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## **CRRA, MDC Reach Agreement for Continued Operation of Mid-Connecticut Project Facilities**

HARTFORD, Conn. – The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and the Metropolitan District today jointly announced an agreement that ends their dispute involving CRRA’s Mid-Connecticut Project facilities in Hartford.

The MDC agreed to withdraw a lawsuit filed to prevent replacement of MDC at the facility in exchange for CRRA’s agreeing not to terminate MDC or hire a replacement contractor for operation of the Mid-Connecticut Project waste processing facility and landfill. Both organizations affirmed their commitment to operate the Project facilities, which serve 70 Connecticut cities and towns for the disposal of their solid waste.

Announcing the resolution, CRRA Chairman Michael A. Pace said the two agencies have achieved a “new and better working relationship, which will result in more efficient operation of the Mid-Connecticut Project. This relationship will benefit not only the towns served but the entire state of Connecticut. We believe there are other efficiencies that we can work on that will better protect the environment of the state and, in particular, the Hartford region,” he said.

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William A. DiBella, Chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, said, “the MDC shares the spirit of renewed cooperation and commitment. The collaborative relationship of CRRA and the MDC will result in added opportunities to develop and implement new technologies for environmentally sound and economically efficient programs to benefit the municipalities serviced by the two organizations.”

The agreement reached by CRRA and the MDC is a significant development that will result both in the saving of significant fees and litigation costs and the restoration of a united effort of public service.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA’s new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA’s four solid waste projects serve 118 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children’s Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.

The Metropolitan District is a municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly to provide quality water supply, water pollution control, mapping, and household hazardous waste collection to eight member municipalities – Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor – and to portions of other towns in the region, as well as the waste processing operations associated with the Mid-Connecticut Project.

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