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U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Manufacturing Center receives Environmental Recognition

U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Manufacturing Center in Nashville was recognized for environmental accomplishments by Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry at the 27th Annual Tennessee Chamber Environmental Conference.

U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Manufacturing Center submitted a nomination for a successful initiative to reduce solid wastes. The Center has reduced their annual tons of solid waste from 3469 tons in 2005 to 1183 tons in 2008. The facility is committed to further reduce waste generation and ultimately have zero landfilled wastes.

“U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Manufacturing Center has demonstrated by this project their environmental awareness and stewardship and was presented an Achievement Certificate for Solid 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.

The certificate was accepted by Danny Brown and Terry Kevlin. (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) hazardous waste management winners were DTR Tennessee in Tazewell and JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown; (2) solid waste management included DTR Tennessee in Midway, DTR Tennessee in Tazewell, JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown, and Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12 in Oak Ridge; (3) water quality winner was JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown; (4) air quality winner 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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