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### **State, feds reach agreement with Clean Harbors**

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that it has joined federal and other state agencies in a settlement with Clean Harbors Baton Rouge, LLC and Clean Harbors Plaquemine, LLC.

The agreement calls for Clean Harbors to pay \$15,000 as a civil penalty to the state. The agreement settles alleged violations of benzene air regulations. Benzene is a toxic air pollutant and a known carcinogen.

The agreement requires Clean Harbors to implement a program to ensure that the total annual benzene is correctly reported.

Eight other facilities throughout Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas and Utah are part of the agreement that was coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department.