



The Igelsta CHP Plant

Södertälje, Botkyrka and Huddinge's
biggest-ever green investment

Green power and heating for a sustainable society

The Igelsta combined heat and power (CHP) plant is Sweden's largest bio-fuelled co-generation plant. It also represents the biggest environmental investment ever made in the municipalities that own it: Södertälje, Botkyrka and Huddinge. The plant produces 200 MW of heat and 85 MW of electricity – enough to keep 50 000 private houses warm and power 100 000 homes.

Co-generation makes the most of resources

Co-generation is a resource-efficient technology (RET) for producing heat and power simultaneously. Heat is a by-product of power generation and often goes to waste. Exploiting it to heat homes and premises means using resources to the best advantage.

Biofuels and recovered waste fuels

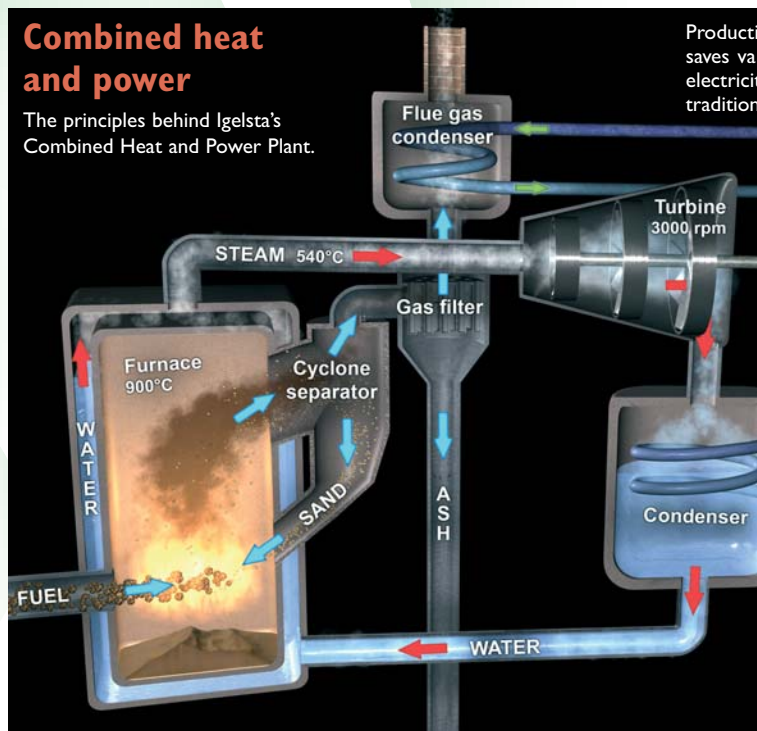
The CHP boiler is fired by biofuels and recovered waste fuels. When running at full capacity it uses approximately 17 000 tons of fuel per week. The principal fuel is forest waste, i.e. wood chips from branches and tops. A smaller share is waste fuel, of which Söderenergi has wide experience. This comprises quality-controlled scrap paper, wood and plastic that is not suitable for recycling and which comes from offices, shops and industries. The boiler can also burn recovered wood chips from demolished buildings. In the future it may be possible to use other waste fuels such as nutshells, for instance, or agricultural fuels of various kinds. This fuel mix ensures flexibility at a time when the demand for biofuels is expected to grow dramatically in both Sweden and Europe. By mainly using renewable biofuels to generate electricity and heat, we help reduce emissions of greenhouse gases very substantially.

Good logistics essential

Fuel for the CPH plant is transported primarily by boat and rail. A lesser amount is brought in by road. The harbour at Igelsta has been expanded to accommodate two ships at once. Also, a fuel terminal has been built alongside the Svealand railway line. Over 200 000 tons of forest fuel arrive here by rail every year, a volume that covers about half of our biofuel needs.



About 200 000 tons of forest wood chips are transported by rail to the Nykvarn terminal every year. Picture from the inauguration in October 2009.



Better environment

Since 1990 when the Igelsta plant was built, emissions of carbon dioxide have been reduced by 45%. The new co-generation systems are being installed at a rate of 15 000 kilometres a year. This corresponds to a reduction of 45% of CO₂ per year, in terms of substituted imports of electricity from coal- and oil-fired power plants in the rest of the continent. Altogether, the power generation in Södertälje today is 90% renewable.



The generator and the turbine. The turbine is one of the largest ever built by Siemens for a bio-fuelled plant.



The feed water tank shown here is 22 m long and 4 m in diameter. The 70-ton tank was driven to Igelsta from Finland on a 44 m long trailer.



tion of co-generated electricity and heat is extremely efficient and available resources. The surplus heat not used for production of electricity (approx. 70%) is recovered and passed on to district heating. In traditional coal-based or nuclear power plants the heat is usually wasted.



Fuel is injected into the furnace and mixed with sand. Water circulating in the boiler walls is heated to steam that drives the turbine at 3 000 rpm to create electricity in the generator for further distribution.

