatment upstream from an anaerobic sludge digestion. The disclosed methods and systems provide a reduction in the amount of sludge solids requiring disposal, in favor of an increase in the amount of fuel gas produced by the treatment system.

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