

MDEQ enHANCE PROGRAM RECOGNIZES ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

(Jackson, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) recently accepted eleven new members into its enHance program. enHance is a voluntary stewardship program begun in 2009 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. We had an outstanding first class of members, and we look forward to including this next group into the program. There are many entities in Mississippi doing good work and achieving standards beyond their permit requirements. We believe those facilities 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.” enHance’s 2010 class includes:

Leader

Caterpillar High Performance Extrusions (Oxford)
Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) (Gulfport)
Southern Natural Gas - Pickens Station (Pickens)

Steward

Columbus Brick (Columbus)
Leaf River Cellulose, LLC (New Augusta)
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding (Gulfport)
Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems (Ocean Springs)
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding (Pascagoula)

Associate

GDF Suez Choctaw Gas Generation (Ackerman)
GDF Suez Red Hills Power Plant (Ackerman)
Gulf States Manufacturers - a Nucor Company (Starkville)

Information about the program is available at: <http://www.deq.state.ms.us/enhance>.

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