

NALCO Company Receives 2010 Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program Award for Nutrient Reduction to the Mississippi River

Congratulations to NALCO Company of Garyville, a member of the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program Nutrient Reduction Workgroup, for receiving an Environmental Leadership Program Award in the Pollution Prevention category at the 2010 ELP Ceremony. Among NALCO's achievements to earn the award recognition was the reduction of nitrate compound concentration in its plant effluent by 50 percent by maintaining a low dissolved oxygen concentration in the effluent prior to discharge to the Mississippi River. An additional 25 percent reduction was also achieved with the installation of an online meter. The nitrate reductions by NALCO help reduce nutrient concentrations in the Mississippi River and hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico.

Receiving the award for NALCO was Plant Manager Carl Pasquarelli. Presenting the award was the Honorable Gordon Dove, Chair of the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee and Department of Environmental Quality Secretary, Peggy Hatch.

