

CHECK THE CONTRACT

Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., owned by Waste Management Inc., is the largest waste-management business in the country. IPS is gone. What exists is a company notorious for making deals advantageous to it, but which poses financial and environmental problems for the host community.

erated exclusively by the town. Fairfield had several problems to address: exorbitant tipping fees to dispose of their sewer sludge and no space in their landfill to dispose of tree stumps, leaves and other yard waste. With the town-owned-and-operated compost facility there are no more tipping fees, a use for yard waste and plenty of compost to cover their landfill and sell for profit.

IPS was not large enough to own and operate each community facility; rather, the goal was to provide the technology to communities. Fairfield officials indicate that they are extremely satisfied with the decision to own and operate the facility. Neighboring towns and companies are now willing to pay Fairfield to process their sludge and organic trash. This will not be the case in Torrington.

Torrington is about to make a deal with Wheelabrator which will make the company the owner/operator of a 12 bay compost facility. Fairfield's 6 bays are plenty for a town of 50,000; 12 bays presumably can handle material from 100,000. Tor-