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### **State, feds reach agreement with Equistar Chemicals, LP**

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality announced today that it has joined federal agencies and other state agencies in a settlement with Equistar Chemicals, LP. The agreement calls for Equistar Chemicals to pay \$178,600 as a civil penalty to the state. The settlement includes the company's Lake Charles Facility located in Calcasieu Parish. The Lake Charles Facility is not currently in operation.

The company will also donate \$25,000 to the DEQ hurricane/storm cleanup and recovery fund.

Six other facilities throughout Illinois, Iowa and Texas are part of the agreement that was coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department.

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