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EREF's Regional Summit on Sustainable Solid Waste Practices & Research to Be Held September 7 – 8 in Raleigh, North Carolina

Raleigh, NC — The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) will be holding a Regional Summit on Sustainable Solid Waste Practices & Research on September 7 - 8, 2011 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Regional Summit will feature a special Landfill Gas to Energy session and tour.

Suitable for executives, managers, technical personnel, regulators and consultants, EREF's Regional Summits present key solid waste research findings and highlight impacts on practice as well as provide updates on legislative activities/policy as they relate to needed research.

"The Regional Summits were developed as part of an effort to expand EREF's educational mission," explains Bryan Staley, EREF President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are working hard to broaden the educational programs serving the industry and disseminate the wealth of information developed by the foundation."

The first day of the Raleigh Regional Summit will include presentations providing an overview of research and trends advancing sustainable solid waste management. The morning of the second day will feature a special session on Landfill Gas to Energy. The session will highlight the intersection of research and practice and include perspectives from industry, academia, consultants and regulatory agencies. In the afternoon registrants will be able to tour the Black Creek Renewable Energy Facility in Roseboro, North Carolina. Waste Industries, Gregory Poole Equipment Company and Progress Energy teamed up with SCS Energy to build this 6.4 Mega Watt power plant using landfill gas to generate electricity that will power more than 4,000 homes for an estimated 70+ years.

The cost to register for the EREF Regional Summit is \$75 for consultants/industry personnel, \$25 for regulators/academia and free for students. Registration for the Black Creek Renewable Energy facility is separate at \$25/person. Waste Industries will be sponsoring the event, and additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register as a participant or a sponsor, please visit www.erefdn.org.

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