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### **EPA Region 6 calls for collaboration in its 300-day plan**

BATON ROUGE – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 recently released its 300-day plan for 2009. The plan outlines the agency’s goals and highlights such areas as strengthening the economy by improving the environment, working collaboratively with state’s priorities and recycling and renewing polluted land.

“Our communities have placed their trust in us to protect their land, air and water,” said Larry Starfield, acting administrator of EPA Region 6. “They expect measurable environmental results and transparency. Over the next 300 days, we will join with our partners to achieve the shared priorities outlined in this plan.”

In the plan, EPA Region 6 pledges to work with each state in its region on several issues. Those states are New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and EPA will work together on several priority issues such as developing standards for dissolved oxygen and nutrients in ecoregions, forming watershed groups and developing a regionwide strategy on enforcement compliance.

The complete 300-day plan is posted on DEQ’s Web site at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov)

“The DEQ, other state and local agencies and the citizens of Louisiana have seen their partnership with EPA Region 6 flourish,” said DEQ Secretary Harold Leggett. “Because of efforts like those outlined in the 300-day plan that pledge teamwork and focus on the same priorities as we at DEQ are concentrating on, the two agencies are able to work for a common goal to protect human health and improve the environment.”