

## **Ground Breaking for the Wastewater Treatment Utility**

Media Advisory from the City of West Lafayette  
Wastewater Treatment Utility

You are invited to attend, cover, photograph and tape:

**What:**

Groundbreaking for \$8.4 million West Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Utility upgrade of plant digesters, installation of grease receiving station and cogeneration facility that will provide energy and cost savings.

**Who:**

City of West Lafayette, contractor and engineering firm

**When:**

Thursday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.

**Where:**

West Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Utility  
500 S. River Road, West Lafayette

**Background**

The digesters are the final step in treating processed waste before it is applied as land fertilizer. The project includes a backup generator to power the plant if local service is lost and a co-generation unit to lower the local power system's daily demand. The fee-based grease receiving station will offer a disposal option for processing waste grease from food processors and restaurants, keeping grease out of the collection system and helping eliminate sewer overflows. Engineers estimate the project will realize a \$9 million positive financial impact over the next 20 years.

The design won the Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Successes (PISCES) Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -- the first city in Indiana ever to receive a PISCES Award, and one of only 30 in the nation receiving the award in 2007. The award recognizes the innovative method for treating fats, oils and greases and the cogeneration facility. (SRF is an acronym for State Revolving Fund.)