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Fulton County Landfill Methane to Power New Ethanol Plant

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Rochester, Indiana, April 21, 2006 - It's the age-old story of how one person's trash is another's....energy. Allied Waste Industries (Allied), owner and operator of the County Line Landfill has signed an exclusive agreement with Indiana Renewable Fuels, LLC (IRF) to provide landfill gas from the County Line Landfill to power a new 100 million gallon per year ethanol plant to be located near their landfill facility at Rochester, Indiana.

Allied, a fully integrated solid waste company located throughout North America, and IRF, a visionary group of local Indiana based agriculture businessmen and women, have joined in this innovative partnership to use the methane gas generated at the landfill to process ethanol. Methane gas is produced as a byproduct from the natural decomposition process of waste materials in landfills. It is a safe, reliable and renewable energy source. With IRF using the landfill gas for direct use at its ethanol plant, it utilizes a renewable fuel that otherwise would not be recovered for beneficial use. Allied and IRF understand the importance of their roles to help preserve and improve the local environment by undertaking this project that is both economical and environmentally friendly.

Glen Bode of Rochester, President and Project Manager of IRF, gave credit to Allied and IRF board member Andy Perdue of Chicago based Weaver Boos Consultants, for recognizing the opportunity provided by the symbiotic relationship of these two companies and negotiating the agreement to make it a reality. "It's a perfect marriage between the local projects that will afford IRF an uninterrupted flow of low-cost energy and help Allied significantly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. With IRF literally tapping the gas to fuel its boilers, greenhouse emissions from the landfill will be significantly reduced. The environmental benefit is equivalent to planting more than 1,187,000 acres of trees or removing carbon monoxide emissions from more than 1,136,000 cars over the first 10 years of the project."

Allied's Indiana District Manager Terry Zona noted that landfill gas recovery is an established technology used at hundreds of locations across the U.S. "The County Line Landfill is an important contributor to the local economy. This project with the job creation, local investment and renewable energy usage is consistent with priorities of the state leadership. We look forward to continuing our work with the County and State to promote new development and a clean environment," he said.

Ethanol is receiving worldwide attention as a renewable fuel because of the economic advantages it gives to rural communities while providing a measure of national energy independence. The new IRF plant will utilize 37 million bushels of corn per year, a grain commodity now considered in excess in the US, as the primary resource for the ethanol process. Construction of the plant should bring \$135 million into the local community and provide 45 fulltime jobs after completion. Service, maintenance, and outgrowth services for the plant will add millions of dollars to the local economy during the life of the plant. Innovative members of the IRF board are researching the advantages of local resources to make the project even more viable and progressive.

IRF has contracted with Fagen, Inc. of Granite Falls, MN to build the new ethanol plant. Several potential building sites are being evaluated and final site determination will be made with regards to the advantages this unique agreement with Allied provides. IRF is contracting with Weaver Boos to design and install the landfill gas pipeline to the ethanol plant site. This unique alternative energy arrangement with Allied will allow the IRF facility to be one of the lowest-cost ethanol producing facilities in the USA for many years to come while contributing to energy independence and a cleaner environment.

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