



The President's Corner



— Frank Visser, President

This spring NYSASWM held its bi-annual Landfill Operator Training Course in Niagara Falls. Nearly 100 participants attended and many compliments were received on the high quality of the course. The second day consisted of an overview and tour of the Modern Landfill in Model City, and our thanks go out to the Modern Corporation with compliments on an impressive, well run operation. Special mention should be made for the efforts of NYSASWM Executive Director, Jeff Bouchard, who with the assistance of John Brusa, Cindy Livingston and Robin Kane organized the course and updated the entire Landfill Operator Training Manual.

Also in March the Federation's Committee on organics held a stakeholders meeting. Approximately 26 associations whose members would be affected by an organics recycling mandate were invited to offer their perspectives regarding such a law. Some large stakeholders, who could not attend, indicated they will be actively involved when a bill is proposed.

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Federal District Court Rejects Challenge to Rockland County Flow Control Law

According to Teno West of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) on March 24, 2014, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York issued its opinion in the matter of C&A Carbone, Inc. v. County of Rockland, C.A. No. 08-6459 upholding the Rockland County Flow Control Law as constitutional under the dormant Commerce Clause. PLDW represented the Rockland defendants in the litigation. The case is now closed and the time to appeal has expired. In addition, members of PLDW's Municipal Infrastructure Team have been working with the Authority for many years, assisting in the implementation and administration of the Rockland Law.

In its opinion, the Court, among other things, clarified two critical components of dormant Commerce Clause analysis under the controlling C&A Carbone, Inc. v. Clarkstown, 511 U.S. 383 (1994) and United Haulers Ass'n v. Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Mgmt. Auth., 550 U.S. 330 (2007) paradigm.

The case arose from a Plaintiff's challenge under the dormant Commerce Clause to a Rockland County law that directed all waste within the county to certain publicly-owned designated facilities. Rockland's law was based upon and narrowly tailored to two prior laws that were held constitutional by the United States Supreme Court in United Haulers.

The Plaintiff challenged the Rockland Law, in large part, on the grounds that it directed county waste to designated facilities that the Solid Waste Management Authority operated via contracts with private entities. According to the Plaintiff, in United Haulers, the Supreme Court mandated that such designated facilities be publicly owned and publicly operated to fall within the decision's purview.

The District Court flatly rejected the Plaintiff's argument. Relying on both the Supreme Court's decision in United Haulers and the two Second Circuit decisions that led to it, the Court held that, for the purposes of the dormant Commerce Clause, so long as the law directed waste to publicly-owned designated facilities it passed muster under United Haulers. Turning to the issue of the Authority's use of private contractors, the Court held that the Authority's entering into such contracts was not inimical to the dormant Commerce Clause because, in doing so, the Authority had merely acted as a market participant, not a market regulator.

The Court also found unpersuasive the Plaintiff's argument that the Rockland Law's regulation of recyclables fell outside the scope of United Haulers. Once again looking to the United Haulers decision, the Court noted that the laws at issue in that case themselves regulated recyclables – albeit in a slightly different way than the Rockland Law – thus foreclosing the argument that the Supreme Court had excluded the regulation of recyclables from its overarching decision upholding the constitutionality of flow control laws that direct waste to publicly-owned facilities.

In the end, the decision provides valuable insight and well-reasoned answers to critical questions raised under United Haulers and Carbone. In doing so, it also provides governmental entities a much clearer path for regulating waste within their respective municipalities going forward, West noted.

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NYSDEC Update

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Second Progress Report on State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability

This recently released report prepared by the NYSDEC and Office of General Services demonstrates that New York State agencies have made significant progress to achieve a sustainable environment by reducing the amount of paper used and waste generated, improving their recycling rates, and lowering energy consumption and the use of toxic chemicals in agency operations.

Highlights of the Second Progress Report on State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability, which summarizes New York State agency performance between state fiscal years 2008-09 and 2011-12, include:

- A reduction in paper use of 43 percent, saving the state \$11.1 million over four years.
- A 35 percent reduction in waste generated.
- An average recycling rate of 56 percent.
- A 27 percentage point increase in the purchase of 100-percent recycled content copy paper.
- The virtual elimination of bottled water purchases.

