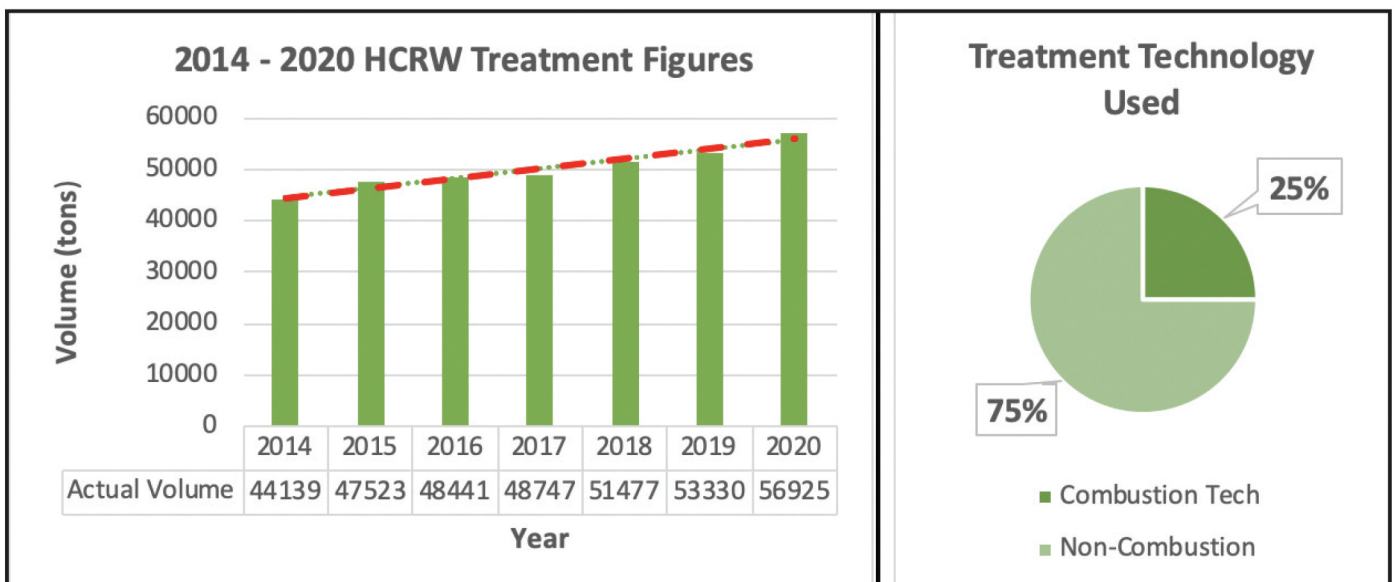


2020 HEALTH CARE RISK WASTE TREATMENT FIGURES

In 2020 there were 20 licensed health care risk waste (HCRW) treatment facilities in operation, utilising either combustion, non-combustion or in combination of the technologies as indicated in the table below.

Province	Number of non-combustion technologies	Number of combustion technologies
Eastern Cape	1	0
Gauteng	7	4
Kwazulu Natal	2	0
Limpopo	1	0
North West	0	1
Western Cape	2	2

Based on monthly reports submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, the total volume of waste treated at the licensed facilities was approximately 56 925 tonnes, indicating an annual increase of approximately 6.32% as compared to only 3.5% in the previous year. This year's increment is attributed to COVID-19 pandemic where its resulting waste stream increased the total volume of infectious waste treated. The total volume of COVID-19 waste treated since the pandemic was first reported in South Africa until December 2020 is approximately 5 428 tonnes. The majority (75%) of the waste was treated by means of non-combustion technologies whilst the remaining 25% was treated by means of combustion technologies.



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