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Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Exemplifies Commitment to Transfer Station Excellence with 2009 Excellence Award

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The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is pleased to announce that Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) was awarded SWANA's Gold Excellence in Solid Waste Management Award. The award will be publicly presented at WASTECON, SWANA's annual solid waste exposition, on Thursday, September 24, 2009 in Long Beach, California.

LCSWMA is being presented the Excellence Award for the redevelopment of the Transfer Station Complex at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. The Transfer Station Complex plays a very important role in Lancaster County's integrated solid waste management system. The complex was constructed between 2005 and 2008 on the site of the former transfer station and on adjacent parcels which consisted of a former brownfield, remediated by LCSWMA, and vacant properties. The resulting design of the new facilities reflects and honors the historical heritage of Lancaster County by utilizing 100% brick façades on all the buildings.

"SWANA is pleased to honor the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved. Their commitment to advancing solid waste management is outstanding and we are very proud of their efforts." said John H. Skinner, Ph.D. SWANA's Executive Director and CEO.

"We are proud of the Transfer Station Complex as it has proved to be a valuable asset to the citizens of Lancaster County. We have been humbled by the overwhelmingly positive responses we have received from customers or those that just drive by. We are pleased that our solid waste peers have recognized it with this award." said Jim Warner, LCSWMA's Executive Director.

SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that promote socially, environmentally and economically sound management of solid waste. Award winners demonstrate their commitment to environmental regulation compliance, program efficiency, safety and progress.

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About Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority:

LCSWMA's mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner. It is recognized throughout North America as a leader in the field of solid waste management. LCSWMA operates an integrated solid waste management system which primarily serves Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The system handled approximately 625,000 tons of waste in 2008 and consists of:

- A 2,200 tons per day transfer station
- A drive-through permanent household hazardous waste facility
- A 36 megawatt, 1,200 tons per day mass burn waste-to-energy (WTE) facility
- A 2,000 tons per day sanitary landfill
- A 3.2 megawatt landfill gas-to-energy plant (LFGTE) - owned and operated by PPL
- A county-wide recycling program that has achieved a 38% recycling rate



The LCSWMA LFGTE and WTE facilities generate enough renewable energy from waste to power 1 out of 6 homes in Lancaster County. For further information on the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, please visit lcswma.org.

About SWANA:

For over 40 years, SWANA, The Solid Waste Association of North America, has been the leading professional association in the solid waste management field. SWANA's mission is "to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste." SWANA serves over 8,200 members and thousands more industry professionals with technical conferences, certifications, publications and a large offering of technical training courses. For information about SWANA, please go to swana.org.