The report is available at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/EO/4/>.

Overall, 85 percent of reporting state agencies now use green cleaning products, 80 percent have implemented policies to reduce energy use, and 79 percent have an office supply reuse program. New York experience has shown that implementing sustainable practices do not cost more and many times can actually save money.

Programs to reduce waste and improve energy efficiency in State operations are part of a larger strategy to protect our land, air and water. New York is a leader in promoting renewable energy, combating climate change by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions, protecting open space, and enhancing water quality in all regions of the state.

Draft Environmental Monitor Policy

On February 12, 2014, the NYSDEC released a proposed Environmental Monitoring Services Policy that will update DEC's existing On-Site Environmental Monitor Policy. The draft policy outlined four specific criteria for DEC to use in determining whether environmental monitors will be used and four methods in which environmental monitoring services will be provided. The public comment period on the proposed policy ended on April 14, 2014. Comments were submitted by 14 entities and the NYSDEC is now evaluating these comments. A copy of the proposed policy may be found on NYS DEC's website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/draftmonitor.pdf

E-Waste Recycling and Reuse Act

The NYSDEC has combined the data from the first two program years, 2011 and 2012, for inclusion in the NYS E-Waste Report to the Governor and Legislature. It is anticipated that the report

will be submitted early this summer.

The NYSDEC has initiated drafting of proposed regulations to enhance implementation of the Act and address implementation issues that have arisen. As part of this process, the NYSDEC anticipates conducting several stakeholder meetings in the fall.

Save the Date!

Compost Operations Training Course, July 28 to August 1, 2014. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

The US Composting Council, working with experts from the Cornell Waste Management Institute and other programs across the country, has put together a week-long course focusing on the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful composting facility. The course includes lectures from top experts, and indoor and outdoor hands-on activities. Plus you'll get to visit local facilities and see how the theory gets put into practice. See the Course Brochure for registration, curriculum, and other details. <http://compostingcouncil.org/admin/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/NY-e-flyer-4-24-14.pdf>

25th Annual NYS Recycling Conference & Trade Show, November 5 - 7, 2014 & Pre-Conference

Workshop: *Expanding Textile Recycling - the Unwearable Solution*, November 5, 2014.

This year's conference theme focuses on the strengths of collaborating at a regional level and will incorporate presentations, lessons and best practices from neighboring states and across Northeast region. This year's pre-conference workshop on Wednesday, November 5 will cover textile recycling. More information on the conference and workshop agenda will be available at www.NYSAR3.org this summer.

Solid Waste Achievement Nominations Due August 22, 2014

The NYSASWM is soliciting nominations for its Solid Waste Achievement award, to be given out at the fall conference in Lake Placid. Nominations are due by August 22.

This award is designed to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of solid waste, or an outstanding program. This is a way to bring exceptional programs to the attention of members throughout the state.

The individual awarded (or one representative from the awarded agency) will receive a plaque and a free registration to either the March training course, or fall conference, their choice.

Nominees will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the NYSASWM board. The 3-page nomination form is available on the website at www.nysaswm.org, and should be sent to:

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Oswego County Dept. of Solid Waste
2801 State Route 481, Fulton, NY 13069

or e-mail: visserf@oswegocounty.com

Upcoming Events

NYSASWM Fall Conference

September 28-30, 2014 - Crown Plaza Resort, Lake Placid, NY

Great Networking Opportunities — CEU Credits for PE

Monday Night Comedian

Questions or exhibitor registration contact **Jeff Bouchard** at **518-736-5501**

Day 1 Sunday, September 28, 2014

6:30 PM NYSASWM Welcome Dinner (at the Boathouse)

Day 2 Monday, September 29, 2014

7:00 AM **Breakfast** (must have name badge)

8:00 AM **Registration Opens/Board of Directors' Meeting**

9:00 AM **Meet the Exhibitors**

10:00 AM **Welcome** - Frank Visser, NYSASWM President

10:05 AM **Regulatory Update from DEC*** - Bob Phaneuf, Mark Moroukian, NYSDEC

11:00 AM **Innovations for Municipal Landfill Solar Installations***

Michael Roach, RER Energy Group

Noon **Lunch** (must have name badge)

