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## **Koch Receives Two Environmental Leadership Awards**

*Company earns recognition for pollution prevention and community outreach programs*

*Baton Rouge, La.* – For voluntarily installing environmentally friendly equipment at its facilities and for leading emergency preparedness and public awareness activities around the state, Koch Pipeline Company, L.P. (Ammonia Division) was honored Wednesday with two Louisiana Environmental Leadership Awards.

Koch was recognized, along with 18 other members of the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Pollution Prevention Program, by Louisiana Governor Mike Foster at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Governor's Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony.

The first award received by Koch was a Special Citation for Pollution Prevention Achievement for their mainline valve replacement project. Valves installed during original construction in the early 1970's were upgraded with current state-of-the-art valve technology and construction materials to drastically reduce emissions, increase reliability and lengthen operational life. This voluntary project reduced ammonia emissions by approximately 90% during its first year.

“Meeting environmental regulations and standards is one thing, but it takes a big commitment for a company to voluntarily spend extra money and allocate the necessary resources to do more than the regulators require,” said Foster in a press release distributed Wednesday by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Koch Pipeline was also recognized with a Special Citation for Community Outreach Achievement for their leadership and efforts on three major initiatives:

1. The company assisted the Louisiana State Police in the development, testing and implementation of an electronic chemical incident reporting system to expedite notification of responding agencies within the state
2. Koch officials also assisted the Louisiana State Police in developing standard incident classification levels to better communicate appropriate response methods to agencies that respond to chemical incidents.
3. In addition, Koch helped participating emergency management and civil defense agencies organize the Northeast Regional Right to Know Week.

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“We commend Koch Pipeline for taking that extra step and going beyond what the law requires to protect public safety and the environment,” said Tom Malmay, Ouachita Parish Civil Defense Director. “It’s partnerships like these that make our community safer, and that’s good for everyone.”

“These awards reflect our commitment to environmental excellence and our concern for the safety and protection of our neighbors and their communities,” said Ron Simmons, Vice President of Koch Pipeline Company. “We are thankful to all those who assisted and participated in our programs, and we also appreciate that the award sponsors have instituted this program to recognize companies’ voluntary pollution prevention actions.”

According to the DEQ release, the members of the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Pollution Prevention Program have collectively pledged to reduce waste generation and emissions by more than two billion pounds per year. The program, begun in 1995, is sponsored by the Louisiana DEQ, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and several professional and industrial associations in the state. Koch is the only pipeline company which has been accepted into the program.

“We’re firm believers that through partnerships between businesses, regulators and communities, we can discover and implement innovative, cost-effective environmental solutions,” said Simmons.

Koch Pipeline Company’s Ammonia Division transports anhydrous ammonia through 17 Louisiana Parishes from production facilities in Louisiana to the Mid-West corn-belt areas to be used as an agricultural fertilizer. The division is headquartered in Hermann, Mo. Another Koch affiliate, Koch Nitrogen Company, operates the ammonia production facility in Sterlington, La. Koch Nitrogen participated with Koch Pipeline Company in the Community Right To Know activities which helped earn Koch Pipeline the Special Citation for Community Outreach. Koch Nitrogen concluded the week’s activities with an “open house” at its Sterlington, La ammonia production plant.

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