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Waste Management, Veolia and McNeilus Executives Added to the Environmental Research and Education Foundation Board

Alexandria, Va. - During its meeting held June 25, 2007 in Paris, France, hosted by Suez Environmental, the Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) elected three new members to director seats on its board.

The following directors were elected:

- James H. (Jim) Dowland, Vice President of Disposal Operations Support, Waste Management, Inc., has been elected to a three-year term.
- Richard Burke, President and COO, Veolia ES Solid Waste, Inc., has been elected to a three-year term.
- Scott Edelbach, Refuse Vice President, McNeilus Companies, Inc., has been elected to a one-year term.

Jim Dowland currently serves as Waste Management's VP of Disposal Operations Support. He originally joined WM in 2000 as Director of Landfill Operations for the Southern Group. Prior to that time, Jim served in various roles for almost twenty years with Browning-Ferris Industries, including Project Engineer, Regional Landfill Manager, Divisional Vice President-Post Collection Operation, and Area VP of Market Development. Prior to joining Browning-Ferris, Jim served for five years as a Project Engineer with McClelland Engineers in Houston.

Richard Burke, COO of Veolia Environmental Services, joined Veolia ES in 1999 as Area Manager for Southeast Wisconsin and was soon promoted to Regional Vice President for the Eastern and Southern markets. Prior to that he spent 12 years with Waste Management as Director of Operations for the State of New York. He is a member of the Rotary Club for the Greater Richmond Area and is past Chairman of the Mary Cariola Childrens Center, a school dedicated to education children with special needs.

Scott Edelbach began working for McNeilus part-time while in college in 1989 and went to work full-time in 1994 after obtaining a business degree from Southwestern University. He is currently Vice President and General Manager of the refuse division at McNeilus, a family company founded in 1975, now owned by Oshkosh Truck Corp.

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation is the only independent foundation in the U.S. committed to research, education and science relative to the management and treatment of municipal solid waste.

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