

FURNACE APPARATUS

BACKGROUND

[0001] Solid waste disposal has been a major issue in many countries, especially in the USA where there is a need for elimination of landfill problems for garbage disposal. Traditionally, in the past, most of the solid waste was burned and was disposed off under the soil. But eventually, climatic changes like rainfall and change in the level of water table discouraged this practice in the long run. So there was a need for a more compact and strategic method to dispose solid waste. Therefore incinerators were invented which specialized in the burning and disposal of solid waste in disposable form according to safety and pollution standards around the world.

[0002] Incineration process is striking substitute for dumping for the disposal of garbage, and is performed throughout the world and results in a substantial reduction in the volume of solid waste and the retrieval of energy, for example, as electricity or steam. One of the important disadvantages to the incineration process is that numerous stable and toxic compounds, comprising polychlorinated dibenzodioxins or "dioxins" and polychlorinated bidenzofurans, are formed and are present in parts-per-million (ppm) concentrations both in the fly-ash formed through combustion and in emissions within the stack. Further, conventional incineration requires a secondary chamber, and therefore this increases the size of the machine and reduces the efficiency of the machine. Incineration also requires a source of energy to attain the temperature so its energy consuming.

[0003] Millions of tons of garbage is incinerated in big cities, and for every million tons of waste incinerated, a significant amount of fly-ash is produced, and the fly-ash thus produced is precipitated electrostatically and dumped in landfills. The rest of the fly-ash is emitted from the incinerator stack along with the gaseous by-products, such as water vapor, carbon dioxide, air and other organic compounds. The gaseous stack emissions deploy dioxins to the atmosphere and landfill disposal of fly-ash deploys dioxins into the

earth, from where the dioxins into leak into water channels beneath the soil. The main threat of dioxins to humans is cancer, but dioxins create a much larger impact on the environment and are considered objectionable.

[0004] Therefore, there exists a need for a self-sustainable furnace apparatus to decrease the dioxin content in incineration systems, and simultaneously solve landfill issues by reducing the volume of garbage in a very short amount of time depending upon the moisture content.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] The furnace apparatus disclosed herein is configured to incinerate solid waste, and comprises a chamber of generally square cross section, a solid waste feed inlet, multiple air inlet pipes, and multiple air outlet pipes. The chamber comprises an upper pyrolysis section and a lower combustion section, and the solid waste feed inlet is positioned at an upper portion of the chamber configured to feed solid waste to the lower combustion section. The air inlet pipes are fixedly connected to a lower portion of the chamber to receive air for combustion of the solid waste within the lower combustion section. The air outlet pipes are fixedly connected to the lower portion of the chamber and opposingly positioned to the air inlet pipes to exhaust combusted air from the lower combustion section, where multiple magnets are operably attached on the air inlet pipes and the air outlet pipes. The paramagnetic oxygen present in the received air is concentrated via the magnets, and the concentrated oxygen is introduced into a plasma generated within the combustion section to accelerate the combustion process, and to oxidize toxic matter present in the solid waste.

[0006] In an embodiment, the solid waste feed inlet is defined as a feed chute of as generally cuboidal shape comprising a top covering plate configured to open the feed chute to receive the solid waste, and a toggle clamp to close and rigidly shut the top covering plate in a closed position during the combustion process inside the lower

combustion section. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises an upper airlock positioned below the solid waste feed inlet, where the upper airlock is configured to prevent the flow of exhaust air from within the lower combustion section into the solid waste feed inlet. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises an ignition chamber positioned adjacent to the lower combustion section, where an ignition starter material is loaded into the ignition chamber, and ignited to be introduced into the lower combustion section for the combustion of the solid waste. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises a drip pan chamber positioned below the lower combustion section, where the drip pan chamber is configured to collect the combustion waste which drips out of the lower combustion section.

