



Dear Colleague

The Municipal Waste Management Association (MWMA) provides a forum for the country's top solid waste directors, environmental commissioners and recycling professionals to exchange best practices and ideas, explore innovations and new technologies and address the issues critical to your success. Designed around the issues important to MWMA members, the 2006 Fall Summit, November 15-17th in West Palm Beach FL allows you to hear from issue experts, gives you access to industry practitioners and provides an opportunity to learn with and from your municipal colleagues. This year, sessions include:

- **Promoting and Implementing Environmental Policy:** Explore the strategies used to get your city's environmental agenda, from increasing recycling rates to reducing green house gas emissions implemented and embraced by your community.
- **Mutual Aid Agreements for Natural and Manmade Disasters:** Is your city ready to clean up after a hurricane, flood or worse? Our experts will share their stories and challenges and discuss the importance of having a mutual aid agreement.
- **Alternative Fuels:** Gas prices continue to climb, hear what some cities are doing to their fleets to keep costs down.
- **Challenges and Solutions of Climate Change:** How will climate change affect your city, its economy and your environmental initiatives? Can your department make a difference?

Enclosed is the preliminary agenda and registration form for the 2006 Fall Summit, which promises to deliver real solutions to real challenges. Registration and information can also be accessed on the web, at www.usmayors.org/mwma. I'd encourage you to commit to this interactive exchange. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, or Susan Jarvis on MWMA's staff (sjarvis@usmayors.org; 202.861.6760). I look forward to seeing you in West Palm Beach.

Sincerely,

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