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***2011 Pennsylvania Waste Watchers Announced***

BELLWOOD, PA (July, 2011) – The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) is pleased to recognize Pennsylvania's most outstanding recycling programs and projects.

The **Pennsylvania Waste Watchers** program recognizes recycling, waste reduction, reuse, and composting programs in Pennsylvania that have exhibited exemplary performance. This year, over 120 municipalities, counties, private businesses, individuals, and community organizations from throughout Pennsylvania are being recognized for going above and beyond what is mandated under Act 101 for their communities or programs.

Act 101 – the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act –has helped generate significant economic and environmental benefits for over 20 years now. Recycling has become a billion dollar industry in Pennsylvania and with each passing year, there is a steady increase in the amount of collected recyclables and the number of jobs created by the industry. Recycling has saved precious resources and energy, limited greenhouse emissions as well as other air and water pollutants.

This growth and success is the result of a serious commitment to recycling by individuals, businesses, government and recycling and organics industry personnel like these award winners.

