(%) ssol

A study on the burning characteristics of the mixture of the food and plastic waste for the solid refuse fuel

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Objectives

♦ In 2017, the amount of municipal waste generated in South Korea was 53,489.5 tons/day and almost 30% of this was food waste

When dried, food waste with high organic matter contents exhibit a low heating value of approximately 16,750 kJ/kg

♦ In the present study, solid refuse fuel samples made by mixing dried food waste with 3-5 wt.% waste plastic were subjected to proximate and ultimate analysis, heating value measurement.

Combustion experiments were performed in a small-scale combustor, and the combustion characteristics of mixed SRF samples, as well as the combustion gases produced, were analyzed.



Conclusions

TGA curves

Components

(fluff) Food waste

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+5 wt.% PE

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1 In the small-scale combustor, the temperature at which the weight reduction was complete was 390°C for FW-1, 420°C for FW-2, and 460°C for FW-3, which were lower compared to the TGA results. 2. Regardless of the samples, all of the three gases(CO, SO₂ and NO) began to be generated at 250°C. The NO concentration was the highest in the temperature range of 380-550°C for FW-1, at 550°C for FW-2, and at 560°C at FW-3. NO was continuously generated until 800°C even though the concentration was lower than 10 ppm.