

## Awards and Independent Recognition

- The **ASME 2004 Small Combustion Facility of the Year** was awarded to the Pittsfield Resource Recovery Facility, an operating subsidiary of Energy Answers in May 2004. Over the past several years, the Facility has achieved new milestones in production, environmental performance, and health and safety. Record waste throughput and energy production have also been achieved as a result of staff-generated changes to the system. Another change is the ash recovery system, which is producing usable aggregate materials, rather than just landfillable ash. The ASME Award also recognizes the Facility for its role in promoting integrated waste management in Berkshire County through its active participation in waste reduction, reuse and recycling strategies.

*The ASME Facility Recognition Awards are based on a criterion of success in reaching facility goals, innovative and technical contributions to solid waste processing, environmental performance, health and safety records, facility economics, and the facility's role in integrated waste management.*

- The Pioneer Valley Resource Recovery Facility, an operating subsidiary of Energy Answers, received the **2003 Occupational Safety Award of Honor**, and a **Massachusetts Statewide Safety Council Award** in April 2004.

*The 2003 Occupational Safety Award of Honor is based upon improvements to a facility's accident records from the previous year. The Massachusetts Statewide Safety Council Contest is based upon having the lowest accident rate for 2003 for the facility's SIC code in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

- The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), through the Massachusetts Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Division of Occupational Safety, awarded three of Energy Answers' Massachusetts operations the **SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program)** status in February 2002.

*SHARP is awarded to employers who demonstrate, through inspection, that they meet or exceed all of OSHA's workplace safety regulations, have injury rates below that of their industry, and have important safety program elements in place.*

- SEMASS Resource Recovery Facility, developed by Energy Answers was awarded the **1996 Corporate Award** by the Ecological Society of America for **Resource Recycling**. This distinguished association of ecologists acknowledged that:

*"SEMASS has demonstrated that environmentally sound solid waste disposal can be accomplished on large geographic scales, and in the real world of business economics. The work of SEMASS illustrates how to interweave ecological issues, politics, government, transport systems and other issues to achieve good solutions to a major societal problem."*

- The **Smithsonian Institute** featured the SEMASS Resource Recovery Facility as a "model" waste-to-energy facility in a video they produced for their **Science in American Life Exhibit** which opened in 1994. The waste-to-energy segment was filmed at SEMASS and narrated by Dr. William Rathje, noted anthropologist and founder of the University of Arizona's Garbage Project. SEMASS was also positively spotlighted in the book written by Dr. Rathje and Cullen Murphy, *Rubbish*.
- Energy Answers' processed refuse fuel / resource recovery technology was selected as "**Best Available Technology**" by the technical committee for the Ticino Switzerland waste-to-energy project.
- Energy Answers received the 1993 **Excellence in Environmental Engineering Honor Award** from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers for its "outstanding design" of the SEMASS Ash Management Program.
- The SEMASS Partnership was awarded the 1993 **Corporate Citizen Award** by the Plymouth [Massachusetts] County Development Council "in recognition of a continuing commitment to maintain and expand the economy of Plymouth County".
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded SEMASS its **Public Water System Letter of Recognition** "for distinguished performance and achievement" in 1991 and 1992.
- Modern Railroads awarded Bay Colony Railroad and SEMASS its 1990 **Golden Freight Car Award** for the design and marketing of the waste rail haul system that links Cape Cod to SEMASS.
- In 1989, SEMASS received a **Special Recognition Award** from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District "for making a major contribution to solving the region's solid waste crisis" and also received *Power Magazine's Environmental Protection Award* for its commitment to the belief that "preservation of the environment is a necessary adjunct to any steam or electric power generation project".

The Confederation of European Waste to Energy Projects (CEWEP) has confirmed that SEMASS meets the Confederations' high environmental standards. Energy Answers is the only American company that is a CEWEP member.

Energy Answers' Processed Refuse Fuel Technology and SEMASS have been prominently featured in industry and environmental publications including *Warmer Bulletin*, *Popular Science*, *Solid Waste & Power*, *Waste Dynamics of New England*, *Power Transmission & Design*, *Garbage* and numerous Japanese newspapers and magazines. Energy Answers' resource recovery approach was also profiled on the national television series *Today's Environment*.

The Puerto Rico chapter of Keep America Beautiful, Conserva el Encanto, Inc., was spearheaded by Energy Answers and accredited by the National KAB organization.

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