1:00 PM **Organic Waste to Energy*** - Ed Nesselbeck, Nessco Consulting, LLC

2:00 PM **Leachate Treatment— Non-Thermal Plasma Process***

Gary DiPippo, PE, Cornerstone Environmental Group

2:30 PM **Break** (in exhibitor area)

3:00 PM **Back to Basics— The Landfill's Growing Responsibilities**

Rich LeClerc, Steve McElwain, Development Authority of the North Country

4:00 PM **Waste Gasification Project*** — James Taylor Jr., Taylor Recycling Facility LLC

4:30 PM **Business Meeting** including Award Presentation & Election of Officers

5:00 PM **Dinner** (must have name badge)

7:00 PM **Attitude Adjustment Hour** (must have name badge)

8:00 PM **Comedian Jay Black** - Seen on the national comedy circuit

Day 3 Tuesday, September 30, 2014

7:00 AM **Breakfast** (must have name badge)

8:30 AM **Franchising Solid Waste Collection*** - Sue MacIntyre, Delaware County DSW

9:00 AM **Solar Energy For Future Independence*** - Mike Prinzi, Solar Liberty

10:00 AM **Break** (in exhibitor area)

10:30 AM **Current Recycling Market Trends**

Dan Kurtz, Sierra Processing/County Waste & Recycling

11:15 AM **The Benefits of Inter-Municipal Agreements**

Mark Donnelly, Onondaga Co. Resource Recovery Agency

Noon **Award of Door Prize** (must be present to win)

Adjournment — Lunch is available for any remaining attendees

*These sessions are eligible for New York State Continuing Education Contact Hours

Regional Tour of Sunset Park Material Recovery Facility Brooklyn, NY, August 12, 2014 at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by NYSASWM & NYCDOS - Bureau of Waste Prevention & Recycling

For those arriving by train at Penn Station, a bus will be available for transport to the facility (details will be emailed to all members) and lunch will be provided — there is no cost to members.

Officially opened on June 18, the Sunset Park MRF was designed to serve as the principal processing facility for all of New York City's curbside residential metal, glass, and plastic recyclables as part of a long-term contract between Sims Municipal Recycling and the New York City Department of Sanitation. The facility has the capacity to process 1,000 tons of material a day, shipping sorted commodities to markets around the world.

Members can RSVP to Jeff Bouchard at jbnyaswm@gmail.com.

Christiansen-Roller-White Founders' Scholarships

The NYSASWM Board of Directors approved five Christiansen-Roller-White Founders' Scholarships totaling \$15,000 at its meeting on May 18 in Bolton Landing.

Scholarships were awarded to:

Madeline Marsack — a freshman at the University of Buffalo pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering - \$4,000.

John N. Dzialo — a junior at Clarkson University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering - \$4,000. This is John's second scholarship award.

Jessica Dzialo — a freshman at RIT, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering - \$3,000.

Anthony Drahms — a graduate student at RIT, pursuing a degree in Environmental Science - \$2,000. Anthony is also a second time awardee.

Nandini Limbaskar — a graduate student at Adelphi University pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies - \$2,000.

According to Joe Stockbridge, chairman of the Association's Scholarship Committee, a total of 13 applications came in, from students at nine different colleges and universities throughout New York State.

Since the inception of the NYSASWM scholarship in 2000, a total of \$126,000 has been awarded to 40 students. The purpose of the scholarship is to further the education for the next generation of solid waste managers. Maximum scholarship amounts are \$5,000.

Eligibility qualifications are for full-time students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year, and full-time students entering or in graduate school, who are pursuing a degree in environmental science, planning, engineering or other majors relating to the field of solid waste management at a New York State college or university. Preference is given to children of NYSASWM members. The deadline for applications is February 1 of each year.

The application is available at www.nyaswm.org, and submissions should be made to:

NYSASWM
c/o Joe Stockbridge, Scholarship Committee
Chairperson
12 Denhelder Dr., Ballston Lake, NY 12019

(518) 877-7234

e-mail: jstockbridge@arcadis-us.com

REGIONAL NEWS

EAST—Region 2



Mark Kantrowitz of DEF, Kevin Plunkett, Deputy County Executive, Thomas Lauro, Commissioner of Environmental Facilities, Louis Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner of DEF, Angel Gonzalez and Jawaan Livingston, of DEF

■ WESTCHESTER COUNTY — First To Unveil a CNG-Powered Mobile Paper Shredder

One of a kind and the industry’s first...showcased at Westchester’s 2014 Earth Day Event.

