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# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY (DCRRA) INITIATES OPERATIONS WITH WHEELABRATOR TECHNOLOGIES

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## *Wheelabrator will operate and maintain the DCRRA waste-to-energy facility for the next 13 years*

**POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. – July 25, 2014** – The Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency reported that Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. has officially begun operations of DCRRA’s waste-to-energy facility located in Poughkeepsie, New York. The new operations contract, which followed a competitive procurement process earlier this year, began July 1, 2014 and runs through June 30, 2027, with two six-year extension options.

The waste-to-energy facility, in operation since 1989, serves the disposal needs of 290,000 Dutchess County residents, converting 450 tons per day of post-recycled municipal waste into enough clean energy to power 10,000 area homes.

The facility also recovers approximately 6,000 tons of metal annually for recycling.

“We are pleased to have selected Wheelabrator Technologies to operate and maintain the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency’s waste-to-energy facility”, said Bill Calogero of the DCRRA. “Wheelabrator, based in Hampton, New Hampshire, is an industry leader with nearly four decades of experience in converting everyday household and commercial waste into clean, renewable energy for nearby communities.”

Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro said, “We work aggressively with the Resource Recovery Agency to ensure the waste-to-energy plant is operated as efficiently as possible in order to reduce the Net Service Fee (NSF) taxpayers have to pay. We have successfully reduced the budgeted NSF by over \$3 million dollars since 2012. With Wheelabrator as the new plant operator, we are confident this partnership will deliver further reduction and potentially the elimination of the net service fee while continuing to ensure solid waste is handled in a conscious, environmentally friendly manner without the necessity of landfills.”

Wheelabrator Regional Vice President Vin Langone stated, “Wheelabrator is happy to have been selected by the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency

to operate and maintain its 450 ton-per-day waste-to-energy facility. We look forward to providing the DCRRA and the residents of Dutchess County with exceptional service and operational performance in delivering reliable post-recycled waste disposal, safe, clean renewable energy production and metals recycling.”

#### **ABOUT DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency is a public benefit corporation created in 1983 by the New York State Legislature for the purpose of providing solid waste management services for Dutchess County. All decision making power is vested in the Agency Board. The Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Dutchess County Executive and the County Legislature. Daily operations are managed by an Executive Director who is appointed by the Board.

#### **ABOUT WHEELABRATOR TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

A wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. Wheelabrator owns or operates 17 waste-to-energy facilities that provide safe waste disposal for towns and cities across the U.S. Wheelabrator also operates four independent power plants designed to generate electricity using an assortment of fuels, including waste wood, 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 21 facilities have a combined electric generating capacity of 853 megawatts, enough energy to power more than 900,000 homes. To learn more, visit [www.wheelabratortechnologies.com](http://www.wheelabratortechnologies.com).

#### **ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company’s customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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