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#### Title: Biogas Production, through low-cost tubular system for energy in the Tlalmanalco municipality

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#### Introduction

There are several models of biodigesters, some have more advanced technological features, but this research proposes the use of low-cost tubular biodigesters as implementation, to the various problems and theoretical solutions, which are suitable to the social, economic and environmental context of the municipality of Tlalmanalco through minimal investment in materials, installation and maintenance, which is focused on sustainability, promoting long-term benefits throughout the community, especially in areas most lacking in economic resources and services, to directly influence sustainable development.

## Objetives

#### **General Objectives**

Analyze the characteristics and energy benefits of low-cost tubular systems, for their future implementation in economically vulnerable areas in the municipality of Tlalmanalco.

#### **Specific objectives**

Determine the sustainable potential of Tlalmanalco, to analyze the projection feasibility of biogas generating systems.

Energy benefits of tubular systems in the population of the municipality of Tlalmanalco

## Methodology

Several scientific articles on biogas generation focused on low-cost tubular systems were analyzed in order to extract relevant information, with the purpose of making known some characteristics about the sustainable energy potential of these systems in order to promote their implementation, acceptance and benefits in the society of Tlalmanalco.

#### Development

#### Anaerboic digestion



Source of Consultation: Pérez 2010

## Biogas

It is a gas that is produced in natural conditions, as in places suitable for man, where biodegradation reactions of organic matter originate, by the action of microorganisms (methanogenic bacteria), in anaerobic conditions

Table 1. Biogas composition

Composition	55 - 70% methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) 30 - 45% carbon		
	dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) Traces of other gases		
Energetic content	6.0 - 6.5 kW h m <sup>3</sup>		
Fuel equivalent	0.60 - 0.65 L oil / m <sup>3</sup> biogas		
Explosion limit	6 - 12% biogas in the air		
Ignition	650 - 750 ° C (with CH <sub>4</sub> content mentioned)		
temperature			
Critical pressure	74 - 88 atm		
Critical temperature	-82.5 ° C		
Norm density	1.2 kg m <sup>-3</sup>		
Smell	Rotten egg (the smell of desulfurized biogas		
	is imperceptible		
Molar mass	16,043 kg kmol <sup>-1</sup>		

Source of consultation: Varnero, 2011

### **Biodigesters**

They are sealed containers, which have the purpose of generating methane-rich gas (Avila, 2016).

#### Table 2 . MOST CONVENTIONAL BIODIGESTERS

Biodigester	Characteristics	Advantage	Disadvantages
Floating dome (Hindu)	It is buried vertically in what appears to be a well, its structure has resistant materials such as brick or concrete. This digester has a floating hood that regulates the gas pressure and that rises and falls depending on the volume exerted.	Simple systems to understand. Constant gas pressure.	High construction and maintenance costs.
Fixed dome (china)	They are generally cylindrical containers, which are constructed of resistant materials such as concrete, cement or concrete.	Long lasting time. Withstands drastic weather changes.	Fragmentation of the material due to high internal pressures. For its construction it requires skilled labor.
Tubular Biodigester (Taiwanese)	Regularly, the material used for its construction is polyethylene (PE), or geomembrane (PVC), it has a horizontal tubular shape and is half buried in a trench, in order to adapt the biodigester in a fixed and safe position.	Accesible price. It is portable and can be easily placed in any difficult access place	Short life time. Breakages due to drastic weather changes (solar tent must be used)

## Tlalmanalco municipal context

Tlalmanalco de Velázquez is a municipality located in the eastern part of the State of Mexico.

Important aspects (SAE) of Tlalmanalco	General data
Coordinates	19° 80 '48 "and 19° 15' 43" of north latitude and 98° 37 '58 "and 98° 51' 20" of west longitude
Total population (2021)	47,390 inhabitants
Area Km2	158.58 km
HDI (2015)	0.779%
Poverty (2015)	22,833 inhabitants
Altitude	2400m
GDP (2017)	1253.4
Climate	Temperate coniferous forest
Rural population (2010)	7,746 inhabitants Source

Table 3.	General As	spects of the	Tlalmanalco
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Source of consultation: Municipal Development Plan Tlalmanalco, 2019

# **Social pillar:** Is in charge of analyzing the social and economic conditions required by the families of Tlalmanalco



Source consulted: Planning Unit of the Municipality of Tlalmanalco, 2019)

Reference source: Planning Unit of the Municipality of Tlalmanalco. (2019)

Table 4. Population and housing census 2010 and 2015

**Economic pillar**: In the municipality of Tlalmanalco, management systems that favor wealth, social values and respect for the environment must be adapted to obtain sustainable development



#### Table 7 . GDP of Tlalmanalco

GDP of Tlalmanalco					
Economic activity sector	2016	2017			
Agriculture, animal husbandry and	37.8	48.3			
export, forestry, fishing and home					
Industry	630.3	637.9			
Mining	0.9	1.8			
Generation and transmission of	35.1	34.4			
electrical energy					
Manufacturing industry	586.8	595.3			
Services	346.5	511.3			
Shops	99.5	148.0			
Educational services	23.3	34.4			
Health and social assistance services	4.8	8.9			

Consulted source: Planning Unit of the Municipality of Tlalmanalco. (2019)

**Environmental pillar**: Seeks the care of the environment and the proper use of natural resources, it is essential to supply economic and social needs in a conscious way. Renewable energies are essential to plan a present and a future, which avoids the depletion of non-renewable resources.



#### Low-cost biodigester in Tlalmanalco





**Reference source:** *Global Covenant of mayors for Climate* & Energy. (2019)

### Results

Table 8 . Results

Energy generation	Production	Family health	Animal hygiene	Environment	Workload and economy	Sustainable technology	Low cost
Generates biofuel	biol	controls gases CH <sub>4</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub>	controlled and diseases	reducing the use of fossil fuels	use of fecal waste instead of firewood or fuels	avoids inappropriate use of natural resources	150 and 200 US dollars

Consulted source: Marti,2021

## Conclusions

The theoretical study carried out on the municipality of Tlalmanalco, in terms of geographical area, as well as the most vulnerable areas, the services it has and the energy expenditure it has per inhabitant per year; allows observing that even when there are no statistical data from INEGI, IGECEM for recent years, this municipality has the characteristics and adequate spaces to implement a low-cost tubular biodigester system, greatly favoring the economic energy costs of the community, at the same time.

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