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JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown receives Environmental Recognitions

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

JTEKT submitted nominations for elimination of a painting process and energy conservation practices to improve air quality, a can puncturing system to capture residual content of aerosol cans, expansion of materials recycling, and a computer controlled system to monitor water uses.

“JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown continues to demonstrate by these projects their environmental awareness and stewardship and was presented Achievement Certificates for Hazardous Waste Management, Solid Waste Management, Water Quality and Environmental Excellence,” said Wayne Scharber, Vice-President for Environmental Affairs for the Tennessee Chamber. “Additionally, they were presented an Award for Air quality for the elimination of the spray painting process and the energy conservation successes.”

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.

The certificates and award were accepted by Priscilla Maynard and Ron Breedon. (Digital pictures may be obtained Oct. 30th at www.tnchamber.org)

“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) air quality was Babcock & Wilcox Y-12 in Oak Ridge; (2) hazardous waste management was DTR Tennessee in Tazewell; (3) solid waste management included DTR Tennessee in Tazewell, DTR Tennessee in Midway, Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12 in Oak Ridge and U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Manufacturing Center in Nashville; (4) water quality was UT-Battelle in Oak Ridge; and (5) environmental excellence were UT-Battelle and Babcock & Wilcox Y-12 both in Oak Ridge.

Other award winners in the media areas included the following:

- ❑ 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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