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## **ALLIED WASTE UNVEILS NEWEST MATERIAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY**

PLANO, TX June 20, 2007 – Allied Waste (NYSE: AW) unveiled state-of-the-art recycling technology at its redesigned Material Recovery Facility in Plano, Texas. Among the innovations incorporated into the recycling facility is computer-controlled infrared technology that recognizes and separates various types of plastics without human intervention. Materials processed at the Plano facility are shipped to more than 100 mills across the globe.

“The positive economic and environmental impacts of recycling to our communities—and the world—are enormous,” said James P. Lattimore, Allied Waste District Manager. “Recycling continues to be one of the best ways to conserve energy and natural resources, while reducing greenhouse gases associated with the manufacturing of paper, aluminum, tin and other materials.”

Allied Waste, one of the largest recyclers in North America, opened its Plano recycling center at 4200 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street over a decade ago using what was then leading-edge technology and establishing the Company as a recycling leader in the Southwest. Combined with its recycling facility in south Dallas, Allied Waste facilities serve the 24-county area in the north central Texas region.

Local community leaders are acutely aware of environmental challenges created by growth and a thriving economy. “Allied Waste has been a great partner with the City of Plano for over 20 years now. The Company’s state-of-the-art recycling facility makes it easy for our residents and our commercial businesses to recycle without sorting,” said Pat Evans, Plano Mayor. “The programs that Allied has set in place have helped us move toward our goal of increasing sustainability.”

Across the country, Allied Waste’s recycling efforts result in an estimated saving of 20 million trees, five billion kilowatt hours of energy, and 8.5 billion gallons of water each year. From its 53 recycling centers across the nation, nearly two million tons of recyclables are removed from the waste stream. Recycling also decreases the burning of fossil fuels and lessens the carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and chlorofluorocarbons emitted into the atmosphere. In addition, recycling slows the harvest of trees, maintaining the carbon dioxide conversion benefit of forests.

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As an industry leader, Allied was one the first to apply what is termed “single-stream” technology, making it easier and more convenient for the public to participate in recycling collection programs. This means that all recyclable materials can be mixed together into one container for eventual separation at the facility.

“We’re very excited to launch the new technology at the Plano facility - the most efficient that is available,” said Lattimore. “Four different manufacturers contributed to the overall synchronized system of conveyor belts, a drum feeder, various sized separation screens, variable speed motors, overhead cross-belt magnets and an Eddy current separator, a device that uses reverse polarity to separate aluminum from the waste stream.”

Atlas Copco Drilling Solutions, one of Allied’s commercial recycling customers located in Plano, builds large equipment for the construction and mining industry. “Allied Waste helped us understand how to manage the great amounts of waste that we generate,” said Jim Bowrey. “Our joint effort at building a recording data system for our collective use has resulted in the moving of 600 tons of material out of the waste disposal stream into recycle operations.”

“Allied’s recycling partners include municipalities, national corporations, large and small businesses alike and households across America that are committed to recycling,” said Christopher Synek, Senior Vice President of Allied’s southwestern region. “Just consider this fact: recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning for almost four hours, or to operate a television for three hours. Allied employees across country are proud to do their part to conserve energy and natural resources.”

Allied Waste is America's second largest non-hazardous solid waste services company and an environmental leader. Headquartered in Phoenix, AZ, Allied Waste provides waste collection, transfer, recycling and disposal services to millions of residential, commercial and industrial customers in over 100 major markets spanning 37 states and Puerto Rico. Our team of 24,000 dedicated employees operates within a highly efficient, integrated organization that generate \$6 billion of revenue in 2006.

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