[0007] In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises a bottom stirrer positioned at a lower section of the lower combustion section, where the bottom stirrer is configured to stir the solid waste during the combustion process. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises a bottom airlock positioned below the lower combustion section, where the bottom airlock is configured to prevent expulsion of combusted air through a lower section of the lower combustion section. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises coil sections positioned within the upper pyrolysis section and the lower combustion section, where the coil sections are configured to transfer the heat via conduction to assist in the combustion of the solid waste and to prevent the overheating of the walls of the chamber. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises a walk way positioned adjacent to the chamber configured to allow a user to climb above the chamber and open the top covering plate of the solid waste feed inlet to feed in the solid waste.

[0008] In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus further comprises a combusted air exhaust assembly which comprises a chimney, a blower fan, and a scrubber. The chimney is upwardly extending from the air outlet pipes and in fluid communication with the lower combustion section. The blower fan is positioned within the chimney at a predefined position, where the blower fan is configured to provide an induced draft to

suction and exhaust the combusted gases from the lower combustion section, and the scrubber is positioned at a predefined distance above the blower fan, where the scrubber is configured to separate particulate matter from the exhausted combusted air.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] FIG. **1A** exemplarily illustrates is a front perspective of the furnace apparatus.

[0010] FIG. **1B** exemplarily illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. **1A** which shows a perspective view of the air inlet pipe with magnets positioned on the surface.

[0011] FIG. **1C** exemplarily illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. **1A** which shows a perspective view of one of the air inlet pipe with magnets positioned on the surface.

[0012] FIG. **1D** exemplarily illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. **1A** which shows a perspective view of an embodiment of one of the air inlet pipe with six magnets positioned on the surface.

[0013] FIG. **2** exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a solid waste feed inlet of the furnace apparatus.

[0014] FIG. **3** exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of an upper airlock of the furnace apparatus.

[0015] FIG. **4** exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a bottom airlock of the furnace apparatus.

[0016] FIG. 5 exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a chamber of the furnace apparatus.

[0017] FIG. 6 exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a combusted air exhaust assembly of the furnace apparatus.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0018] FIG. 1A exemplarily illustrates is a front perspective of the furnace apparatus **100**, FIG. 1B exemplarily illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. 1A which shows a perspective view of the air inlet pipe **105** with magnets **115** positioned on the surface, FIG. 1C exemplarily illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. 1A which shows a perspective view of one of the air inlet pipe **105** with magnets **115** positioned on the surface, and FIG. 1D exemplarily illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. 1A which shows a perspective view of an embodiment of one of the air inlet pipe **105** with six magnets **115** positioned on the surface. The furnace apparatus **100** disclosed herein is configured to incinerate solid waste, and comprises a generally chamber **101**, a solid waste feed inlet **104**, multiple air inlet pipes **105**, and multiple air outlet pipes **106**.

[0019] The chamber **101** is generally of a square cross section, and comprises an upper pyrolysis section **102** and a lower combustion section **103**, and the solid waste feed inlet **104** is positioned at an upper portion **101a** of the chamber **101** configured to feed solid waste to the lower combustion section **103**. The air inlet pipes **105** are fixedly connected to a lower portion **101b** of the chamber **101** to receive air for combustion of the solid waste within the lower combustion section **103**. As shown in FIG. 1B, the air is received in a controlled manner via air inlet valves **105a** positioned distally to the air inlet pipes **105**. The air outlet pipes **106** are fixedly connected to the lower portion **101b** of the chamber **101** and opposingly positioned to the air inlet pipes **105** to exhaust combusted air from the lower combustion section **103**, where multiple magnets **115** are operably

attached on the air inlet pipes **105** and the air outlet pipes **106**. In an embodiment, the air outlet pipe **106** and the air inlet pipe **105** are configured to be attached with at least pair of magnets **115** on opposing sides, as shown in FIG. **1C**, and six magnets **115** on opposing sides alternatively, as shown in FIG. **1D**. The paramagnetic oxygen present in the received air is concentrated via the magnets **115**, and the concentrated oxygen is introduced into a plasma generated within the lower combustion section **103** to accelerate the combustion process, and to oxidize toxic matter present in the solid waste.

