

Wheelabrator sponsors local commissioning of USS New Hampshire submarine

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HAMPTON, N.H. - Oct. 8, 2008 - Waste-to-energy industry pioneer Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. and its parent company Waste Management, announced today that they are sponsoring the commissioning of the USS NEW HAMPSHIRE submarine taking place on October 25th, 2008.

The Commissioning is an event steeped in US Navy tradition, and a day to celebrate the new submarine and the state. Thanks to a persistent letter-writing campaign enlisting the support of the New Hampshire Congressional delegation and Governor Lynch, schoolchildren in Dover persuaded the Secretary of the Navy that it was time once again to float the proud name USS NEW HAMPSHIRE. The submarine New Hampshire (SSN-778) was christened on June 21, 2008 -- on the 220th anniversary of New Hampshire's statehood and the ratification of the US Constitution that made the states a nation.

"Wheelabrator Technologies and Waste Management are proud to be part of this moment rich in naval history and local community. We salute the officers and crew of the USS New Hampshire," said Mark A. Weidman, president of Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. "We strive to support the environmental, civic, charitable and educational well being of our partner communities." Wheelabrator is dedicated to being a positive force in each of the twenty-one communities it operates waste-to-energy or independent power facilities in, and actively participates and contributes to local activities and programs. As a community partner, Wheelabrator believes social responsibility begins with the communities its employees live and serve, and grows from there.

At all Wheelabrator facilities, the employees are encouraged to participate in activities designed to benefit the local community. This involvement allows Wheelabrator to foster positive local partnerships including sponsoring wildlife sanctuaries, public parks, senior citizen centers, and the annual Environmental Symposium, all of which help educate and engage local residents to protect our environment.

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.

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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