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**Washington, D.C.** - At its April 26, 2002 meeting in Austin, Tex., the Environmental Research and Education Foundation's (EREF) Board of Directors approved funding for four solid waste management projects:

- \$20,000 to North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., in support of its *Second Intercontinental Landfill Research Symposium (ICLRS)* to be held October 13-16, 2002 in Asheville, S.C. (U.S.A.). The ICLRS serves as the primary international meeting for idea exchange among landfill researchers throughout the world. Approximately 100 researchers are expected to attend. Details about the Symposium are available at <http://lst.sb.luth.se/iclrs/web/symposia.html>.
- \$30,000 to the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla., to investigate the fate and transformation of nitrogen in a well-managed comprehensively monitored bioreactor landfill and to quantify its natural removal. Researchers will be working at the New River Regional Landfill in Macclenny, Fla. Project completion is scheduled to occur in winter 2003.
- \$300,000 to R.D. Gibbons, LTD, Chicago, Ill., Terra-Dynamics, Inc., Lewiston, N.Y., and Severn Trent Laboratories, Inc., Amherst, N.Y., for a landfill leachate sampling and characterization study. The purpose of this project is to collect and compile leachate analytical data over time and evaluate leachate quality in terms of landfill operational and physical attributes. The results will enable landfill owners/operators and regulators the ability to confidently evaluate and predict changes in leachate concentrations. Completion of the project is slated for winter 2003.
- \$461,281 to GeoSyntec Consultants, Columbia, Md., for defining the end of post-closure care at municipal solid waste landfills. The results of this study will be the development of a universal approach for defining the end of the post-closure care (PCC) period and identifying management controls for PCC at municipal solid waste landfills in the U.S. The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2003.

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EREF received 26 requests for funding during first quarter 2002, a 40% increase over first quarter 2001. "The significant increase in the number and type of proposals we have been receiving stresses the importance of addressing critical waste management research in a proactive and timely manner," said Leonard E. "Butch" Joyce (Joyce Engineering, Inc., Richmond, Va.), chairman, project review committee. "The Committee devotes substantial time evaluating and monitoring projects in fulfillment of EREF's mission, which ultimately benefits the public good," he added.

The mission of the Environmental Research and Education Foundation is to develop environmental solutions for the future through research and education. Its endowment provides the financial base for a sustainable series of significant projects and scholarships focusing on waste management and recycling. A list of grants and scholarships funded to date and special events are available online at [www.erefdn.org](http://www.erefdn.org).

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