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Future Looks Bright for Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Reps Pleased With Efforts

With recent changes at the UCRRA, the NYSDEC requested a Meet-and-Greet and tour of the facility. Tim Rose, Acting RRA Executive Director and Charlie Whittaker, Acting RRA Director of Operations and Safety hosted yesterday's event. Those in attendance from the DEC included William Janeway, Region 3 Director; Thomas Rudolf, Region 3 Regional Engineer; Martin Brand, Regional Material Management Supervisor; Dave Pollock, Regional Enforcement Engineer; and Larry Ricci, Environmental Monitor. Also present was RRA Board Member John Parete and from the Ulster County Legislature, Chairman Frederick Wadnola, Minority Leader Jeanette Provenzano, and Legislator Kevin Roberts, Chairman of the Governmental Services and Administration Committee.

The thorough tour began with the Transfer Station and moved to the Material Recovery Facility, where recycling takes place. Next, they looked at the Fuel Depot, followed by the Vehicle Maintenance Facility. After leaving the agency, the DEC officials made a stop at the New Paltz Transfer Station.

The work done at the Agency in recent months has paid off, as DEC reps were pleased with what they saw. "It was a pleasure to tour the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency facilities at Kingston and New Paltz. DEC appreciates that a concerted effort has been made to improve the reliability of the operations," said Mr. Janeway. The Regional Director also noted that "these facilities serve the community waste and recycling needs well and are protective of the environment. We look forward to working with the new operations management team and Ulster County officials to continue to improve the effectiveness of recycling and waste management efforts."

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Legislature Chairman Wadnola stated, “The new management team under the leadership of Tim Rose has stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. I look forward to receiving the report from the DEC and moving ahead as we address the problem of garbage disposal and recycling in Ulster County.”

Also impressed, Legislator Roberts commented, “I am thrilled that the DEC site inspection went well. Many thanks to the hard working employees at the RRA, to their credit, have made the Ulster Facility one the cleanest, most efficient transfer stations in the Hudson Valley Region.”

Minority Leader Provenzano said she was delighted to see the positive reception from the DEC. “I am anxiously awaiting to read their official report,” she said.