On May 18, 2014, Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino officially announced Westchester’s procurement of the first of its kind compressed natural gas (CNG)-powered Mobile Paper Shredder truck. Unique to North America, as well as the CNG industry, this new shredder was unveiled at the county’s 2014 Earth Day celebration that same day at Croton Point Park. The new CNG-fueled mobile shredder offers power similar to the diesel Mobile Shredder that the Westchester Department of Environmental Facilities has been operating since 2008, but it will run cleaner, much quieter, and with about a 50% reduction in fuel costs.

The new CNG shredder will work in conjunction with the diesel powered Mobile Paper Shredder, a very popular recycling service known to many in Westchester. The Mobile Shredder visits different municipalities every weekend and has served about 62,500 households, and countless schools and municipal offices, since its introduction in 2008. The new CNG shredder will offer Westchester an additional outlet for the growing demand and popularity of these services.

The County considered many factors in deciding to purchase the new CNG shredder, including the domestic abundance of CNG, and the significantly lower cost of CNG compared to diesel fuel - about 50 percent less. According to the United States Department of Energy, over 90 percent of the natural gas used in the United States is domestically produced. CNG is the cleanest burning fossil fuel, which means less engine maintenance and longer engine life. Further, EPA certifies that CNG usage can result in up to 30 percent less greenhouse gas emissions.

“Since 2008 when the county started operating our Mobile Paper Shredder, nearly 3,000 tons of confidential paper has been shredded and diverted for recycling, and sold for about \$100-160/ton,” said Thomas J. Lauro, Commissioner of the



county’s Department of Environmental Facilities. “We are proud to offer this convenient service to our residents, and to be the owners of the very first CNG-powered Mobile Paper Shredder.” “Leading through innovation has always been our strength. The opportunity to develop the first CNG mobile shredding truck was a perfect fit for Alpine,” states Peter Viveen, Chief Operating Officer of Alpine Shredders Limited, the company that created the vehicle.

Thanks to the assistance of a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant, the county is to receive 50 percent reimbursement for the new purchase, bringing the total to approximately \$150,000. Although the cost of the vehicle is higher than an average diesel-powered Mobile Paper Shredder, the savings is seen in the fuel. The current national average price of diesel is \$3.98 per gallon, while the CNG diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) is \$2.10.

Guy Wakutz, the Sales Manager at Alpine Shredders states, “Although the initial price is higher, the ROI with CNG fuel is recovered after a couple of years and then you enjoy cost savings for the life of the vehicle.”

For more information on Westchester’s Mobile Shredding Unit visit <http://environment.westchestergov.com/residents/recycling-events/mobile-shredder>

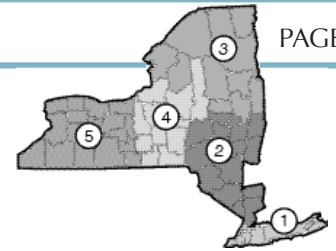
Or call Marianne Petronella, Director of Resource Management at (914) 813-5416.

NORTH—Region 3



■ JEFFERSON COUNTY — Development Authority of the North Country Landfill, Rodman, NY

According to Landfill Superintendent Steve McElwain to control odors, increase LFG collection and reduce leachate generation, the Authority has completed a two-year capping project consisting of 3.1 acres of permanent cap and 7.8 acres of temporary cap. Additional vertical and horizontal wells were



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also installed, including Drain-Tube horizontal collection and the replacement of abandoned, vertical wells.

These areas will be inactive for four to five years until the final cells on the far right are constructed to their final elevation and filling of these areas can resume to the completion of the Phase 1 footprint, (projected to be in 2021).

The effects have been impressive with a striking reduction of fugitive emissions and odors. The project has also increased the collection of LFG and resulted in a steadier and more controllable system. This truly was a viable investment for the Facility and its Host Community.



