

*Periodically, LDEQ establishes “special recognition awards” for specific environmental initiatives that the department has identified to protect the health and welfare of the people of Louisiana. As part of the state’s mercury initiative, special recognition will be given by the Governor this year for projects or activities related to mercury management and reduction as described below.*

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Environmental Leadership Program in the Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting applications/nominations for a special recognition award to be given at the Governor’s Award Ceremony which will be held in early 2005. Since announcing its Mercury Initiative in September of this year, the department has been working with many diverse groups to identify opportunities for reducing the impact of mercury in our environment. We know there are many significant activities already taking place and wish to recognize those that are particularly noteworthy.

Qualifying projects are those that have been conducted since January 1, 2002, and involve activities related to mercury reduction, mercury recycling, mercury education, and mercury-related community outreach. Applications/nominations should be submitted to the department by **January 14, 2005**, and should include enough details to allow thorough evaluation of the project’s positive environmental impact. Applicants/nominees will be contacted for additional information if necessary.

Thank you for your interest in improving the state’s environment. Please send applications/nominations to:

**Governor’s Environmental Leadership Awards  
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of the Secretary  
Attn: Hall Bohlinger  
PO Box 4301  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301**