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EPA recognizes DEQ for excellence

BATON ROUGE – Steven L. Johnson, Administrator for the U.S. Protection Agency, recently recognized the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for its exceptional efforts within the Office of Environmental Services.

Johnson recognized the state at an awards ceremony for National Environmental Performance Track members for exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. According to EPA, Performance Track membership has grown to more than 500 facilities in 49 states and Puerto Rico, and members have made more than 3,500 commitments to the environment.

DEQ received special recognition for issuing air permits for Marathon Oil in an expeditious manner based upon the company's exemplary environmental performance and Performance Track membership. The permit writers work within the Office of Environmental Services.

“It’s an honor to be recognized on a national level,” said DEQ Secretary Harold Leggett. “Writing permits isn’t the most glamorous job, but it’s one of the most important tasks within the department. Louisiana is open for business, but not at the expense of human health and the environment. It makes good business sense to work closely with facilities that have environmental and business goals that are beneficial to the state.”

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