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State to give presentation on meeting 1-hour ozone standard

What: The Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will announce that the Baton Rouge area has attained the 1-hour ozone standard, something the area has been working toward for more than two decades.

When: 10-11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 19.

Where: Oliver Pollack Room
DEQ Galvez Building
602 N. Fifth St., Baton Rouge

Why: We are celebrating the success of a collaborative effort of DEQ, EPA, local industries, local governments and community leaders in bringing the five-parish Baton Rouge area into attainment with the 1-hour ozone standard. Although the 1-hour ozone standard has been recently replaced by a new 8-hour standard, attainment of the old standard demonstrates air quality improvement in the Baton Rouge area. It also shows efforts to reduce ozone-forming emissions have been successful. Representatives of DEQ, EPA, and local governments and industry will provide information on air quality in Baton Rouge.