

# Wheelabrator Westchester sets new safety and performance records

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**PEEKSKILL, N.Y. - August 14, 2009** - Wheelabrator Westchester is earning marks for all-time performance - setting new records for the amount of waste processed and energy produced, while keeping a close eye on safety.

In 2008, the plant processed 690,184 tons of waste, generating 457,000 megawatts of energy. The upward trend has continued, with the plant operating at 100-percent boiler availability in recent months.

“For the past year and a half, and particularly the last three months, we have delivered the numbers this plant has ever seen,” said Plant Manager Peter Kendrigan. “That speaks volumes to everyone here. They’re getting their work done, and getting it done safely.”

“We’re processing more waste than ever before,” said Operations Manager Brett Baker.

And they’re doing so with zero OSHA-recordable incidents and zero days away/restricted time. On June 10, the plant broke a new record, celebrating 1,000 days without a recordable incident. We have had nearly 1,200 days without lost time.

“That’s never been done before,” said Baker. “It’s unbelievable, really. (Wheelabrator President) Mark Weidman is always drilling in us that it ‘can be done, and will be done,’ and we finally did it.”

“It is a tremendous achievement to be operating at 100-percent while maintaining a zero-zero record,” said Wheelabrator Vice President of Operations William Roberts. “It’s a testament to the fact that operating safely doesn’t have to hinder your performance. I credit the plant’s 65 employees, who have demonstrated nothing but diligence and dedication in working towards this goal.”

Baker agrees. “We have a good crew that’s been here for a long time and I think that’s paying off,” he said. “There’s a lot of teamwork. Everyone here is pulling their weight and is proud of what they do.”

“You’re only as good as your team, and we’re surrounded by a lot of great talent,” said Maintenance Manager Patrick Fahey. “It’s important for everyone to understand what the expectations are and to create a high level of communication and engagement. A lot of improvements can be made as a result of the ideas of our employees. That’s how these records start.”

For their efforts, Kendrigan rewarded every employee with a spin on the Safety on Purpose wheel of prizes, which includes gift certificates to local businesses. A company barbeque to celebrate the achievements will be held later in the month.

## About Wheelabrator Westchester, L.P.

Located in Peekskill, New York, the Wheelabrator Westchester waste-to-energy facility provides dependable, environmentally safe disposal of municipal solid waste for Westchester County, while generating clean, renewable electricity for sale to the local utility. Designed, constructed and operated by Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., Wheelabrator Westchester supports 850,000 residents by processing up to 2,250 tons per day of municipal solid. Wheelabrator Westchester has an electrical generating capacity of 60,000 kilowatts; the equivalent of supplying the electrical needs of 53,000 New York homes.

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A wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management of Houston, Texas, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. Wheelabrator's 17 waste-to-energy facilities provide safe waste disposal for towns and cities across the U.S. Wheelabrator also operates five independent power plants designed to generate electricity using an assortment of fuels, including waste wood, tires, waste coal, and natural gas. In addition to producing electricity, some of these facilities also produce steam sold to nearby government and commercial establishments. Wheelabrator's 22 facilities have a combined electric generating capacity of 896 megawatts, enough energy to power more than 985,000 homes. To learn more, visit [www.wheelabratortechnologies.com](http://www.wheelabratortechnologies.com).

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