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FINAL TALLY NETS OVER 68 TONS COLLECTED DURING 19th ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY!

On Saturday, April 29, 2017 the 19th Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day was held in Destrehan and LaPlace, LA, and the final tally totals **136, 511** pounds of material collected to recycle, dispose and treat. This is over 68 tons, the most ever collected, and more than 60,000 pounds (30 tons) over last year's total collection! 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 maximize safety and minimize environmental impact.

26 area manufacturers sponsored the event, providing funding and volunteers. Of the 68.25 tons of materials collected, 86% was recycled or recovered. Of the 136,511 pounds, 38,167 pounds was used electronics – more than twice collected in 2016. 53,425 pounds was comprised of fuel blending (oil based paint, flammables, aerosols and poisons), a 242% increase over last year's collections of 15,607 pounds. 9,012 pounds was oil/antifreeze, a bit less than collected in 2016. Batteries comprised 6,217 pounds, an 87% increase over 2016. Scrap metal accounted for 2,180 pounds. The two sites this year included assistance from 105 volunteers who serviced drop-offs from 624 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, this event was sponsored by the following companies as a community service: Air Liquide, Air Products (multiple locations), Arkema, Bayou Steel, Bunge, Cornerstone Chemical Company, Denka Performance Elastomer, Dow, DuPont, Entergy, Evonik Corporation – Reserve, Evonik Corporation - Garyville, Galata Chemicals LLC, Hexion, Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Monsanto, Nalco Champion – an EcoLab Company, Noranda, Norco Manufacturing Complex (now Shell Chemical), Nucor, OxyChem, Praxair, Shell Pipeline Company LP, and Valero. Other organizations which provided donations, volunteers, food, support services and/or recycling were: Air Liquide, Denka Performance Elastomer, Bayou Steel, COLT, Inc., Habitat for Humanity, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, New Wine Christian Fellowship, Pelican Pointe Car Wash, Positive Results, Inc. and Jerusalem Shriners Hall AAONMS. Clean Harbors Environmental Services provided waste and recycling professional services. Marathon Petroleum Company, United Way of St. Charles and St. John United Way assisted with fiscal tasks for the event.