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**LDEQ 2022 Environmental Leadership Program Awards presented in Baton Rouge**

**BATON ROUGE** -- “The Environmental Leadership Awards (ELP) highlight efforts of schools, industry and communities to take ownership of their environment,” Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown said today. “These ELP projects go a long way toward improving our environment, setting a good example and raising awareness of how to protect the environment.”

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality hosted the ELP Awards at agency headquarters in the Galvez Building, and Brown presented nine awards to the winners. Members of ELP were commended for their voluntary pollution prevention efforts, community environmental outreach initiatives, environmental ordinances and enforcement and environmental management systems that went above and beyond regulatory compliance to improve the environment.

ELP recipients were:

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD -- Compost NOW (New Orleans Waste)** for Community Environmental Outreach: Community Garden Composting.

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs** for community environmental outreach for the Jefferson Parish Environmental stewardship program; **New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center** for Pollution Prevention for major energy and water reductions projects at the Convention Center; and **Tangipahoa Parish Government** for Pollution Prevention for Tangipahoa Parish waterway enhancement/Litter Vessel Project

**RECOGNITION AWARDS –Alliance Compressors, Natchitoches** for Pollution Prevention: Assembly area LED lighting upgrade project; **Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council (CACRC)** for Community Environmental Outreach: COVID computer distribution; **Exxon Mobil Product Solutions** for Pollution Prevention: Baton Rouge Refinery recycling of hazardous materials; **New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center** for Community Environmental Outreach: Talking Trash at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center; and **Port of New Orleans** for Pollution Prevention: Container on Barge, American Marine Highway Emissions Reductions.

The ELP began in 1995 as a cooperative effort between LDEQ and participating companies in Louisiana. 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, call 225-219-0877, email at [elp@la.gov](mailto:elp@la.gov) or visit the LDEQ website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp).

Projects and winners can be seen in the ELP Program at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/ELP/ELPProgram2022.pdf>