[0020] In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises an ignition chamber **107** positioned adjacent to the lower combustion chamber **103**, where an ignition starter material is loaded into the ignition chamber **107**, and ignited to be introduced into the lower combustion chamber **103** for the combustion of the solid waste. The ignition starter material is, for example, camphor and dry wood. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises a drip pan chamber **108** positioned below the lower combustion chamber **103**, where the drip pan chamber **108** is configured to collect the combustion waste which drips out of the lower combustion chamber **103**.

[0021] In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises a bottom stirrer **109** positioned at a lower section **101b** of the lower combustion chamber **103**, where the bottom stirrer **109** is configured to stir the solid waste during the combustion process. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises coil sections **110** positioned within the upper pyrolysis section **102** and the lower combustion section **103**, where the coil sections **110** are configured to transfer the heat via conduction to assist in the combustion of the solid waste and to prevent the overheating of the walls of the chamber **101**. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **101** further comprises a walk way **111** positioned adjacent to the chamber **101** configured to allow a user to climb above the chamber **101** and open the top covering plate **117** as shown in FIG. **2**, of the solid waste feed inlet **104** to feed in the solid waste. The other components of the furnace apparatus **100** comprising the upper airlock **112**, the bottom air lock **113**, and the combusted air exhaust assembly **114**, are disclosed in the FIGS. **2-8**.

[0022] As used herein, the term “plasma” refers to an ionized gas, in which some electrons are removed from atoms and molecules and are free to move, which is created by permanent magnets **115** at high temperatures, of about 300-400°C (degree celsius). When a small amount of oxygen is absorbed into the plasma, highly reactive, negatively charged oxygen ions, that is, the atoms and molecules that have lost electrons are positive ions which are positively charged; and electrons that have been removed are negative ions which are negatively charged are formed. This oxygen with negative ions is highly oxidative, thus decomposing dioxins and other harmful compounds by oxidation.

[0023] Further, as shown in FIG. **1C** which illustrates is an enlarged view of the portion marked A in FIG. **1A** which shows a perspective view of the air inlet pipe **105** with magnets **115** positioned on the surface. The air outlet pipe **106** or the air inlet pipe **105** is bored open on predefined sections as shown in FIG. **1C**, and then magnets **115** are positioned over the open portions **116** and connected to the lower section **101b** of the chamber **101** to be in communication with the lower combustion chamber **103**. The magnets **115** are used because of the paramagnetic and diamagnetic nature of the gases present in the air being received inside the lower combustion chamber **103** via the air inlet pipe **105**, therefore oxygen being paramagnetic in nature is attracted and gets concentrated in the received air for combustion therefore increasing the rate of combustion, while the diamagnetic nitrogen gas is repelled due to magnetic act

[0024] FIG. **2** exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a solid waste feed inlet **104** of the furnace apparatus **100**. In an embodiment, the solid waste feed inlet **104** is defined as a feed chute of as generally cuboidal shape comprising a top covering plate **117** configured to open the feed chute to receive the solid waste, and a toggle clamp **118** to close and rigidly shut the top covering plate **117** in a closed position during the combustion process inside the lower combustion chamber **103**. Further, the furnace apparatus **100** comprises a stopper plate **119** with a rubber mounting **120** configured to rigidly adjust the top covering plate **117** in position.

[0025] FIG. 3 exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of an upper airlock **112** of the furnace apparatus **100**. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises an upper airlock **112** positioned below the solid waste feed inlet **104**, where the upper airlock **112** is configured to prevent the flow of exhaust air from within the lower combustion chamber **103** into the solid waste feed inlet **104**. The upper airlock **112** comprises an airlock shaft **121** which receives the drive for the upper airlock **112**, the covering plate **122** to cover the upper airlock **112** frontally, bearing member **123** to take the load of the airlock shaft **121**, and the circular plate **124** to actuate the upper airlock **112** manually.

[0026] FIG. 4 exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a bottom airlock **113** of the furnace apparatus **100**. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises a bottom airlock **113** positioned below the lower combustion chamber **103**, where the bottom airlock **113** is configured to prevent expulsion of combusted air through a lower section of the lower combustion chamber **103**. The bottom airlock **113** also comprises a covering plate **125**, a bottom airlock shaft **126**, bearing members **127** to take the load of the bottom airlock shaft **126**, and a stirrer strip **128**.

