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**Evergreen Recycling Awarded The 2009 Environmental Achievement Award  
By The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

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**April 22nd, 2009** - Evergreen Recycling, Southern Nevada's leader in commercial, industrial and construction recycling, has been awarded the 2009 Environmental Achievement Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 in recognition of the exceptional work and commitment to protecting the environment.

Each year the U.S. EPA recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have made significant contributions toward enhancing and protecting the quality of our environment. Over 200 nominations were received for this year's Environmental Achievement Award program, of which only 40 organizations and individuals were recognized from California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. Evergreen recycling was selected based on several criteria including; ability to address an environmental need, accomplishment of stated goals, ability of the program to be replicated or widely shared, collaboration with others, clarity and effectiveness of the presentation, and long term benefits for the environment.

"It is a great pleasure and honor that we can recognize the innovative and important environmental work achieved by this year's impressive group of organizations and individuals, and the example they set for all of us to follow," said Laura Yoshi, the U.S. EPA's acting administrator for the Pacific Southwest region. "This year's winners and nominees have made superb efforts to protect and preserve our air, water, and land, and increased awareness of the environmental challenges we all face."

Evergreen Recycling has transformed recycling efforts in Nevada with a newly constructed 50,000 sq ft, state-of-the-art automated Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Evergreen Recycling works in partnership with many commercial, industrial, construction, office, hospitality and municipal sectors of the local economy. MGM MIRAGE, one of the world's leading and most respected development companies with significant holdings in gaming, hospitality and entertainment, is Evergreen Recycling's largest partner. CityCenter, an 18-million-square-foot, multi-use LEED registered project will become one of the world's largest environmentally sustainable urban communities. In 2008, Evergreen diverted 50,000 tons of CityCenter construction waste from landfills. Evergreen has been a strong community leader and has also established local closed loop recycling markets that serve as national sustainable business models.

Southern Nevada is one of the fastest growing areas of the country with one of the lowest recycling rates in the country. The area has also suffered from significant environmental contamination associated with a legacy of poor waste management. Evergreen Recycling's team of 85 employees have worked tirelessly to develop a business that has changed the state's waste management practices by supporting innovative green building and recycling programs.

The Energy and Environmental Manager of MGM MIRAGE sees Evergreen Recycling as a key force that freed the "log jam" of limited recycling options in Southern Nevada by driving competitors to offer more eco-friendly solutions for waste disposal. In the past year, through sound business practices and community involvement, Evergreen has become, without question, the most successful recycling business in the state of Nevada and has achieved tremendous environmental results.

Evergreen Recycling is Southern Nevada's leading commercial, industrial, and construction recycler. Evergreen's facility remains the largest of its kind in Nevada, processing and annually recovering 120,000 tons of materials. For more information, to learn about custom recycling programs and waste recycling audits or to take a virtual tour of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) visit [www.evergreenlv.com](http://www.evergreenlv.com), call (702) 646-1446 or email [recycling@evergreenlv.com](mailto:recycling@evergreenlv.com)

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