

Careful examination of the contract with Wheelabrator is essential to ensure that the tipping fees will not double or triple due to "unforeseeable expenses." Profit-oriented Wheelabrator is not community oriented and could attempt to transfer financial risk to the community in a slick contract in which the town has little real ability to negotiate.

For example, the community of Claremont, N.H., must supply the Wheelabrator incinerator with approximately 13,000 tons of garbage per year at a tipping fee of over four times the price originally promised by Wheelabrator. The community is stuck because of the contractual obligations entered into in the beginning of the relationship.

Wheelabrator pays \$1.5 million annually in lieu of taxes on its facility in Bridgeport. Taxed at the normal rate, the city could receive \$12 million per year in taxes, a difference of \$10.5 million a year! Bridgeport is obligated to deliver 100,000 tons of garbage per year at a tipping fee which increases regularly. Bridgeport, in a rush to fix its trash crisis, is losing millions of dollars.

Information on IPS, Wheelabrator and Waste Management is available at the office of the Community Lawyer in Winsted. Citizens can also write the Clean Water Fund Research and Technical Center at 317 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., 20003 and the Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste, Box 926, Arlington, Va., 22216 for more information on Wheelabrator's record as a corporate citizen.

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