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### EPA recognizes DEQ for accomplishments

BATON ROUGE – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently acknowledged DEQ in their F Y 09 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Program Midyear Report.

In a July 31 letter to DEQ, the EPA noted that Louisiana is among the leading states in the nation with regard to rule adoption and authorization. At a recent mid-year meeting, DEQ received satisfactory ratings in all areas on the evaluation document, which will be finalized during end-of-year discussions.

Overall, DEQ was acknowledged for having made significant accomplishments in reducing the number of permits awaiting renewal. Additionally, corrective action and permitting programs under the purview of DEQ were noted to be running very well in Louisiana. DEQ was also lauded for showing significant progress in accomplishing corrective action measurements during the reporting period, and for having met or exceeded some of the FY 09 grant commitments.

EPA further noted that DEQ made significant improvements to the permitting program during FY 09.