

Waste Management Honored for Commitment to Clean Air

San Diego's Air Pollution Control District Awards Waste Management with Blue Sky Leadership Award in Large Business Category

San Diego, Calif. Nov. 23, 2010 - Recently, the [Air Pollution Control District](#) of San Diego County (APCD) and the Industrial Environmental Association (IEA) honored [Waste Management of San Diego](#) (WMSD) with a Blue Sky Leadership Award. The Blue Sky Leadership Awards are presented to companies that demonstrate a commitment to improving and promoting air quality.

"It is important for us to continue to discover new ways to protect the air, which is one of our greatest natural resources," said Carl Scherbaum, district manager of WMSD. "We want to encourage other businesses to join our efforts by incorporating sustainable practices and implementing new environmentally friendly programs. It is an honor to be recognized by the Air Pollution Control District for our efforts."

WMSD was acknowledged for implementing several successful programs that directly reduced greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants. Currently, WMSD operates 122 liquefied natural gas (LNG) powered collection trucks, the largest LNG fleet in the nation. The emission reduction from the operation of this fleet of trucks is the equivalent of removing more than 9,000 cars from San Diego's roadways.

In addition, WMSD's fleet uses LNG from the world's largest landfill gas to LNG facility at Waste Management's Altamont Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility. The plant, which produces approximately 13,000 of LNG each day, creates clean vehicle fuel by collecting gas from the natural decomposition of organic landfill waste.

"It is a pleasure to honor Waste Management for its innovative achievements in helping to protect and improve San Diego's air quality," said Bob Kard, air pollution control officer at the San Diego Air Pollution Control District. "We all benefit by having cleaner air to breathe, and I commend them for being a role model when it comes to sustainability."

The Blue Sky Leadership Award is given to the top performer among local small, medium and large companies and organizations that have previously been named as Clean Air Champions throughout the year. WMSD was recognized for this achievement at the Industrial Environmental Association's Annual Statewide Environmental Summit.

ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management, Inc., 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 information about Waste Management visit www.wastemanagementsd.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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