■ Richard R. LeClerc, DANC SWMF General Manager, reported on May 31, 2014, the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust (THTLT) held a nature walk on the Glasier Trail and the Murray Agricultural Heritage Trail located on the Solid Waste Management Facility operated by the Development Authority of the North Country. It was a beautiful day, which enhanced the enjoyment of the nearly 20 participants as they traversed through a diversity of habitat types, including mixed forests, shrubland, and open grasslands. A wide variety of wildlife species were observed, dominated by the large number of birds utilizing these diverse habitats. Linda Garrett, THTLT Executive Director, was thrilled with the turnout. She stated that the group thoroughly enjoyed the layout, construction, and maintenance of the trails. She went on to state that THTLT will definitely schedule a cross-country skiing outing this winter.

The Authority's SWMF is comprised of 1543 acres. The Authority encourages the general public to come out and enjoy these two pedestrian-only recreational trails. Trails are open every day from sunrise to sunset.

■ **FRANKLIN COUNTY** — The County of Franklin Solid Waste Authority recently received an expansion of their NYS-DEC Part 360 permit at the landfill facility located in the Towns of Constable and Westville. The permit expansion granted three additional cells, which will provide approximately 30 years of future disposal capacity for the Authority, according to George Eades, Executive Director. Construction of the first additional cell of the expansion, Cell No. 5, was recently awarded to Zoladz Construction of Alden, New York. This phase of the project includes the construction of approximately 7 acres of additional double composite liner system, significant leachate upgrades and an additional 1.1 M gallons of leachate storage. Currently work is underway and the fast-tracked project is anticipated to be completed later this year.

■ **Cornell's RAPP Program Will Demonstrate Agricultural Plastics Recycling, at Aug. 5-7 Empire Farm Days**

Agricultural plastics recycling is taking off, big time!

Recyclers working with Cornell University's Recycling Agricultural Plastics Program (RAPP) are now able to process virtually all types of used farm plastics.

Much of this old plastic is turned into new products by manufacturers right here in New York State. Waste plastics previously used on NYS farms — primarily bale wrap, bunker covers, mulch and greenhouse film — are being transformed into sheets of plastic 'plywood', plastic sidewalk pavers, household and industrial-size garbage bags, and diesel fuel, as well as into new plastic containers, films and twine that will once again be used on farms.

RAPP will showcase an array of these products, as well as supplies and equipment for storing and compacting used plastic, at Empire Farm Days, August 5-7, 2014. Find RAPP at Booth #500, just outside the main entrance to the Cornell Building. Empire Farm Days — the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the Northeast — will once again be held at the Rodman Lott & Son Farms on NY-414, just south of the village of Seneca Falls, NY.

■ **OCRRA News by Andrew Radin**

■ **Onondaga and Cortland Counties Announce Comment Period for Regional Solid Waste Partnership**

In March, Onondaga and Cortland Counties announced they would work together as co-lead agencies for the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process on a regional solid waste partnership. The proposed partnership would send Cortland County's trash to be processed at the WTE Facility in Onondaga County, thus increasing energy production and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In exchange, the non-hazardous ash byproduct would be sent to the Cortland County Landfill, further reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transportation costs and fuel usage. Residents of both counties will now have their first opportunity since the announcement to formally voice their opinion on the scope of the proposed partnership. In order to fully explore potential impacts this partnership could have on the environment, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be prepared. A Draft Scoping Document (DSD), identifies potential environmental impacts that will be more thoroughly reviewed in the DEIS. The DSD is now available for public review and may be accessed digitally at www.bartonandloguidice.com/CortlandOnondagaPartnership.htm and CortlandOnondagaPartnership@bartonandloguidice.com. Upon completion of the DEIS, there will be another public comment period, as well as public hearings on the DEIS.

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■ OCRRA Opens State's Largest Municipal Food Scrap Composting Facility

After an extensive remodel, OCRRA's Amboy Compost Site is now processing some 50,000 pounds of food scraps per week. The aerated static pile (ASP) system, designed by GHD Engineers and constructed at a cost of \$2.4 million, is aimed at converting commercial and institutional food scraps into a high quality, U.S. Composting Council STA-certified soil amendment. OCRRA aims to eventually process 20 million pounds of local food scraps annually into compost. The process begins when haulers deliver food scraps from local institutions including Destiny USA, Syracuse University, Upstate Hospital, Wegmans, Ramada Inn, The Oncenter, Marcellus School District, Pastabilities, and many others; processing fees are \$35 per ton. OCRRA's ASP compost system takes 60 – 90 days to generate a finished product ready for market. OCRRA is now also bagging its 1/4 inch minus compost product; the bagged material is sold through 19 local garden centers and hardware stores and in bulk at OCRRA's compost sites.

