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Ribbon cutting ceremony held for St. Landry Parish Landfill Gas Station

BATON ROUGE – Today, representatives from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, as well as other state and local officials, participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the St. Landry Parish landfill to commemorate the opening of its landfill gas fueling station. The event was hosted by the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District.

Katry Martin, Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District, spoke at the event, which was held at the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District's Landfill Gas Fueling Station at 417 Solid Waste Road in Washington.

The event celebrated the opening of St. Landry's new landfill gas fueling station, followed by a tour of their fleet of eco-friendly compressed landfill gas powered vehicles. The station is the only one in Louisiana and only one of a handful of landfill gas fueling stations operating in the United States. The project was made possible through funding from GT Environmental Finance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and EmPower Louisiana Transportation Efficiency and Alternative Fuels Grant Program Administration by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

"This project is an example of how technology can help business and the environment," said Peggy Hatch, DEQ Secretary. "St. Landry Parish's Landfill Gas Fueling Station has set the standard for ways in which local and parish governments can make a difference for cleaner air in Louisiana by lowering emissions through environmentally sound business solutions."

The landfill gas collection system takes the methane that is naturally produced at the landfill by the decomposing waste and strips out the hydrogen sulfide. The methane is then compressed and stored where vehicles can use an on-site station to refuel with the natural gas. The landfill gas fuel is used in landfill support vehicles and several St. Landry Parish Sheriff's vehicles.

"If you can take one conventional, diesel fueled garbage truck off the road and replace with a truck equipped for natural gas, that's like taking more than 300 cars off the road and eliminating that much air pollution," Hatch said.