Waste-to-energy facility recognized for its environmental initiatives

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The Elizabeth River Project (ERP) has designated Wheelabrator Portsmouth as one of its River Stars for its efforts to keep Hampton Roads' most important urban waterway clean.

At ERP's recent annual River Star Recognition luncheon, renewable energy provider Wheelabrator Portsmouth was once again cited as a Model Level business, the highest category in the organization's voluntary environmental program. "The Elizabeth River Project is thrilled to have Wheelabrator Portsmouth as an industrial neighbor to our Paradise Creek Nature Park and especially pleased that the waste-to-energy plant is such an active and committed River Star business," said ERP's River Star Program Manager Pam Boatwright. "Every year Wheelabrator Portsmouth has documented a myriad of meaningful environmental initiatives, which has earned the facility the highest level in the voluntary program."

In addition, ERP awarded Wheelabrator Portsmouth a Sustained Distinguished Performance recognition for its completion of significant new initiative, which include:

- Recent pollution upgrades, which reduced carbon monoxide emissions by more than 1 million pounds in 2013 alone;
- Upgrades to the odor control system to reduce and/or eliminate potential odors from the waste processed at the facility; and
- Operation of a portable bulk shredder on the Refuse Derived Fuel tipping floor, thereby diverting the amount of oversized waste being delivered to the regional landfill and allowing the facility to harness the energy properties of the material for steam and energy production.

"As an environmentally conscious company, Wheelabrator is committed to being a good corporate neighbor here in Portsmouth, and our partnership with ERP is no exception," said Wheelabrator Portsmouth Plant Manager Paul Grego. "The Elizabeth River is vital to this community, and through our partnership with ERP we have made great strides through our environmental initiatives to show that industry and nature can coexist."

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According to the ERP, since the program began in 1997, River Star businesses have documented:

- 1,361 acres of wildlife habitat created or conserved
- 311 million pounds of pollution reduced
- More than 1 billion pounds of other materials reduced and/or recycled

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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.

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