Summary: Hempstead Industrial Development Agency Hempstead, New York; Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Dec 07

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Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its underlying rating (SPUR) on Hempstead Industrial Development Agency, N.Y.'s resource recovery revenue bonds, issued for the Town of Hempstead, to 'AA' from 'AA-'. The upgrade is based on the town's underlying credit strength and its strong contractual obligation and economic incentive to make disposal payments. The rating also reflects: The strong historical financial and operating performance of the resource recovery facility over the past decade; The relatively competitive tipping fees at the facility; and Full payment of debt service obligations in 2009. Credit risks include a dependence on energy revenues under a contract with Long Island Power Authority, which expires April 2009 and has a floor price in excess of the market price...

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Action: Outlook: Stable
Action: Upgraded

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