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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OBSERVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has recognized some of its employees for their outstanding work in furthering the Agency's mission of "protecting, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Louisiana's environment." The awards are being announced to the public in conjunction with "State Employee Recognition Day, Wednesday, May 9, 2001. Governor Mike Foster has proclaimed the observance to emphasize the dedication and commitment of all state employees.

The awards are an annual event at DEQ. All employees are invited to submit nominations to a special "Awards Panel", which makes the final decisions.

"These awards represent extraordinary work by select employees," says Dale Givens, DEQ secretary. "But we are proud of all of our employees who represent some of the best and brightest in their fields. We congratulate them for their dedication and professionalism."

Special Achievement by a Team

The Team Award is presented to recognize outstanding job performance in a team effort. Teams are defined as two or more persons and may represent an entire section or unit, special project teams from multiple divisions or offices, or groups from regional offices. The efforts of the team will have resulted in outstanding contributions to the department, a commitment to the mission of the department, and customer focus.

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team: Andy Vent, Herman Melancon, Brad Mooney, Paul Zundel, Aimee Preau, Joe Holmes.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) Implementation Team: Keith Jordan, Atly Brasher, Jason Bourg, Steve Murrell, Jarrod Cady, Pamela Rogers, Manop Vanichchagorn, Christopher Lee, Jeff Simon, Dean Roath, Surasak Supatanasinkasem, Liz Santa

Customer Service Award

This award is presented to DEQ employees of any job classification who excel at providing their customers (co-workers, public, etc) with quality service and assistance.

Gretchen Soniat, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division

Kitty DeLaune, Office of Environmental Compliance, Enforcement Division

Karen Geesey, Office of Environmental Compliance, Surveillance Division

Sonja Loyd, Office of Environmental Compliance, Enforcement Division

Diane Ausbrooks, Office of Environmental Services, Permits Division

Charles Bellott, Office of Management and Finance, Information Services Division

Employee of the Year Award

This award is presented in recognition of overall outstanding job performance that consistently exceeds expectations. Each office of the department can have two winners of this award -- one from the Administrative Support category and one from the Scientific Technical category.

Leslie Garcia, Office of Management Environmental Services, (administrative/support area)

Richard "Dick" Lehr, Office of Management Environmental Services, (scientific/technical area)

Vicki Norwood, Office of Environmental Compliance, (administrative/support area)

Pam McIlwain, Office of Environmental Compliance, (scientific/technical area)

Joan Lee, Office of Management and Finance, (scientific/technical area)

Kizzy Crockett, Office of Environmental Assessment, (administrative/support area)

John Jennings, Office of Environmental Assessment, (scientific/technical area)

Clay Stafford, Office of the Secretary, (administrative/support area)

Gilberto Cuadra, Office of the Secretary, (scientific/technical area)

Secretary's Award

The Secretary's Award is the highest award presented in the DEQ Employee Awards Program. It recognizes excellence and outstanding accomplishment in all areas of an employee's performance. The recipients are chosen by the Secretary from the list of award recipients submitted by the selection panel. No more than two of these awards are presented each year.

Gretchen Soniat, Office of the Secretary

Richard "Dick" Lehr, Office of Environmental Services