"Currently, food scraps are the largest component of our trash that is not mandated for recycling (15%)," says Greg Gelweski, OCRRA recycling operations manager. At a recent opening reception at the facility, Ms. Lori Scozzafava, Executive Director of the US Composting Council (USCC) stated, "The USCC applauds OCRRA's efforts to provide an environmentally sound option for managing these organic materials, as well as the local commercial and institutional food scrap generators who are utilizing this resource recovery service; it certainly serves as an effective model for other communities in the U.S. that are interested in working toward a more sustainable future." The USCC, the Solid Waste Association of North America and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently recognized the pioneering operation at the Amboy Compost Facility for its environmental excellence.

■ Baler Operator Training Course: 10-11am each day of Empire Farm Days. Register by July 22.

At 10am each day of the show RAPP will offer a free one-hour Training Course in operating the BigFoot BF300 plastic baler. This will be an hour well spent because trainees will be a giant step closer to receiving the required certification to operate a BigFoot independently on their own farms. Participants will be given a free instructional DVD to reinforce what was taught. Pre-registration by July 22 is requested, but drop-ins will be welcome if space permits. To sign up, call RAPP at 607-255-1187 or email agplasticsrecycling@cornell.edu.

For those who simply want to see the BigFoot work its magic, stop by at 2 pm any day of the show for a demonstration. It's quite something to watch this baler transform a mountain of plastic into a dense, 1000-lb, four-foot cube in just about half an hour.

The trick to keeping plastic in shape for recycling is to keep it free of grit and gravel, and as clean and dry as is possible under farm conditions. Demonstrations of these 'best management

practices' (BMPs) will be ongoing throughout Empire Farm Days, with specific tips on how to handle each type of farm plastic. BMPs and other recycling resources can also be found online at RAPP's website: www.recycleagplastics.cornell.edu or Facebook page: [facebook.com/Recycling.Agricultural.Plastics](https://www.facebook.com/Recycling.Agricultural.Plastics).

WEST — Region 5

■ MONROE COUNTY — High Acres Landfill — Sustainable Waste Transportation

*By Nicole Dennis, Public Affairs Representative
Waste Management of New England/New York*

Waste Management has begun construction on an intermodal railroad facility to serve High Acres Landfill and Recycling Center, located in Fairport, Monroe County. The new railroad spur extends from the existing CSX railroad line adjacent to High Acres' facility. Transport-related greenhouse gas emissions are expected to decrease by more than thirty percent, exemplifying Waste Management's commitment to investing in cleaner technologies.

The permitted daily capacity of the landfill to accept waste, as laid out in the NYSDEC permit, will not change with the addition of the rail facility. Similarly, the service area, type of materials accepted, and hours of operation will all remain the same. High Acres will continue to operate a non-hazardous landfill, committed to environmental performance as demonstrated by the shift to cleaner transportation of waste to the facility.

Each 40 car train has the capacity to remove 150 long haul trucks from the road, resulting in less truck traffic and significantly reduced emissions, both tangible community benefits. A train can move a ton of freight an average of 476 miles on a single gallon of fuel. Railroads are four times more fuel efficient than trucks, according to an independent study for the Federal Railroad Administration.

The environmental benefits of transporting waste by railroad are matched by community safety and operational benefits. Specially designed containers have seals on the base and joints of doors to create a completely sealed environment. Fixed covers remain in place until the container is transported to the working face of the landfill for disposal, reducing litter. Solid waste transport by intermodal rail is becoming increasingly more popular, given the many benefits.



ABOVE: A CSX train carries Waste Management intermodal rail containers.

BELOW: A forklift moves intermodal containers from the train to an off road truck for transportation to the working face.



