

CAL/OSHA recognizes Wheelabrator Norwalk as a “star” worksite

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NORWALK, Calif. - June 2, 2008 - Wheelabrator Technologies, a proven leader in independent electric power production, announces that the California Occupational Safety & Health Administration (CAL/OSHA) will recognize Wheelabrator Norwalk as a VPP Star Worksite in CAL/OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program.

“We’re extremely proud of being recognized as a VPP Star Worksite,” said Michael Burt, plant manager of Wheelabrator Norwalk. “Wheelabrator continuously improves its safety excellence and raises the bar for all companies in our industry. Safety is a core value throughout the Wheelabrator organization and is practiced each and every day at all facilities.”

The Star designation is the government’s highest safety award, recognizing the outstanding efforts of employees and employers who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health results through the application of best-in-class safety and health programs throughout the facility. To qualify for Star status, a worksite must have a three-year average injury rate below its industry average and must have demonstrated safety programs designed to greatly exceed CAL/OSHA standards.

Out of more than seven million sites monitored by federal and state programs, Wheelabrator Norwalk is one of only 1,945 workplaces to achieve VPP Star Certification nationally. As of February 2008, only 57 worksites achieved VPP Star Certification in the entire State of California. Wheelabrator has a total of three facilities certified in the four-state area of Region IX (California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii), where only 94 workplaces are designated as VPP Star Worksites.

About Wheelabrator Technologies

A wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management of Houston, Texas, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. Wheelabrator’s 17 waste-to-energy facilities provide safe waste disposal for towns and cities across the U.S. Wheelabrator also operates five independent power plants designed to generate electricity using an assortment of fuels, including waste wood, tires, 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 22 facilities have a combined electric generating capacity of 896 megawatts, enough energy to power more than 985,000 homes. To learn more, visit www.wheelabratortechologies.com.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company’s customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more, visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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