

Waste Management of New Mexico Unveils Four Corners Regional Ecocenter Recycling Facility

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AZTEC, NM - June 21, 2012 - Waste Management's sustainability commitment and focus on recycling combined with increased recycling participation in the Four Corners area of New Mexico resulted in the construction, completion and recent operation of the Four Corners Regional Ecocenter, a 12,000-square-foot facility processing recyclables for the City of Farmington and surrounding communities. A grand opening ceremony was held earlier today and featured remarks from officials with the City of Farmington, San Juan County and Waste Management. Guests were able to tour the Ecocenter to see how recyclables enter the facility, move along the conveyor and are bailed to send out for processing.

Waste Management of New Mexico entered into an agreement with the City of Farmington to construct the facility for the City's recyclables processing. Waste Management also provides the City of Farmington with residential waste and curbside recycling service, commercial service and roll off service.

"The City of Farmington is setting the pace and more advanced than many areas in the country for rural municipal recycling," said Waste Management Desert Area AZ-NM Area Vice President, Pat DeRueda. "Waste Management's Four Corners Regional Ecocenter will foster further recycling growth in the area."

The facility, which officially began operations on June 4, is currently processing 200 to 300 tons of recyclable materials a month, but hopes to grow recycling capacity to process 1100 to 1200 tons a month in the next year. The Ecocenter adds more opportunities for City of Farmington businesses to recycle, and San Juan County and Four Corners communities to adopt or expand their recycling programs.

"The Four Corners Regional Ecocenter elevates recycling for the City to another level, and is a result of the ongoing vision of City, County and Waste Management leadership," said City of Farmington Mayor Tommy Roberts.

"This recycling hub significantly expands our recycling efforts and allows for the mining of materials that used to be considered waste," said City of Farmington Councilor Jason Sandel. "When the public and private sector work together we get the most resources from an environmental and economic standpoint."

The Ecocenter site is located at the San Juan County Regional Landfill, which is operated by Waste Management and owned by the County. Waste Management owns and operates the Four Corners Regional Ecocenter.

"The opening of the Four Corners Regional Ecocenter will increase the life of the San Juan County Regional Landfill and allows the County to now collect recycling at our 12 waste stations to be brought to this facility so we can all be cleaner and more eco-friendly citizens," said San Juan County Commission Chairman Dr. Jim Henderson.



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Waste Management worked with contractor Jaynes Corporation to construct the facility, which took just eight months from groundbreaking to operation.

The Four Corners Region joins Waste Management in our quest to extract the maximum value from the waste stream by diverting recycling materials from the landfill.

About Waste Management

Waste Management of New Mexico and its 200 statewide employees provide services to nearly 147,000 customers throughout the state. For information, visit newmexico.wm.com.

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is one of the largest residential recyclers and also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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