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## **THE PIONEER VALLEY RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY IS CITED**

**NEW YORK, May 28, 2008** – The Solid Waste Processing Division (SWPD) of ASME has cited the Pioneer Valley Resource Recovery Facility near Springfield, Mass., for operational efficiency and environmental performance.

SWPD awarded Pioneer Valley the winner in the Small Combustion Facility category of the division's 2008 honors and awards program held May 19 in Philadelphia. Covanta Energy is owner of the waste-to-energy plant, which processes solid and liquid waste and also supplies electrical power in the local community.

Technical attributes of the facility include a continuous emission monitoring system. Pioneer Valley also includes a recycling point for batteries and other wastes containing mercury, as well as a community learning center.

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