

Public Open House

On March 17, 2008 the public consultation initiatives for the Edmonton Waste-to-Biofuels Biofuels project began with an information session, which was well received. The open house, hosted by the project partner, Enerkem GreenField Alberta Biofuels (EGAB), was held to inform interested stakeholders about the biofuels facility and the thermo-chemical technology. It took place at the Edmonton Waste Management Center (EWMC). The open house included a poster presentation describing the plant, the technology process, the approval process and the timeline for construction and operation of the plant. Several partner experts, as well as the City of Edmonton and Alberta Energy Research Institute (AERI), were present to answer any questions.



A public notice of the information session was advertised the week prior to the session, in three main local papers. The information session was held in the evening, between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., to accommodate as many of the citizens as possible. Guests were offered a one page summary of the presentation as well as a survey requesting their input on the project.

The response to the Project, from those that attended the information session, was very positive. Comments noted on the returned surveys were also positive, as can be seen by a few cited below:

“Great idea for our planet and keeps Edmonton in a leadership position in the waste management industry”

“Waste to energy systems are the only way to go in dealing with waste (post recycling). There are no concerns on the environment or adjacent land use if the environmental specs are met. Anything but landfills in this day and age.”

“My only concerns are the amount of water needed to facilitate this and the amount of land needed to build the facility.” (Response: The facility is a net producer of water, and will not require extra use of land as it will be built within the existing boundary of the EWMC).