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# Wheelabrator and Mayor Rawlings-Blake recognize trash haulers at Garbageman Appreciation Day

Baltimore's waste-to-energy facility prepares to transform its 20 millionth ton of trash into energy

**BALTIMORE — Nov. 16, 2012** — Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Wheelabrator Baltimore today recognized more than 700 municipal and private solid waste collection workers for their hard work in transporting more than 2,000 tons of post-recycled municipal waste each day to Baltimore's waste-to-energy facility.

"A cleaner city is one where families want to live, and we know how hard you work every day to make that happen. Your efforts to collect both waste and recycling materials help make our city cleaner and are a vital part of us accomplishing our goal of growing the city of Baltimore," said Mayor Rawlings-Blake, giving particular recognition to the efforts of employees following the recent Superstorm Sandy.

"This contractual partnership with Wheelabrator through the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority is furthering the City's sustainability goals by promoting a healthier environment and effective long-term management of the City's solid waste," said Mayor Rawlings-Blake. "From this facility comes green, renewable energy to provide electricity to homes and steam to heat and cool downtown buildings."

Wheelabrator Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager Jeff Primavera said the company was proud to honor the men and women who collect and deliver the post-recycled trash each day to the Baltimore facility.

"Although they often go unnoticed, the services that these men and women provide each and every day are critical to the local communities for which they serve," Primavera said.

From the approximately 2,000 tons of post-recycled trash delivered each day, the Baltimore waste-to-energy facility generates enough clean, renewable energy for about 68,000 homes. In this upcoming year, the Baltimore facility will pass the 20 million ton mark in its lifetime of transforming post-recycled municipal trash into green energy for the region.

During the event, each solid waste collection worker received a gift of appreciation from Wheelabrator and lunch from John's Deli.

## About Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.

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.wheelabratortechnologies.com](http://www.wheelabratortechnologies.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](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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