# Continental Carbon Group



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# ABOUT US



Founded in 2009 Continental Carbon Group (CCG) is a turn-key solutions provider for air, soil, water and wastewater



Office in Stoney Creek, ON and Columbus, OH for sales, engineering, project management and field/technical services



Four divisions: Air treatment, Municipal services, Industrial groundwater treatment and Drinking water treatment



Technical staff has a cumulative experience of over 100 years in Municipal and Industrial applications market



## ACTIVATED CARBON BASE MATERIAL



## CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTION



# PROPERTIES

### **Particle Size**

**Iodine Number** 

Bulk Density

**Pore Volume** 

**Surface Area** 

**Effective Size** 

**Abrasion Number** 

**Apparent Density** 

Average Pore Size

## ADSORPTION PORES IN CARBON

	• Pore size range: 500-2000 nm	
Macropores	Transport channel for contaminant	
	• Pore size range: 2-50 nm	
Mesopores	<ul> <li>Large molecular contaminants get adsorbed onto these pores</li> </ul>	
	• Pore size: Less than 2 nm	
Micropores	• Adsorption energy strongest in these pores	





## ACTIVATED CARBON TYPES



#### Granular

- Primary use for water filtration and treatment
- Common contaminants: PCB's, PFAS, Pesticides etc.



#### Extruded

- Air treatment applications
- Common contaminants: VOC's, H<sub>2</sub>S, Ammonia, Mercaptans etc.



#### **Powdered (PAC)**

- Taste, colour and odour removal from water
- Targeted contaminants: Dyes, Natural organics (Tannins)



#### **Carbon Molecular Sieves (CMS)**

- Medical air treatment: Nitrogen gas purification
- Used primarily for O2 and CO2 removal



## ACTIVATED CARBON GLOBAL MARKET OUTLOOK

#### **ACTIVATED CARBON APPLICATIONS**



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## ONTARIO LANDFILL PERSPECTIVE

In 2020,12 million tonnes of waste was disposed of in landfills

# Ontario's available landfill capacity is expected to be exhausted by 2034

It takes 10-15 years to develop a landfill

Source: Waste to Resource Ontario, 2021

## BIO-WASTE TO BIO-CARBON ROUTE



## ACTIVATED CARBON BASE MATERIAL

Raw material dictates all the product possibilities

- Ash impurities
- Density
- Hardness
- Transport pore structure
- Adsorption kinetics





## EXAMPLE ACTIVATED CARBON FROM BIO-WASTE

- Stage 1: Optional Graphene Oxide (GO) assisted Hydrothermal Carbonization (HTC)
- Stage 2: Chemical Activation with KOH

#### Proposed 2-Stage Process: GO Assisted HTC of Corn Fiber With KOH Activation





**Batch Testing** 



Very basic test to estimate carbon performance for a given contaminant

$$D = \left(\frac{C_i - C_e}{m}\right) x V$$

D → Carbon Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)
Ci → Influent Concentration (mg/L)
Ce → Desired Effluent Concentration (mg/L)
V → Volume of Solution (L)
m → Mass of adsorbent (g)

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## PILOT TESTING OF BIO-CARBON

**Column Testing** 





## POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF ACTIVATED BIO-CARBON



# CONCLUSIONS



**Extensive Research** 

**Detailed Economic Analysis** 

Potential to help reduce dependence on importing Activated Carbon





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