[0027] FIG. 5 exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a chamber **101** of the furnace apparatus **100**. The chamber **101** is used to house the sub components of the furnace apparatus **100**. The chamber **101** comprises a outer steel plate **129**, an inlet section **130** for positioning air inlet pipes **105**, a transition cone **131** positioned upwardly to the chamber **101** to exhaust the smoke, and a mouth plate **132** proximal to the pyrolysis section **102** of the chamber **101**.

[0028] FIG. 6 exemplarily illustrates a side perspective of a combusted air exhaust assembly **114** of the furnace apparatus **100**. In an embodiment, the furnace apparatus **100** further comprises a combusted air exhaust assembly **114** which comprises a chimney **133**, a blower fan **134**, and a scrubber **135**. The chimney **114** is upwardly extending from

the air outlet pipes **106** and in fluid communication with the lower combustion chamber **103**. The blower fan **134** is positioned within the chimney **133** at a predefined position, where the blower fan **134** is configured to provide an induced draft to suction and exhaust the combusted gases from the lower combustion chamber **103**, and the scrubber **135** is positioned at a predefined distance above the blower fan, **134** where the scrubber **135** is configured to separate particulate matter from the exhausted combusted air. As the magnets **115** induce a controlled oxygen flow and destroys any dioxin formation, there is no harmful exhaust gases, but in additionally, the scrubber **135** enables to remove almost 100 percent of the harmful exhaust gases from the furnace apparatus **100**.

[0029] In an example, the working principle of the furnace apparatus **100** depends on closed chamber destruction of waste with plasma and ionization techniques at “oxygen starved” condition. The decomposition temperature of the solid waste is around 350 – 450 Degree Celsius and depends on the solid waste input. The furnace apparatus **100** not require electric, other power or fuel for organic substances for decomposition. The Process Waste has to be feed into the lower combustion section **103** of furnace apparatus **100** on uniform intervals. At the initial stage requires start up fire by using camphor or dry wood afterwards destruction starts slowly by splitting the molecules into atoms. These atoms further ionized as electron, proton and neutron and this state is called as “plasma state” and separated electron change to “accelerated electron” with strong energy. On the other side a small amount of atmospheric air is allowed to pass through strong magnetic field via the magnetically defined air inlet pipes **105** into oxygen starved lower combustion section **103**.

[0030] During this operation oxygen molecule split into elemental oxygen with negative charge. This atomic oxygen is to oxidize perfectly organic surface and change organic matter to separate organic oxide. Therefore reaction is induced by exothermic phenomenon, thermal condition around 200 degree Celsius is needed to accelerate reaction which can achieve by initial decomposition. From 200 degree Celsius, by initial firing, to a range of 350 to 650 degree Celsius in the furnace apparatus **100** by plasma,

ionization and thermal Vibration will achieve. The decomposition of waste takes place on bed wise so that heat energy developed may not be continuous. At the bottom of the lower combustion section **103** or the destruction chamber a tubular type radiator which makes buried near the lower layer of deposited ash and ash will be separated. The waste heat is recovered through a tubular heat sink arranged near the upper layer of deposited ash of a hearth center section of said combustion chamber **101** and the hearth periphery and the entire structure will have good heat transfer potential. As compared to a conventional incinerator which requires a source of energy to attain the temperature, the furnace apparatus **100** disclosed here does not use any source of energy.

[0031] The waste heat is recovered back and supply to the wet waste where the moisture content is reducing phenomenally. The flue gas emission from the lower combustion section **103** is releasing with natural draft. The emission may contain some toxic components like Dioxin and Furan, Heavy metals, Nitrogen Oxides etc. The toxic components are destructed by using external Dry scrubber **135** and Moisture arrestor. The dry scrubber **135** which will be connected through Moisture arrestor where moisture content in the smoke condensed and remaining passes through 3 stage of filter called Pre-filter washable type mesh with activated carbon granules which observes odors and second stage with supported pleat media helps maintain a compact unitized structure under variable air velocities. The third stage of filter called fine filters, these extended surface rigid cell filters provide high efficiency removal of multiple contaminants for a variety of application. The filters use Carbon Web filters media containing 60% activity granular activated carbon to remove odors and gaseous including dangerous pollution like dioxin and furan other pollution, activated Alumina impregnated with 5% potassium permanganate (KMnO_4) to remove odors and light gases. By doing this smoke will be completely observed by filter with addition small fan pulls out the smoke where no smoke is visible and eliminate the reformation of Dioxin and Furan occurs and the clean gas is dispersing into atmosphere. The non-combustible waste and ash is collected separately and stored in well-defined area for the disposal into secured landfill. The ash quantity generation should be in the ratio of about 1/300.

