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DEQ staff to participate in EBR Parish Household Hazardous Material Collection Day

BATON ROUGE – The Greater Baton Rouge Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day and Paint Swap will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in Baton Rouge. East Baton Rouge residents can bring household hazardous materials and leftover paint to Memorial Stadium parking lot. Entrance to the drop off site is from Scenic Highway at Foss Street.

DEQ employees will man the paint swap area taking reusable latex paint and mixing it in five-gallon containers. The objective of the swap is to recycle unused paint. After the material is collected, screened and blended by DEQ volunteers, it is given to Habitat for Humanity ReStore and then sold to the public at a reduced price. DEQ initiated the paint swap in 1990 and has participated every year since. This recycled paint would otherwise end up in a landfill or disposed of in an environmentally unsound manner.

No commercial waste will be accepted, but EBR residents are invited to drop off household hazardous materials, paint, paint thinner, florescent bulbs, batteries, auto products, metallic mercury, tires (no more than four) and lawn and garden products. Liquids should be labeled and put in closed containers. Liquids in containers larger than five gallons, electronic equipment, large gas cylinders, Styrofoam, fire extinguishers, ammunition, medical waste or electronic equipment will not be accepted. For a complete list of what and what not to bring, go to www.brgov.com/recycle.

“DEQ has been involved with Household Hazardous Material Collection Day since 1985 and helped initiate the program,” said Judy Schuerman, DEQ coordinator for the event. “DEQ employees have worked with the paint swap for many years and thousands of gallons of paint have been disposed of properly because of environmentally aware citizens and the volunteers that assist each year.”

The collection day is a collaborative effort between the Baton Rouge City-Parish and other partners. For more information about recycling, paint disposal and common potentially hazardous materials in the home, go to the DEQ Web site at www.deq.louisiana.gov.