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Turkey Point Renewable Energy Park Wins SWANA 2012 Excellence Award

LANCASTER, Pa. —Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is pleased to announce that its Turkey Point Renewable Energy Park received a Silver Excellence Award from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the leading professional association for the solid waste field with over 8,000 members. The award recognizes LCSWMA's exemplary demonstration of landfill re-use and sustainable renewable energy development.

LCSWMA, in partnership with PPL Renewable Energy and Turkey Hill Dairy, developed the Turkey Point Renewable Energy Park, located on non-operational portions of its Frey Farm Landfill (FFLF) property in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Components of the park include:

- **Landfill Gas Plant**, a 3.2 megawatt renewable energy project that captures methane gas to create electricity for local homes and businesses, plus provides steam to neighboring Turkey Hill Dairy;
- **Wind Project At Turkey Point**, a 3.2 megawatt wind project that provides renewable energy to Turkey Hill Dairy, offsetting approximately 25% their annual electric needs;
- **Rieber House Welcome Center**, a preserved and restored 18th-century farmhouse that is now used as an educational center for visitors and provides professional meeting space; and
- **Energy Pavilion** with an interactive, solar powered touch screen display that offers information on the renewable energy technologies located at the FFLF.

“We’re very proud of the Turkey Point Renewable Energy Park. More than the national recognition, we’re proud of what it represents—when opportunity and innovation merge to provide sustainable, renewable energy for the local community,” says Jim Warner, CEO of LCSWMA. “To receive this award from SWANA is a wonderful achievement and will help bring awareness to the ways our community can unite to create a more sustainable future for Lancaster County.”

SWANA’s Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs. Programs also must demonstrate that they are fiscally and environmentally responsible through their compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

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LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its leadership in the industry and innovative approach to waste management. Its Integrated System consists of: (1) a Transfer Station permitted to handle up to 2,200 tons per day; (2) a 1,200 tons per day mass burn Waste-to-Energy Facility for the combustion of waste and production of electricity; (3) the Frey Farm Landfill, permitted for the disposal of 2,000 tons of waste per day; (4) a County-wide recycling program; and (5) a drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The Authority’s mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.