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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 2020

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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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Summary of 2020 Annual Recycling Reports
As Presented by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

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On or about July 7, 2021, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, requested of all parish solid waste planners their annual recycling reports for the year 2020. 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 2020 Annual Recycling Reports submitted:

- 24 entities have tendered reports of their activities, 9 of which reported no recycling activities in their jurisdiction.
- 2,548,138 residents are represented by the reports, or approximately 55% of the state's population.

The state's overall reported recycling rate for the year 2020 was 9%. This was an apparent rise from the 5% rate reported in 2019. This is believed to be due to a focus on additional waste diversion through yard waste recycling and maximizing material collected through curbside collection.

Reported annual waste reduction ranged from 0% to 23%.
Six entities offered curbside recycling collection services.
Eighteen entities provided drop-off recycling collection sites.
Seven 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?doc=13019967>

2020 LOUISIANA RECYCLING SUMMARY

RECYCLING ACTIVITY ¹	NUMBER OF ENTITIES REPORTING ACTIVITY	TONS RECYCLED
ALUMINUM	8	1338
APPLIANCES (WHITE GOODS)	12	32889
BATTERIES (LEAD ACID)	4	19
BATTERIES (OTHER)	5	746
CARDBOARD	6	10735
COMPOSTING from FOOD SCRAPS, WOODWASTE & YARD WASTE ²	7	158094
COOKING OIL / GREASE	3	17
ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)	6	49
FERROUS METAL (IRON, STEEL)	10	8930
GLASS	1	3155
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	3	94
MAGAZINES & CATALOGS	3	4640
MIXED PAPER	0	0
NEWSPRINT	2	204
NON-FERROUS METALS ³	6	1872
PLASTIC		
#1 PET	3	976
#2 HDPE	3	697
MIXED #1 AND #2 PLASTIC	5	2816
TIRES	16	29720
USED OIL	10	1591
WASTE-TO-ENERGY ⁴	2	14523
WHITE PAPER	4	406
OTHER	5	9360
COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES	6	12654
TOTAL RECYCLING + COMPOSTING + WASTE-TO-ENERGY REPORTED	24	270666
TOTAL LANDFILLING REPORTED	24	2957994
OVERALL RECYCLING RATE		9%

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.