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**DAVID PALMERTON TO DISCUSS NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION DURING
AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

Expert to Review Issues and Regulation Surrounding Natural Gas Mining

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – David Palmerton, president and CEO of Syracuse-based environmental consulting firm the Palmerton Group LLC, will provide local natural gas drilling expertise during the 14th Annual Technical Conference of the Air & Waste Management Association, Central New York Chapter. The conference will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center, Syracuse.

As part of the conference's "Energy Today and Tomorrow" educational sessions, Palmerton will give a presentation titled *Marcellus Shale – A Promising New Discovery for the U.S.* beginning at 12:30 pm. He will be available to answer individual questions on natural gas exploration at the conclusion of the 50-minute presentation.

The conference will also feature speakers from Cornell University, Sonoco Inc., Honeywell International, the Onondaga County Department of Water and Environmental Protection and Bond, Schoeneck, & King, PLLC.

Palmerton has worked in the natural gas drilling industry for seven years and brings 23 years of overall environmental consulting experience to the discussion. His areas of expertise include oil and gas field services, groundwater studies, environmental/human health litigation support and overall environmental compliance and remediation.

Palmerton graduated from the State University of New York College at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in geosciences. He is a registered Professional Geologist (P.G.), Certified Professional Geologist (C.P.G) and a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (C.H.M.M).

About the Palmerton Group LLC

For nearly 25 years, David Palmerton, president and CEO of the Palmerton Group LLC, has provided environmental consulting services for clients throughout the Northeast. He founded the Palmerton Group in 2002. With offices in Syracuse and Buffalo, the Palmerton Group draws on a broad range of employee experience to create customized solutions for clients with environmental management and regulatory concerns. Actively involved in major energy initiatives and a variety of professional organizations like the Independent Oil & Gas Association (IOGA) and the National Ground Water Association (NGWA), the Palmerton Group specializes in overall environmental compliance and remediation, environmental engineering, groundwater studies, oil and gas field services and environmental/human health litigation support. For more information, call 315-463-5300 or visit www.PalmertonGroup.com.

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