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Alliance Landfill Receives ISO 14001 Recertification

Recertification follows three years of ISO compliance and top industry
award

Taylor, Pa., Sept. 19, 2007 – Alliance Landfill has achieved International Standards Organization (ISO) 14001 recertification for quality and environmental management standards. The recertification comes three years after Alliance first qualified for the rigorous ISO designation and after a series of biannual audits that allowed the landfill to further organize and strengthen many of its policies, procedures and practices, and continually improve its operations.

Alliance in 2004 became the first of Waste Management's nearly 300 operating landfills to receive ISO 14001 certification for its environmental practices. Since that time three other Waste Management landfills have received certification; Grand Central Sanitation Landfill in Pen Argyl, Northampton County; Pine Grove Landfill in Schuylkill County; and Chicopee Landfill in Massachusetts.

"Alliance's recertification reflects our commitment to protecting the environment and being a good neighbor and the professionalism of the Alliance team," said Glenn Kempa, Alliance manager. "Our employees and contractors have made a commitment to making Alliance an industry leader and they have been successful."

Alliance began the process of receiving ISO certification in 2003 when it launched the thorough review, revision and reorganization of all of its environmental policies, procedures and practices. The process identified areas where policies and practices required modification to meet ISO guidelines. All areas of the landfill's operation were subject to review and the process concluded with the compilation of the landfill's Environmental Management System (EMS).

Every six months since being certified an independent auditor has returned to Alliance to assess the landfill's record of following and updating its EMS and responding to new conditions and requirements.

“This is what is so valuable about ISO. It turns our environmental practices into a living process that improves and grows more comprehensive with each audit,” Mr. Kempa said. “It forces us to continually look at what we do and how we can improve what we're doing. I see it as a great assurance to our neighbors that we are doing our jobs as well as anyone in the business.”

Alliance has operated for nearly four years without an operations-related citation and in 2006 received its industry's top award: the Solid Waste Association of North American's Gold Award for Landfill Management Excellence. Alliance's wildlife habitat work and environmental education programs have been certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council. The education program, Camp Kestrel, also has received a state Waste Watcher Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Education.

Waste Management is its industry's leading provider of comprehensive waste management services. Based in Houston, the Company serves municipal, commercial, industrial, and residential customers across the United States and Canada. The Company operates Alliance Landfill in Taylor, Apex Waste Services in Dunmore, and the Beach Lake Transfer Station in Wayne County. It employs more than 200 people in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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