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St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission signed natural gas agreement

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December 13, 2016. The St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission has signed an agreement with Shell Energy North America to sell and purchase renewable identification numbers for compressed natural gas (CNG) produced at the parish landfill.

Katry Martin, executive director of the parish's solid waste landfill located at Beggs, said the Commission's action also allows the district to engage a third-party financial broker who specializes in renewable energy sales and acquisitions to finalize the deal with Shell.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy website, the Environmental Protection Agency uses the RIN procedure to help track renewable transportation fuels. RIN's also allow the EPA to

monitor compliance with the Renewable Energy Standards. The RES is a federal program which requires transportation fuels sold in the U.S. to contain minimum volumes of renewable fuels, the website said.

The agreement with Shell when completed will assist in satisfying the company's need to participate in a renewal energy project sanctioned by the EPA. The district will also acknowledge through the agreement of its participation in generating renewable energy, said Martin.

By purchasing the RIN's from St. Landry and other disposal districts, Martin said companies such as Shell can earn renewable energy credits to satisfy EPA regulations.

In December 2015, the district announced the creation of an on-site compressed natural gas fueling station which allows garbage trucks to use a cleaned CNG product generated at the landfill.

The Beggs landfill, said Martin, is capable of producing 3,000 gallons of compressed natural gas weekly. Nearly all of that production is consumed by Progressive Waste Solutions, which has a contract with the district to collect household and commercial garbage throughout the parish.

