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**H-POWER wins SWANA 2016 Gold Excellence Award**

KAPOLEI, HI – The City and County of Honolulu’s H-POWER was named the winner of the Gold Excellence Award in the waste-to-energy (WTE) category by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). The award was presented Tuesday at SWANA’s annual conference, **WASTECON®**, in Indianapolis.

“H-POWER is a critical component to the city’s solid waste management plan and allows for nearly 80 percent diversion of all municipal solid waste (MSW) from Oahu’s only MSW landfill,” said Lori Kahikina, director of the Department of Environmental Services. “It is invaluable technology allowing us to now combust wastewater sludge, bulky waste and residuals that went to the landfill in the past.”

H-POWER, which provides unique and innovative contributions to the WTE field by having both refuse-derived fuel and mass burn technologies on the same site, allows for comprehensive and strategic management of the island’s wastes. Additionally, H-POWER is capable of producing up to 73 megawatts of net renewable baseload power, reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels.

This is the third time the facility has been recognized by the organization. Silver status was achieved in 2013 and gold reached in 2014. The facility did not enter any categories in 2015.

SWANA’s Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs.

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