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Secretary Giacometto Visits Shell Energy and Chemicals Park-Norco in St. Charles Parish

St. Charles Parish, LA — Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) visited Shell Energy and Chemicals Park-Norco (Shell Norco) Monday, January 6, 2025, emphasizing the critical partnership between leading industry stakeholders, local communities, and state agencies. The visit highlighted the ongoing collaboration that drives sustainable environmental practices and economic prosperity in the River Region.

Secretary Giacometto's visit included a comprehensive tour of Shell Norco's state-of-the-art facilities, where she witnessed the site's innovative technologies and commitment to reducing its environmental footprint. Shell Norco features both refining and chemicals facilities and is recognized as one of the largest and foremost petrochemical facilities in the United States. The visit underscored the importance of balancing economic growth with responsible stewardship of Louisiana's natural resources.



The Shell Norco team gives Secretary Giacometto a tour of the facility.

“Companies like Shell Norco play a vital role in upholding our shared commitment to environmental integrity while advancing commitments in Louisiana’s economy,” **said Secretary Giacometto**. “This partnership benefits the residents of St. Charles Parish and exemplifies how we can work together to build a thriving, sustainable future for all.”

St. Charles Parish has benefited significantly from the presence of Shell Norco, which has been a cornerstone of the local economy for 96 years. The plant not only provides high-paying jobs but also invests in community development initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents.

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“The partnership between Shell Norco, LDEQ, and St. Charles Parish is a model for what’s possible when industry and community unite,” said **St. Charles Parish President Matthew Jewell**. “We are grateful for the economic stability, environmental stewardship, and community support that Shell Norco brings to our region.”



St. Charles Parish President Matthew Jewell gives Secretary Giacometto a community tour of historic Norco, LA.

Shell Norco’s leadership reiterated the company’s dedication to both economic vitality and environmental responsibility.

“For nearly a century, Shell Norco has been the cornerstone of St. Charles Parish’s economy and community,” said **Tammy Little, Shell Norco General Manager**. “We don’t take our partnership with the local community for granted; we’re constantly challenging ourselves to find new, innovative ways to reduce emissions and minimize environmental impacts for our neighbors. Together, we’re providing the fuel and chemical products our world needs, improving quality of life in the River Parishes, and reducing our environmental footprint.”

The visit concluded with a community tour hosted by President Matthew Jewell, where community leaders, plant representatives, and LDEQ officials exchanged ideas on future projects and strategies to strengthen their partnership.

“LDEQ is essential in its role safeguarding clean and healthy environments, while enabling the growth of business. Science shows that these can co-exist, and Shell Norco is one fantastic example of that,” said **Secretary Giacometto**.



Secretary Giacometto and the Shell Norco team commemorate their meeting.

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