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22<sup>nd</sup> HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY RESULTS – OVER 28 TONS COLLECTED!

On Saturday, April 5, 2025 the 22nd Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day was held in Luling at the Judge Edward Dufresne Community Center and in LaPlace, LA at the New Wine Christian Fellowship, resulting in a total of 56,758 pounds of material collected to recycle, dispose and treat. Oil based paint, flammables, poisons, used electronics and tires accounted for collection of over 28 tons.

2025 marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> industry-sponsored household hazardous collection day event and its purpose continued to be 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.

Richard Hoagland, with Shell Norco Manufacturing Complex and Jason Bradford, with Marathon Petroleum Company, were the event coordinators, with the committee including Michael Palamone, Justin Tassin, Samantha deCastro, Eric Berteau, and Cain Dufrene. A special thanks to PIOs Baileigh Helm and Francesca Blanchard, in St. John and St. Charles Parishes, respectively.

18 area manufacturers sponsored the event, along with St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes providing funding and volunteers. This year, 340 vehicles dropped off a total of 56,758 pounds of hazardous materials. Of all the material received, 56.9 percent was recycled or recovered. Used electronics accounted for 21,466 pounds and 4,800 pounds of oil/antifreeze was collected. Tires accounted for 4,500 pounds. Please visit the event website at 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. 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 Products (multiple locations), Arkema, Bayer, Bunge, Cornerstone Chemical Company, Denka Performance Elastomer, Diamond Green Diesel, Dow, DuPont, Galata Chemicals LLC, Koch Fertilizer, Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Nalco Water – an EcoLab Company, Nucor, OxyChem, Pinnacle Polymers, Shell Norco Manufacturing Complex, and Valero. Both St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes assisted with financial support. Other organizations which provided donations, volunteers, food, support services and/or recycling were: Edward Dufresne Community Center, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, New Wine Christian Fellowship, and Positive Results, Inc. Legacy Industries provided professional waste and recycling services. Marathon Petroleum Company provided primary fiscal tasks for the event.