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DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY RECEIVES U.S. EPA AWARD

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) was recognized yesterday at the 10th Annual U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland. DSWA received the prestigious 2006 State Partner of the Year Award, in recognition of superior innovative realization of environmental and economic benefits, and achievement in advancing landfill gas energy projects. DSWA Chief Executive Officer Pat Canzano said, "Delaware is the first state to reclaim landfill gas from all of its landfills to generate "green power" through beneficial use. This is an excellent example of the public and private sectors working together to protect our environment, while developing a renewable energy source."

DSWA partnered with Amersco, an independent energy solutions company, this year to begin the collection of landfill gas at its Kent and Sussex County Landfills. Adding those two landfills in the collection of landfill gas means that all three DSWA landfills, which includes the Cherry Island Landfill in Wilmington, are creating green power. The two new facilities are expected to eliminate as much as 60,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions a year – the equivalent of removing more than 60,000 cars from Delaware's roads and also producing 7.4 megawatts (MWs) of electricity - enough to meet the annual power needs of over 4,500 homes.

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