



For Immediate Release:
March 22, 2017

Contact: Jean Kelly
Telephone: 225-219-3964

LDEQ Presents 2017 Environmental Leadership Program Awards

BATON ROUGE –LDEQ hosted the Environmental Leadership Awards at the LDEQ headquarters in the Galvez building in downtown Baton Rouge. LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Brown recognized the ELP winners environmental achievements. Members of ELP were commended for their voluntary pollution prevention efforts, community environmental outreach initiatives, and environmental ordinances that went above and beyond regulatory compliance to improve the environment.

ELP Awards were presented to large, medium and small businesses, municipalities and academia. Twenty-one new ELP members who joined in 2016-2017 were recognized. This year, LDEQ presented 17 awards in recognition of the following:

Pollutants reduced by the projects:

- 1,227,882 pounds (lbs) of pollutants including VOCs, NO_x, CO₂, CO, SO₂, PM, H₂S, spent catalyst, spent caustic, hazardous catalyst
- 21,000 gallons (gals) of wastewater

Pollutants reused:

- 8,760,000 gals Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) purified from landfill gas

Pollutants recycled:

- 18,853,832 lbs e-waste
- 2,558,179 gals oily water

“The Environmental Leadership Program encourages voluntary actions to help improve the environment and the quality of life in Louisiana,” LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck CARR Brown said. “With local schools, governments and industries promoting innovative ways to reduce pollution, recycle and reuse resources beyond regulations, we get the best results and help educate the public about voluntary environmental protection.”

The ELP began in 1995 as a cooperative effort between LDEQ and participating companies in the state. Today, any company, federal entity, municipality, non-governmental organization, school or university committed to improving the quality of the state’s environment is eligible to join the program. For more information about the ELP, please contact Linda Hardy at 225-219-3954 or visit the LDEQ website at www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp.