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FINAL TALLY NETS OVER 75,000 POUNDS COLLECTED DURING 17th ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY!

On Saturday, April 18, the 17th Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day was held in Luling and LaPlace, LA and the final tally totals 75,349 pounds of material collected to recycle, dispose and treat. This event has been held annually since 1998 and its purpose is to provide area households an opportunity to properly dispose or recycle materials that are inappropriate for curbside pickup. Materials such as solvents, poisons, used oil, electronics and corrosives require special handling to minimize safety and environmental impact.

23 area manufacturers sponsored the event, providing funding and volunteers. Of the 75,349 pounds of materials collected, 87% was recycled or recovered. Of the 75,349 pounds, 4,950 pounds was oil/antifreeze, 3,449 pounds was batteries and latex paint totaled 10,000 pounds. Used electronics accounted for 19,029 pounds, while 5,780 pounds was scrap metal. The two sites this year included assistance from 71 volunteers who serviced drop-offs from 523 vehicles. Please visit the event website at www.hhmcd.com for additional information and to see photographs.

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With approval from Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and support from St. Charles Parish Council, St. James Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, Department of Transportation and Development and St. John Parish Sheriff's Office, this event was sponsored by the following companies as a community service: Air Liquide, Air Products (multiple locations), ArcelorMittal, Cornerstone Chemical Company, Dow, DuPont (two locations), Entergy, Evonik Corporation, Galata Chemicals LLC, Hexion, Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Monsanto, Nalco Champion – an EcoLab Company, Noranda, Norco Manufacturing Complex, Nucor, OxyChem, Plains Marketing, LP, Praxair, Shell Pipeline, Union Pacific and Valero. Other organizations which provided volunteers, support services and/or recycling were: ArcelorMittal, COLT, Inc., American Recovery, The Green Project, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, New Wine Christian Fellowship, Positive Results, Inc., Veolia and Jerusalem Shriners Hall AAONMS. LEI - Lamp Environmental Industries and Stericycle Environmental Solutions provided waste and recycling professional services.