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**ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
FOUNDATION TO FUND LANDFILL LEACHATE
RECIRCULATION PROJECT**

Alexandria, Va. - At its Annual Meeting on December 11, the Environmental Research and Education Foundation's (EREF) Board of Directors approved funding for a bioreactor landfill project:

\$41,351 to Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, to conduct leachate recirculation trials of various recirculation blankets of a bioreactor landfill. The blankets to be tested are made up of (1) crushed glass, (2) shredded tires, and (3) a geocomposite drainage layer. Recirculation blankets are a new design concept that offers economic and operational benefits to conventional leachate recirculation methods that are currently used for bioreactor landfills. Project results are expected in first quarter 2005.

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation is the only independent foundation in the U.S. committed to research, education and science relative to the management and treatment of municipal solid waste.

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