

Conn. WTE plant to settle violations by funding recycling

Nov. 19 -- A settlement over alleged air emissions violations at a Connecticut waste-to-energy plant will include money to fund recycling initiatives, according to the state Department of Environmental protection.

The agreement was announced this week between the Connecticut DEP, Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority and Covanta for cases involving alleged air emissions violations at trash-to-energy plants in Wallingford and Hartford. Covanta operates both facilities under contract with CRRA.

Under the settlements, a payment of \$355,000 will be made into a DEP fund for environmental projects as the result of a violation of permit limits for dioxin emissions at the Wallingford facility. That facility will receive upgrades to monitor for ammonia emissions. Also, the company must install a system that will provide for continuous monitoring of ammonia emissions at its Hartford (Mid-Connecticut Project) plant.

The DEP said the \$355,000 will subsidize municipal recycling programs in an effort to reduce disposal tonnage and costs.

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