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## **City to Recognize Industries for Environmental Achievement**

**Beaumont, Texas** – The City of Beaumont will recognize three local industries Wednesday for their exceptional efforts to protect local waterways.

The city will announce the recipients of its Excellence Award and Most Improved Industry award for the 2011 calendar year at a luncheon ceremony at the Rogers Park Community Center. Industries will be recognized for showing total compliance with pretreatment requirements and substantial improvement in complying with the City Code of Ordinances and federal and state requirements.

“We closely monitor Significant Industrial Users to ensure that our water supply remains free of pollutants,” said Hani Tohme, Director of Water Utilities for the City of Beaumont. “We are extremely pleased to recognize local industries that have done a great job in protecting the public’s health and keeping our waterways free from pollutants.”

Awards will be given according to the following criteria:

### **Excellence Award** for the 2011 Pretreatment Year

- 100 percent compliance with all pretreatment requirements
- No unauthorized discharges, spills, or slug discharges
- No noted deficiencies during the annual inspection

### **Most Improved Industry** for the 2011 Pretreatment Year

- Most improved pretreatment process
- Most improved best management practices
- At least 50 percent improved compliance rate

The Water Utilities Department issues permits to industrial customers that have the potential to impact the wastewater collection and treatment systems. Those industries are required to install wastewater pretreatment systems, monitor their discharge to the sewer system, and report results. The pretreatment program is an EPA and TCEQ approved program that monitors the wastewater collection and treatment systems to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations. The program’s goal is the protection of public health and the environment by ensuring that the systems can properly transport and treat the wastewater from industrial and commercial customers.

**WHAT:** Pretreatment Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Rogers Park Community Center, 6540 Gladys Road

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