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April 17 is the deadline for the 2009 Environmental Leadership Award applications

BATON ROUGE – Businesses, municipalities and non-governmental organizations across the state that excel in pollution prevention, waste reduction, community environmental outreach and other environmentally beneficial activities, can qualify for the 2009 Environmental Leadership Awards. These awards will recognize outstanding environmental achievements in those areas in which the work goes beyond the regulatory requirements.

The Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program is a voluntary program of DEQ in partnership with business and industry, federal, state and local government, academic and community organizations, to promote the improvement of Louisiana's environment. It promotes a cooperative effort to enhance environmental quality in Louisiana. Any organization that is committed to that principle is eligible to join the program and submit an award application.

The 2009 award categories are pollution prevention, community environmental outreach, environmental management systems and environmental ordinance enhancement and enforcement. The Environmental Leader Award is given to an outstanding Louisiana citizen for exceptional leadership and advocacy in raising public awareness about the environment and public health issues.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is now accepting applications for the 2009 Environmental Leadership Awards. The application deadline is April 17. For more information about joining the program and submitting an application, visit <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp>, or call Bijan Sharafkhani, P.E. at 225-219-3953 or Nathan Mills at 225-219-1208.