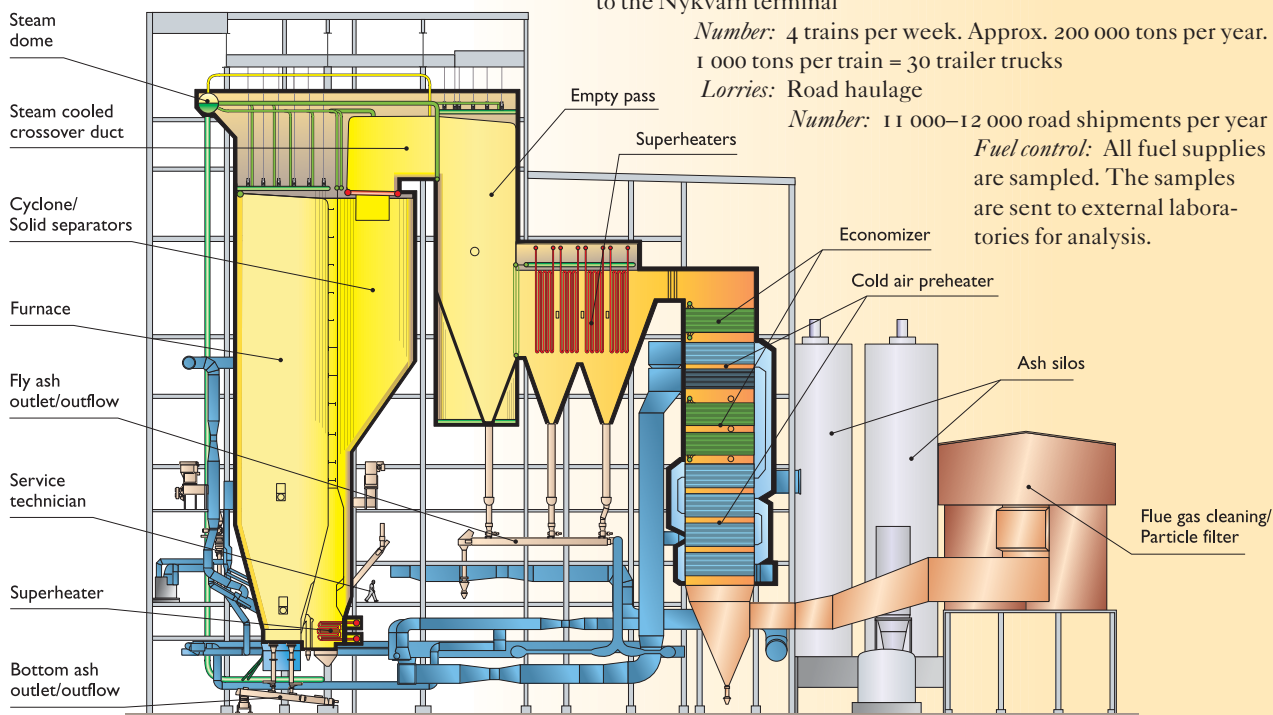
All surplus heat from the production of electricity is recovered and used for district heating of homes, offices etc. Even the heat from the flue gases in the process is recovered and used.

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Environmental values

The Igelsta plant was converted from a coal-firing facility to a bio-firing facility. By using biofuels and recovered waste fuels, emissions have been reduced by 80%. Despite a higher rate of production of electricity from a higher rate of production of electricity, total emissions from Söderköping reduced by a further 75 000 tons of CO₂ per year, equivalent to the annual emissions of 25 000 cars driving.

Globally, the Igelsta plant produces 10 000 tons of surplus electricity from plants on the island, heat and energy's value.



The boiler was supplied by Foster Wheeler.

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Facts: The Igelsta CHP Plant

Construction began in May 2007

Excavation: 550 000 cubic metres of earth were dug out of the gravel esker

Concrete casting: 13 000 cubic metres

Reinforcement: approx. 1 400 tons of steel

Height of building: The boiler hall is 63 metres high

Architects: Scheiwiller Svensson Arkitekter AB

The plant was inaugurated on 17 March 2010 by King Carl XVI Gustaf

Sweden's largest bio-fuelled boiler

Size: The boiler is 50 metres high.

Technique: Circulating fluidized bed (CFB) boiler

Weight: 3 000 tons, hanging from steel girders in the roof

Welding: It took 8 months for some 150 welders to weld the boiler together

Boiler lining: 700 tons of brick

Feed water tank: 22 metres long and 4 metres in diameter

Thermal output: 240 MW

Production: 83 MW of electricity, meeting the power requirements

of 100 000 private houses; 200 MW district heating, meeting the heating requirements of 50 000 homes.

Steam pressure: 90 bar, 540 degrees Celsius

Turbine and generator for power production

Weight: The turbine weighs 243 tons

Speed: The turbine rotates at 3 000 rpm

Weight: The generator weighs 130 tons

Chimney

Height: The chimney is 110 metres high

Weight: It was delivered in six parts and weighs 200 tons

Fuel

The Igelsta CPH Plant is currently fuelled by residual products from forest clearing, i.e. wood chips (75%) and recovered fuels (25%)

Logistics: The Igelsta plant as a whole

Ships: The Igelsta plant harbour has been expanded to accommodate two ships at once

Number: About 200 ships unload here each year

Trains: Rail freighting of forest wood chips from all over Sweden to the Nykvarn terminal

Number: 4 trains per week. Approx. 200 000 tons per year. 1 000 tons per train = 30 trailer trucks

Lorries: Road haulage

Number: 11 000–12 000 road shipments per year

Fuel control: All fuel supplies are sampled. The samples are sent to external laboratories for analysis.

Warm & Wise

- Söderenergi produces district heating for some 300 000 people, offices and industries in the southern Stockholm area and electricity enough to power 100 000 homes.
- Our production facilities are the Igelsta heating plant and the Igelsta CHP Plant in Södertälje, and the Fittja heating plant in Botkyrka. We also have two reserve plants, in Geneta and Huddinge.
- We are certified under the ISO 14001 environmental standard. The new Igelsta CHP Plant will be certified in 2010.
- We mainly use biofuels and recovered waste fuels.
- Most of the heat we produce is sold and distributed by Telge Nät in Södertälje and Nykvarn, and by Södertörns Fjärrvärme in Huddinge, Botkyrka and Salem. We also supply heating to Fortum AB.
- Söderenergi is owned by the municipalities of Huddinge, Botkyrka and Södertälje.



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