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# MDEQ Accepts Nine New Members into the enHance Program

(Jackson, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has accepted nine new members and three renewing members into its enHance program.

enHance is a voluntary stewardship program that recognizes committed environmental leaders who accomplish goals beyond their legal requirements. enHance is open to facilities, cities, counties, and other entities who are interested in the program, and applicants can choose from three tiers: Associate, Steward, or Leader.

"We are very excited about this program that rewards members for their leadership in protecting Mississippi's environment. There have been several outstanding classes of members, and we look forward to including this next group into the program. There are many facilities in Mississippi doing good work and achieving standards beyond their permit requirements. We believe they should be recognized for their leadership," said Trudy Fisher, MDEQ Executive Director. "In addition, successful participation in this program will result in the reduction of waste and the conservation of resources leading to long-term economic benefits and continuous environmental enhancement."

The new members for 2013:

#### Leaders

- ► Anel Corporation (Winona)
- ► Hol-Mac Corporation Plant 1 (Bay Springs)
- ► Hol-Mac Corporation Plant 2 (Bay Springs)
- ► Hol-Mac Corporation Plant 3 (Bay Springs)
- ► Tupelo Sleeper Leggett & Platt (Tupelo)

#### **Stewards**

► Southwire Company (Starkville)

### **Associates**

- ► American Eurocopter Corporation (Columbus)
- ► City of Natchez Water Works
- ► Haworth, Inc. (Bruce)

Renewing members are Associates Quantum Choctaw Power, LLC (Ackerman) and Choctaw Generation, LP - Red Hills Power Plant (Ackerman) and the Naval Construction Battalion Center (Gulfport) as a Leader.

The enHance members will be recognized at a luncheon and training seminar in Jackson on April 10.

#### **Current enHance members:**

#### Leaders

- ► Baxter International (Cleveland)
- ► AkzoNobel-Eka Chemicals (Columbus)
- ► International Paper (Redwood)
- ► Nucor/General Recycling (Flowood)
- ► 14th Flying Training Wing/Columbus Air Force Base (Columbus)
- ► The Cooper Tire Company (Tupelo)
- ► Custom Engineered Wheels (Tupelo)
- ► Flexsteel Commercial Seating Division (Starkville)

- ► Nissan North America, Inc. Canton Manufacturing Plant (Canton)
- ► Leaf River Cellulose, LLC (New Augusta)
- ► Northrop Grumman (Moss Point)
- ► Super Sagless (Tupelo)
- ► Southern Natural Gas Company Onward Compressor Station (Cary)

## **Stewards**

- ► Hunter Douglas (Tupelo)
- ► DTE Petcoke (Vicksburg)
- ► Ark-Ell Springs (Houlka)
- ► Zeon Chemicals Mississippi Plant (Hattiesburg)
- ► City of Ridgeland
- ► City of Southaven
- ► City of Quitman
- ► City of Hernando

## **Associates**

► U.S. Government Printing Office (Stennis Space Center)

Information about the program is available at: www.enhance.ms.

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