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The Honorable Eddie Lambert
Chairman
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Post Office Box 94183
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Annual Recycling Report – Calendar Year 2018

Dear Senator Walsworth:

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The Honorable Jean Paul Coussan
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Report to the Natural Resources and Environment Committee
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the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
Summary of 2018 Annual Recycling Reports
As Presented by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

L.R.S. 30:2413 requires that the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality report to the House Committee on Environment and to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality data on resources and recycling programs operated by parishes and municipalities within the State of Louisiana.

On or about August 16, 2019, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, requested of all parish solid waste planners their annual recycling reports for the year 2018. As a result of that request and other contacts, the following summary has been developed.

Solid waste typically generated by households, businesses, government facilities, and schools is managed by parish and municipal governments, and in many cases by private entities. The parish and municipal governments are requested to submit Annual Recycling Reports.

The following is a summary of the 2018 Annual Recycling Reports submitted:

- 29 entities have tendered reports of their activities, 10 of which reported no recycling activities in their jurisdiction.
- 2,196,397 residents are represented by the reports, or approximately 47% of the state's population.

The state's overall reported recycling rate for the year 2018 was 12.87%. This was an apparent rise from the 8% rate reported in 2017. This is believed to be due to a focus on additional waste diversion through composting and maximizing material collected through curbside collection and drop-off collection.

Reported annual waste reduction ranged from 0% to 29%.

8 entities offered curbside recycling collection services.

20 entities provided drop-off recycling collection sites.

12 entities had household hazardous waste collection events.

To view the detailed reports submitted by all parishes and municipalities, you may access the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's Electronic Document Management System at the following link:

<https://edms.deq.louisiana.gov/app/doc/view.aspx?doc=12049194&ob=yes&child=yes>

and

<https://edms.deq.louisiana.gov/app/doc/view.aspx?doc=12056907&ob=yes&child=yes>

2018 LOUISIANA RECYCLING SUMMARY

RECYCLING ACTIVITY ¹	NUMBER OF ENTITIES REPORTING ACTIVITY	TONS RECYCLED
ALUMINUM	9	1 193
APPLIANCES (WHITE GOODS)	11	5212
BATTERIES (LEAD ACID)	7	2876
BATTERIES (OTHER)	2	5.18
CARDBOARD	7	8775
COMPOSTING from FOOD SCRAPS, WOODWASTE & YARD WASTE ²	4	124029
COOKING OIL / GREASE	5	48
ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)	6	4689
FERROUS METAL (IRON, STEEL)	8	8196
GLASS	1	107
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	5	17003
MAGAZINES & CATALOGS	2	251
MIXED PAPER	1	86
NEWSPRINT	4	3374
NON-FERROUS METALS ³	5	672
PLASTIC		
#1 PET	3	1068
#2 HDPE	2	413
MIXED #1 AND #2 PLASTIC	5	414
TIRES	18	4800
USED OIL	14	4512
WASTE-TO-ENERGY ⁴	4	12498
WHITE PAPER	6	1145
OTHER	7	5634
COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES	6	15206
TOTAL RECYCLING + COMPOSTING + WASTE-TO-ENERGY REPORTED	29	222206
TOTAL LANDFILLING REPORTED	29	1726362
OVERALL RECYCLING RATE		12.87%

¹May include all public & privately operated drop-off centers.

²Woody waste turned into mulch, does not include C&D waste or combustion.

³Includes mixed metals, mercury from fluorescent bulbs.

⁴Includes combustion of wood chips and tire chips with recovery of useful energy.