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## 17.25 TONS COLLECTED DURING 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY

On Saturday, May 4, 2019 the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day was held in Destrehan and LaPlace, LA, resulting in a total collection of 34,506 pounds (17.25 tons) of material to recycle, dispose and treat. Of all collections, 25,808 pounds were recycled. Torrential rain significantly reduced traffic, particularly at the St. John location. Used electronics accounted for nearly 7 tons of total materials collected, followed by 2.6 tons of fuel blending, which includes oil based paint, flammables, aerosols and poisons.

2019 marked the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive industry-sponsored household hazardous collection day event and its purpose continues to be to provide area households an opportunity to properly dispose or recycle materials that are inappropriate for curbside pickup. Due to the high cost to host this event, permits required and planning, there is no way to reschedule this annual event when bad weather is an issue.

Event coordinators are volunteers with local industry and include Jay Lambremont and Lance Traylor, both with Marathon Petroleum Company, Lynette Currier with OxyChem – Taft, Durrell Morris with Valero and Michael McNally with Shell Norco.

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26 area manufacturers sponsored the event, providing funding and volunteers. Of the 34,506 pounds of materials collected, 89% was recycled or recovered. The two sites this year included assistance from 77 volunteers who serviced drop-offs from 306 vehicles. Please visit the event website at [www.hhmcd.com](http://www.hhmcd.com) for additional information and to see photographs.

With approval from Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and support from St. Charles Parish Council, St. John the Baptist Parish, St. James Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness and Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, this event was sponsored by the following companies as a community service: Air Liquide, Air Products (multiple locations), Arkema, Bayer (formerly Monsanto) , Cornerstone Chemical Company, Denka Performance Elastomer, Diamond Green Diesel, Dow, DuPont, Entergy, Evonik Corporation – Reserve, Evonik Corporation – Garyville, Grace, Hexion, Linde (formerly Praxair), MPXL (formerly Pin Oak Terminals), Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Nalco Champion – an EcoLab Company, Noranda, Nucor, OxyChem, Shell Norco, Shell Pipeline Company LP, and Valero. Other organizations which provided donations, volunteers, food, support services and/or recycling were: Arkema, Bayer, Denka Performance Elastomer, Dow, Linde, Shell Norco, COLT, Inc., Jerusalem Shriners Hall, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, MPLX, New Wine Christian Fellowship, Pelican Pointe Car Wash and Positive Results, Inc. 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. Traylor said, “For the third consecutive year, as an added incentive for resident participation, the first 150 vehicles at each site received a one-time Platinum Pelican Pointe car wash, and also donated one wash to each volunteer. We are quite appreciative of Pelican Pointe Car Wash for their support of this annual event.”