



Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Announces Permit Expansion at Hakes Landfill

RUTLAND, VT, Oct 01, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CWST), a regional, non-hazardous solid waste and recycling services company, said today that it received a modification to the Company's existing permit for the operation of its Hakes construction and demolition (C&D) landfill in Campbell, New York. The permit modification increases the annual permit to 457,164 tons per year from 306,000 tons per year effective September 11, 2007.

"We are pleased with the successful effort to expand the annual capacity at Hakes, thereby adding value to this investment," said John W. Casella, chairman and chief executive officer of Casella Waste Systems.

For further information, contact Richard Norris, chief financial officer or Ned Coletta, director of investor relations at (802) 775-0325, or visit the company's website at <http://www.casella.com>.

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