Federation Spring Conference

Over 600 people registered for the May Federation of Solid Waste Association's conference at Bolton Landing in Lake George, the 15th year at this spectacular location. Over 100 exhibitors were on hand in the Event's Center, and the focus of this year's event was the growing movement of organics management.

Lori Scozzafava of the U.S. Composting Council was the plenary speaker and sessions on organics were plentiful.

The Suzanne D. LaLonde Institute was expanded this year to cover green infrastructure planning and sessions by representatives of the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, and Stonybrook University. Two Innovation Spotlights were conducted, the first with equipment on display in the parking lot, and the second involving engine coolant, evapotranspiration, and the use of solar energy.

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However, the stakeholders that did attend, such as the representatives for the grocery industry, the restaurants, the dairy processors and the business council were clear on their opposition of a mandate for organics recycling. The participants indicated that there have been some successes with organic recycling, to date, through voluntary participation and because of the general drive within the business world to strive for greening of their operations. A blanket mandate without consideration for individual circumstances is seen as a financial burden that could result in many businesses being unable to survive. For instance the dairy processing industry has made some significant investments in manufacturing in New York State; however, their margins depend on fractions of pennies per pound. Therefore a mandate that would increase the cost of doing business in New York could very well result in dairy manufacturing moving out of state.

The three solid waste associations (NYSASWM, SWANA-NY and NYSAR3) submitted statements in support of providing incentives to promote organics recycling and opposed a mandate.

Meanwhile in other organic waste related news a new one-house bill has surfaced in the Assembly (A-9959). According to the bill memorandum, the NYS Beyond Waste plan is the driver of the bill. Quote: "Beyond Waste included a programmatic recommendation for the state to "lead by example" by demonstrating sustainable materials management within its own operations, specifically indicating organics recovery as a major component". That is a laudable goal but apparently the writer of the bill feels that municipalities should lead by example as well. Unfortunately, the bill fails to provide state funding that would help local municipalities implement any such organics recovery programs.

Then there is the ongoing debate on how to deal with implementation issues surrounding the NYS Electronics Recycling and Reuse Act. DEC proclaimed that as a result of NYS's e-waste law this state now has one of the largest e-waste management programs in the country. DEC promised they have started drafting regulations. One of the problems with the law's implementation, however, is making sure that manufacturers continue to



Increased time to interact with exhibitors was built in to this year's conference, and the good weather was a bonus enjoyed by participants. Next year's conference will return to the Sagamore, from May 3-6, 2015.

The 2014 Proceedings are now available at <http://www.nyfederation.org/2014Proceeding.htm>.

be responsible for the cost of recycling of e-waste even if their annual recycling goal has been met before year's end. While this issue is debated and possibly could be corrected, to ensure that we have continuous year-round collection fully paid for by electronics manufacturers, the bigger problem is what to do with CRT glass. You can check E-Scrap News on the numbers but basically there is not enough capacity to process the discarded CRT glass. So write the regulations, change the law, but more importantly start planning on what to do with CRT glass collected when there is no capacity to process the material!

And last but not least: DEC published a revised "Draft Environmental Monitor Policy" in February of this year. NYSASWM met with DEC officials to inquire about the intent of the revised policy. We were informed that the Policy revision is intended to clarify the criteria for when an environmental monitor should be assigned to a facility. The goal of the revision is to prevent random application of assigning monitors. Upon detailed review of the draft policy by the NYSASWM we found the new language to actually increase the possible scenarios where monitors might be assigned. NYSASWM provided a 14 page document with comments and recommendations for DEC's consideration. We feel NYSASWM provided the information and language that when inserted will assure that a monitor will only be assigned under specific conditions and will be removed when those conditions have been remedied. Be on the lookout for the final version.

As reported here previously the NYSASWM Board is committed to represent the Solid Waste Management community, public as well as private. We are in the process of upgrading our website in order to give you more immediate updates on current topics such as those mentioned above. Shortly managers of Solid Waste Systems will be contacted with a request to fill out a survey on information about their operations. The intent is to compile that information into a database accessible to NYSASWM members as a source of reference. If you get such a request please fill it out. In the mean time I hope everyone enjoys their summer and I look forward to seeing you at the NYSASWM Fall conference in Lake Placid on September 28.

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