



# Press Release

## NATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM FOR TRASH HAULERS LAUNCHED

### *OSHA and IWSA Partner with Covanta in Hosting Hauler Safety Day*

**FAIRFAX, VA (June 13, 2007)** – Fairfax County’s trash haulers are the focus of today’s kickoff event for a month-long national safety campaign at waste-to-energy facilities across the country sponsored by the Integrated Waste Services Association (IWSA) ([www.wte.org](http://www.wte.org)) in partnership with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). The OSHA and IWSA Alliance focuses on providing the association’s members and others, including small businesses, with information, guidance, and access to training resources to help them protect employees' health and safety. An overview of the OSHA’s Alliance Program and specifically the OSHA and IWSA Alliance can be found on the OSHA website using the link: <http://osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/iwsa/iwsa.html>.

The haulers will be honored and reminded that safety is a life-long pursuit at today’s ceremonies. Events will begin at 12:15 pm at Covanta Energy’s Fairfax County Resource Recovery facility in Lorton, Virginia where Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.; IWSA President, Ted Michaels; Covanta Energy’s Executive Vice President, John Klett; Director of the Division of Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery in Fairfax County, Joyce Doughty; Solid Waste Association of North America’s Executive Director, John Skinner; Virginia State Senator Jay O’Brien; and the Executive Director of the Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association, R. Davis Layne, will speak in honor of this Program.

“The kickoff event at Covanta’s energy-from-waste facility highlights the importance placed on the safety for those who haul trash for a living,” said Assistant Secretary Foulke. “Government and industry are working together to make the waste-to-energy workplace safer for everyone who delivers the waste that powers our neighborhoods and communities.”

“We want to thank the men and women who haul municipal solid waste,” said Anthony Orlando, CEO of Covanta Energy. “Hauler Safety Month is about keeping them safe by promoting awareness of the rules of safety – not only for themselves, but also for their family, friends and loved ones. Covanta is a leader in the Energy-from-Waste field, and by embracing this safety campaign, we are assisting in leading the industry to an even healthier and safer workplace.”

IWSA member companies plan hauler safety day events at more than 60 facilities nationwide centered on the campaign “SAFETY: DO IT FOR LIFE” that personalizes the importance of keeping safety first in mind at work for the waste hauler and his or her family. Covanta Energy will host 32 hauler safety events; Wheelabrator Technologies has 16 facilities that will highlight hauler safety in June and Veolia ES Waste-to-Energy’s 10 facilities also will take part in the month-long campaign.



“Our Hauler Safety campaign lets people know that the safety and health of everyone who works and visits our facilities is priority number one,” said Ted Michaels, President of IWSA. “Our industry places great importance on the safety of everyone who enters our facilities, and we are particularly grateful for the hard work performed by the men and women who haul the waste that fuels our plants.”

There are 88 waste-to-energy facilities nationwide that generate about 2,700 megawatts of power from the combustion of nearly 29 million tons of trash each year. Covanta operates over 32 facilities across the country, generating clean renewable energy. The site of today’s event, the Fairfax Resource Recovery Facility, began commercial operation in June 1990. It processes 3,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste for a population of more than 900,000 in the Washington, D.C. suburbs of Fairfax County. The facility sells up to 79 megawatts of renewable energy to Dominion Virginia Power Company -- enough energy to meet the needs of 75,000 homes.

The waste-to-energy industry has a long history of recognition in the safety and health field. Forty-two waste-to-energy facilities have earned STAR status under OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), recognizing excellence in adherence to worker health and safety. IWSA members achieving STAR status include: Covanta Energy (21 STAR facilities), Wheelabrator Technologies (16 STAR facilities) and Veolia ES Waste-to-Energy (5 STAR facilities). In addition, three IWSA-member facilities have earned distinction through OSHA’s Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) awarded to smaller worksites: Energy Answers Corporation (2 SHARP facilities) and Covanta Energy (1 SHARP facility). Of the more than seven million American worksites, fewer than 2,000 have earned an OSHA VPP STAR.

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