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**ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION AWARDS \$60,000 ALTERNATIVE LANDFILL  
TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH GRANT**

**Alexandria, Va.** - During its spring meeting held on April 11 in Orlando, Fla., the Environmental Research and Education Foundation's (EREF) Board of Directors approved \$60,000 in funding to the Interstate Technologies and Regulatory Council (ITRC) Alternative Landfill Technologies Team for the project:

Development of a technical and regulatory guidance document describing the methods states should use to oversee design, construction, monitoring, and post-closure care of alternative final covers at landfills including the use of alternative cap designs at bioreactor landfills.

The ITRC Alternative Landfill Technologies team will collect, compile, evaluate and report on the design, construction, and operational areas referred to as Alternative Landfill Technologies and any real or perceived regulatory barriers. These include alternative landfill covers, bioreactors and innovative approaches to post-closure care. The Guidance, when utilized, will streamline the state acceptance and deployment of these technologies and techniques.

This project will support another EREF project being performed by GeoSyntec Consultants that is developing a performance-based system for post-closure care at municipal solid waste landfills. The GeoSyntek project will be developing a new approach to the current 30-year time-based system required currently under federal regulations.

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