[0032] The foregoing examples have been provided merely for the purpose of explanation and are in no way to be construed as limiting of the present concept disclosed herein. While the concept has been described with reference to various embodiments, it is understood that the words, which have been used herein, are words of description and illustration, rather than words of limitation. Further, although the concept has been described herein with reference to particular means, materials, and embodiments, the concept is not intended to be limited to the particulars disclosed herein; rather, the concept extends to all functionally equivalent structures, methods and uses, such as are within the scope of the appended claims. Those skilled in the art, having the benefit of the teachings of this specification, may affect numerous modifications thereto and changes may be made without departing from the scope and spirit of the concept in its aspects.

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A furnace apparatus configured to incinerate solid waste, comprising;
 - a chamber comprising an upper pyrolysis section and a lower combustion section;
 - a solid waste feed inlet positioned at an upper portion of the chamber configured to feed solid waste to the lower combustion section;
 - a plurality of air inlet pipes fixedly connected to a lower portion of the chamber to receive air for combustion of the solid waste within the lower combustion section;
 - and
 - a plurality of magnets operably attached to the air inlet pipes, wherein paramagnetic oxygen present in the received air is concentrated via the magnets, and the concentrated oxygen is introduced into a plasma generated within the combustion section to accelerate the combustion process, and to oxidize toxic matter present in the solid waste.
2. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, wherein the solid waste feed inlet is defined as a feed chute of as generally cuboidal shape comprising a top covering plate configured to open the feed chute to receive the solid waste, and a toggle clamp to close and rigidly shut the top covering plate in a closed position during the combustion process inside the lower combustion section.
3. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an upper airlock positioned below the solid waste feed inlet, wherein the upper airlock is configured to prevent the

flow of exhaust air from within the lower combustion section into the solid waste feed inlet.

4. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an ignition chamber positioned adjacent to the lower combustion section, wherein an ignition starter material is loaded into the ignition chamber, and ignited to be introduced into the lower combustion section for the combustion of the solid waste.

5. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a drip pan chamber positioned below the lower combustion section, wherein the drip pan chamber is configured to collect the combustion waste which drips out of the lower combustion section.

6. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bottom stirrer positioned at a lower section of the lower combustion section, wherein the bottom stirrer is configured to stir the solid waste during the combustion process.

7. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bottom airlock positioned below the lower combustion section, wherein the bottom airlock is configured to prevent expulsion of combusted air through a lower section of the lower combustion section.

8. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising coil sections positioned within the upper pyrolysis section and the lower combustion section, wherein the coil sections are configured to transfer the heat via conduction to assist in the combustion of the solid waste and to prevent the overheating of the walls of the chamber.

9. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a walk way positioned adjacent to the chamber configured to allow a user to climb above the chamber and open the top covering plate of the solid waste feed inlet to feed in the solid waste.

10. The furnace apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a combusted air exhaust assembly comprising:

a plurality of air outlet pipes fixedly connected to the lower portion of the chamber and opposingly positioned to the air inlet pipes to exhaust combusted air from the lower combustion section;

a chimney upwardly extending from the air outlet pipes and in fluid communication with the lower combustion section;

a blower fan positioned within the chimney at a predefined position, wherein the blower fan is configured to provide an induced draft to suction and exhaust the combusted gases from the lower combustion section; and

a scrubber positioned at a predefined distance above the blower fan, wherein the scrubber is configured to separate particulate matter from the exhausted combusted air.