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## CLEAN HARBORS EXPECTS FOURTH-QUARTER REVENUES TO INCREASE APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

*Company Also Reduces Debt By \$10 Million Through Prepayment*

**Braintree, MA – January 8, 2002** -- Clean Harbors, Inc. (Nasdaq: CLHB), a leading provider of environmental and bio-hazard remediation services throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico, today announced that it expects its fourth quarter 2001 revenues to exceed fourth quarter 2000 revenues by approximately 30 percent.

The Company, which plans to report fourth quarter and year-end financial results on February 12, expects to report record results from its CleanPack Group and its Field Services Division for the fourth quarter. The Clean Pack Group processes laboratory chemicals from industrial, R&D, High/Tech, university and hospital laboratories. The growth in Field Services was augmented by Clean Harbors' involvement in responding to numerous requests for anthrax-related site remediation during the quarter. The Company attracted national attention for its work in New York City when it responded to decontaminate several prominent locations after anthrax was discovered in the offices of several major national news media outlets and mail sorting facilities. Since then, Clean Harbors has been retained to provide monitoring, testing and deterrent services on a continuing basis to a number of other high-profile *Fortune 500* accounts and for various government agencies. The Company also is involved in decontaminating equipment and personnel at the World Trade Center site under a contract with the Federal Government.

In making the announcement, Alan S. McKim, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said: "It is clear from our preliminary results that we have successfully harnessed our growing financial strength and positive operational and market momentum to further increase our business –

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making the fourth quarter of 2001 the strongest in our history. This will ensure that we will finish the year with record financial results. We now see our continuing business momentum carrying us into a new year, where our base business is growing and our debt is decreasing to further enhance our overall financial strength and competitiveness.”

The Company’s significant revenue growth during the quarter coupled with its strong cash flow and ongoing focus on cash management during the year allowed it to accelerate payments on its outstanding Term Note “B” Debt and make prepayments totaling \$10 Million to reduce term debt and substantially reduce future interest costs.

### **About Clean Harbors, Inc.**

Clean Harbors, Inc. through its subsidiaries provides a wide range of environmental and waste management services to a diversified customer base including a majority of the *Fortune 500* companies, thousands of smaller private entities and numerous governmental agencies. Within its national footprint, the Company currently has service and sales offices located in 27 states and Puerto Rico, and operates 12 waste management facilities strategically located throughout the country. For more information, visit our Website at [www.cleanharbors.com](http://www.cleanharbors.com).

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Any statements contained herein that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are generally identifiable by use of the words “believes,” “expects,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “plans to,” “estimates,” “projects,” or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in these forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management’s opinions only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements. Information on the potential factors that could affect the Company’s actual results of operations is included in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including but not limited to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

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