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MODEL LANDFILL PRIVATIZATION PROJECT WINS BRONZE

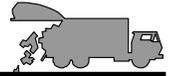
CHARLES CITY, VA. – J Spear Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce that Charles City County has been selected to receive the Bronze 2004 Landfill Management Excellence Award from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). SWANA's Excellence Awards recognize outstanding programs that promote socially, environmentally and economically sound waste management practices.

Charles City County, located between Richmond and Williamsburg on the James River, is one of the original shires in Virginia. In 1987, the County faced a large economic hurdle when the Commonwealth of Virginia mandated that the County close its existing landfill. Faced with the decision of providing an alternate waste disposal resource, the County entered into a public-private partnership with a 3rd party contractor to manage their solid waste.

Today, the Charles City Landfill is owned by the County and operated by Waste Management of Virginia, Inc., J Spear Associates, Inc. in association with CH2M HILL provides oversight services of landfill construction, operations, and environmental monitoring to the County. Public Works Director, John Miniclier, Jr. credits the success of the operation to an oversight team with national waste management perspectives and local presence.

Since opening in 1990, Charles City County Landfill has become a model of waste management success. Due to its unique contract, revenues generated by the landfill (more than \$50 million to date) are funneled back into the County.

During its 14 years of operations an average of 2,750 tons of waste has been disposed each day. At this rate, using active recirculation of leachate to accelerate waste decomposition, the Charles City County Landfill has a remaining lifespan of 35 years. In addition to its' responsible management, Angelia Yancey, County Administrator states, "Waste Management of Virginia, Inc. is an outstanding corporate partner in the Charles City County Community. Their active community participation supports ongoing efforts of Charles City Public Schools, local and regional emergency services, and responsiveness to other community needs."



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In his letter of notification, SWANA Technical Programs Coordinator Stephen Ridzon notes, "Congratulations to you and your staff for your commitment to achieving the highest standards in the solid waste industry." The Award will be presented on September 23rd at the SWANA WASTECON Annual Exposition in Phoenix, Arizona.

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