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CWMI Update: November 2007

<u>Revised CWMI web site.</u> After many years, we have revised our web site. Our URLs have not changed, so hopefully it will be seamless for users to make the transition. We have integrated the CWMI site with the Cornell Composting site that should make it easier to find things. If you experience problems, get in touch with Lauri Wellin at <cwmi@cornell.edu>.

<u>Compost Air Emissions and Health</u> is the title of a new paper by CWMI. It will appear in the November 2007 issue of BioCycle and will be posted on the CWMI web site. This article (<a href="http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/healthimpacts.pdf">http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/healthimpacts.pdf</a>), as well as a more comprehensive paper on compost air emissions also on our web site (Compost Facilities: Off-Site Air Emissions and Health, see: <a href="http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostairemissions.pdf">http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostairemissions.pdf</a>), is the product of a review of the available literature.

**Avian Influenza Emergency Plan.** CWMI is assisting NYS DEC with a composting component of a plan for dealing with an avian influenza emergency should one arise in New York. A description of the work plan can be found at: <a href="http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/aisow.pdf">http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/aisow.pdf</a>. A document on "Understanding AI" is in process, so check back to the web site in the next months. Let us know if you have particular interest or knowledge about this topic.

<u>Save the Dates.</u> The annual meeting of **the Managing Organic Residuals Program** Work Team will be held on December 11, 2007 (snow date Dec. 18) from 10-3 in the Binghamton area. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be in touch about the location and agenda. http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/pwt2007.htm

<u>Extension Award to CWMI.</u> We are very pleased that the CWMI team (comprised of Jean Bonhotal, Ellen Harrison, Mary Schwarz and Lauri Wellin) has been selected to receive an award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Extension/Outreach given by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.