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**Speaker Bio: Maria Zannes, President, Integrated Waste Services Association**

Ms. Zannes worked for nearly twenty years in the environmental and energy industry before joining IWSA in 1994. She now heads the leading industrial trade group representing the waste-to-energy industry. IWSA represents 67 waste-to-energy power plants in 22 states, processing more than 85,000 tons of trash a day while generating enough energy to meet the electricity needs of more than two million homes.

Before joining IWSA, Ms. Zannes practiced law and ran a consulting firm in Seattle, Washington that government and industrial clients facing environmental management challenges. She opened her firm after leaving a position as General Manager of ECOS Corporation, a hazardous waste disposal company. Prior to moving to Seattle, Ms. Zannes worked for nine years with Wheelabrator Technologies as a project developer in the waste-to-energy division and a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. She began her work in the nation's capital in 1979 as a legislative aide and press secretary to former Congressman Charles Wilson of Texas.

Ms. Zannes received her law degree in 1992 from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington and her bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque where she also worked as a print and broadcast journalist. She is the mother of eight-year-old Peter.

IWSA is a national trade group representing the waste-to-energy industry. The Association encourages the use of waste-to-energy technology as a key component of community programs to handle solid waste. IWSA members include American Ref-Fuel Company, Montenay Power Corporation, Covanta Energy, and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. As President of IWSA, Ms. Zannes is responsible for the research, education, regulatory, legislative and technical services offered to its members.