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DTR Tennessee - Tazewell receives Environmental Recognition

DTR Tennessee - Tazewell was recognized for environmental accomplishments by Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry at the 27th Annual Tennessee Chamber Environmental Conference.

DTR Tennessee - Tazewell submitted nominations for successful initiatives to reduce both hazardous wastes and solid wastes. The plant is on target to generate less than 100,000 pounds of hazardous waste in 2009, which will be a 13% reduction from 2008 totals. The second initiative was to reduce solid waste for landfilling through an expanded effort of recycling. Through the first half of 2009, the DTR's rate of recycling is 90%.

"DTR Tennessee - Tazewell has demonstrated by these projects their environmental awareness and stewardship and was presented Achievement Certificates for Solid Waste Management and Hazardous Waste Management," said Wayne Scharber, Vice-President for Environmental Affairs for the Tennessee Chamber.

The awards and achievement certificates, presented during the 27th annual Tennessee Chamber Environmental Conference at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, cited industries for successes in the areas of air quality, water quality, solid waste management, hazardous waste management, and environmental excellence. Awards are given on the basis of past performance, innovation and compliance beyond legal requirements for companies with less than 250 employees and those with more than 250 employees.

"All of the companies receiving recognition have gone the extra mile to protect the air we breathe, the water we drink, and to make our environment a cleaner and safer place to live," said Scharber. "They are excellent examples of how Tennessee companies work to preserve the environment."

Additionally, "Achievement Certificate" winners, with more than 250 employees, for (1) hazardous waste management was JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown; (2) solid waste management included DTR Tennessee in Midway, JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown, Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12 in Oak Ridge, and U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Manufacturing Center in Nashville; (3) water quality was JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown, (4) air quality was Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12 in Oak Ridge, and (5) environmental excellence were UT-Battelle in Oak Ridge and JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown.

Other award winners in the media areas included the following:

- JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown for Air Quality
- Babcock & Wilcox Y-12 in Oak Ridge for Solid Waste Management and Hazardous Waste Management
- UT – Battelle in Oak Ridge for Water Quality
- Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC – Warren Plant in Morrison for Environmental Excellence.

"These 2009 Environmental Award recipients are WINNERS, the citizens of Tennessee and our environment are also winners," said Scharber. The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry is the state's largest broad-based trade association, representing employers and their employees across the state.

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