Wheelabrator Baltimore tips its hat to the people who keep the city clean

BALTIMORE, Md. - October 29, 2010 - Baltimore officials take time out today to give their public “thank you” to the crews that keep the city’s streets clean with annual “Garbageman Appreciation Day” activities. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, city councilors, public works department managers and Wheelabrator employees will serve a barbecue lunch to waste collections crews at Wheelabrator Baltimore to mark the event’s 17th year.

Wheelabrator Baltimore hosts the event to thank the hundreds of private and municipal solid waste collection workers from Baltimore City and County who haul more than 340 truckloads and up to 2,250 tons of garbage to the waste-to-energy facility every day. Wheelabrator also uses the event to thank the crews for their contributions to the company’s safety record, which has earned Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star certification from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - the agency’s highest recognition.

“It takes teamwork between the facility, the various haulers, and every individual worker to prevent workplace injuries,” said David Jones, plant manager of Wheelabrator Baltimore. “All of the work the crews do contributes to the quality of life in Baltimore, but we never want to lose sight of how critical it is to do that work injury-free. This event gives us a reason to remember how important safety is every day.”

About Wheelabrator Baltimore, L.P.
Located in Baltimore, Maryland, the Wheelabrator Baltimore waste-to-energy facility, also known as BRESCO, provides dependable, environmentally safe disposal of municipal solid waste for the City and County of Baltimore, while generating clean, renewable electricity for sale to the local utility. Designed, built, owned, and operated by Wheelabrator, Wheelabrator Baltimore has an electric generating capacity of 60,000 kilowatts; the equivalent of supplying the electrical needs of 68,000 Maryland homes. Wheelabrator Baltimore also supplies steam to the downtown heating loops.

About Wheelabrator Technologies
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.

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