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Tuesdays with CRRA at the Hartford Landfill

Community Invited to 'See It for Themselves' Afternoons in November

HARTFORD, Conn. – The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is offering an opportunity to learn all about the Hartford landfill with personal guided tours on Tuesday afternoons in November.

On Oct. 28, CRRA held an open house that featured bus tours of the landfill, but that day's heavy rain and wind diminished visibility and deterred visitors from getting off the buses and walking on top of the landfill. So in response to interest generated by that event, CRRA officials are available for small-group tours on Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We want people to come to the top of the landfill and see it for themselves, because we believe people will be very pleasantly surprised by the experience," said Peter W. Egan, CRRA director of Environmental Affairs and Development.

Seating is extremely limited, so appointments are necessary. Those interested must telephone (860) 757-7700 to secure a spot.

Earlier this year, CRRA announced plans to close the landfill by the end of 2008. The City of Hartford has owned the landfill since 1940 and CRRA has leased it since 1982.

For the safety of the public, only CRRA vehicles and those delivering waste are allowed on the landfill property.

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 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.