

Wheelabrator Millbury celebrates 20th anniversary of service to community

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MILLBURY, Mass. - September 29, 2008 - Wheelabrator Millbury Inc., celebrated its 20th year of operation by hosting an open house. The event gave an opportunity for local residents and plant employees to formally recognize the support of local communities over the past two decades.

"It's a fun day for the whole family," said Fred Confalone, Wheelabrator Millbury general manager. "We've had a great working relationship with Millbury and surrounding communities for 20 years and this milestone was only possible because of that."

Free and family-oriented, the fun-filled event featured a Rainforest Reptiles show, a wild birds of prey show entitled "Wind Over Wings," a disc jockey, cartoon characters, face painting, balloon artists, barbecue, and a visit by Worcester Tornadoes mascot Twister. In addition, a raffle was held; one lucky winner took home a 42-inch flat-screen television, the other a Nintendo Wii entertainment system. The catered barbecue included hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and soft drinks. The celebration also included a plant tour for any community member eager to learn about and see first-hand the technology behind the waste-to-energy process.

"The best thing about an open house is it brings people into the plant and shows them what we do. They are able to see first-hand how Wheelabrator is safely disposing of their trash and generating clean, renewable electricity to power their homes and businesses," Confalone said.

About Wheelabrator Millbury Inc.

Located in Millbury, Massachusetts, the Wheelabrator Millbury waste-to-energy facility provides dependable, environmentally safe disposal of municipal solid waste for more than 30 communities in Massachusetts while generating clean, renewable electricity for sale to the local utility. Designed, constructed, owned, and operated by Wheelabrator, Wheelabrator Millbury processes up to 1,500 tons per day of municipal solid waste. Wheelabrator Millbury has an electric generating capacity of 46,000 kilowatts; the equivalent of supplying the electrical needs of 57,000 Massachusetts homes.

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.wheelabratortechologies.com.

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