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EREF Landfill Technical Workshop

Alexandria, VA - Many waste industry professionals wonder how to stay up-to-date on the latest industry research, subsequent finds, and pending regulation. The Environmental Research and Education Foundation provided a solution by bringing together industry professionals, government regulators, and researchers for the EREF Landfill Technical Workshop on August 2, 2005. The EREF partnered with Republic Services, Inc. to bring together 40 attendees, representing multiple facets of the industry, for a workshop where researchers presented project data from recently completed and ongoing projects pertaining to landfills.

Those directing municipal solid waste practices are striving to find economically sensible technology that also increases environmental protection, but it is not always easy to marry the two ideas. To find middle ground between regulation and private business means an equal understanding of what is happening in both sectors. With an ever-increasing need for environmental solutions as the meeting place for both parties, the Landfill Technical Workshop offered a neutral zone where unbiased information was disseminated.

Presentation topics addressed some of the most current issues in landfill technology. Topics included: Management of Nitrogen at Bioreactor Landfills, Granular Blankets for Leachate Recirculation at Bioreactors, Future Challenges and Opportunities for Bioreactor Landfills, Performance-Based Systems for Post-Closure Care at MSW Landfills, and Characterization of Landfill Gas Emissions and Control Technology.

Presenters included Dr. Debra Reinhart - Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of Central Florida; Dr. Milind Khire - Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Michigan State University; Susan Thorneloe - Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Nicole Berge - EREF's Francois Fiessinger Scholar, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of Central Florida; Dr. Jeremy Morris - Senior Staff Engineer, GeoSyntec Consultants.

The EREF's mission is to be proactive rather than reactionary in shaping the future of municipal solid waste management. Please contact Dr. Ed Repa for further details on this workshop at 703-288-5139 x11 or erepa@erefdn.org. Visit www.erefdn.org to find out more about how EREF is accomplishing their mission of developing environmental solutions for the future.

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