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## **Reminder: Call the Hartford Hotlines**

### **CRRA has two hotlines to cover Hartford Landfill, Mid-Connecticut odor concerns**

HARTFORD, July 2, 2002 -- With the arrival of the "dog days of Summer," the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) reminds Hartford residents in the North and South Meadows (as well as East Hartford residents across the River) that we operate two toll-free hotlines to respond to concerns about the Hartford Landfill and the Mid-Connecticut waste-to-energy facility.

These hotlines, which have been in operation for over three years, operate seven days a week, 24 hours per day, and were established by CRRA for Hartford-area residents living or working near the Hartford Landfill in the city's North Meadows and the Mid-Connecticut plant in the South Meadows.

**Hartford Landfill Hotline: 1-800-480-7133**

This number is for residents to call to report questions and concerns about the *Hartford Landfill*.

**Mid-Connecticut Odor Hotline: 1-800-472-8630**

This number is to report odors from the *Mid-Connecticut resources recovery facility*.

All calls received by these hotlines will be investigated, and callers will be asked for some detailed information to help us pinpoint any episodes that may have led to the complaint.

### **Odor control system operational**

It has been one year since CRRA threw the switch activating the Mid-Connecticut plant's \$13 million odor control system.

Rather than treating odorous air, the CRRA system was designed to draw in an average of 240,000 cubic feet per minute (cfm) of air from the Mid-Connecticut Plant's waste processing facility (WPF) and thermally destroy the odors in the power block facility (PBF) boilers that incinerate garbage. Since the typical total air demand for the boilers is 180,000 cfm, two thermal oxidizers will more than make up the difference at a full capacity of 120,000 cfm.

This system has the capacity to completely exchange the air inside the Madison Square Garden arena

twice in one hour. Taken another way, the amount of air that would fill four Louisiana Superdomes will be thermally treated each day, rather than carrying potential odors in the prevailing winds.

A massive system of ductwork has been constructed throughout the facility and both thermal oxidizers have been moving and treating air at the facility since late May 2001. When the system was turned on last year odor complaints to CRRA's hotline plummeted. They remain much lower than they were before the system was activated.

Another major element of CRRA's odor control system is a truck-maneuvering hall. This is a building enclosing the area where garbage trucks position and then back into the WPF "tipping" area to dump the municipal solid waste they are carrying. The objective of the maneuvering hall is to control odorous air from escaping beyond the area so that it can be collected and thermally treated. The maneuvering hall was enclosed in May 2001.

For the second year, CRRA has also engaged an independent third-party consultant to monitor odors in East Hartford. Regular, random spot checks are made during the week to help us make the necessary adjustments to prevent odors, rather than waiting for them to happen and responding to complaints.

