

MDEQ Recognizes 2020 *enHance* Members

MDEQ recently recognized the new and renewing members of the *enHance* environmental stewardship program accepting three new members and twelve renewing members into the program for the 2020 class. *enHance* is a voluntary stewardship program that recognizes committed environmental leaders who initiate waste reduction and pollution prevention efforts that go above and beyond the standard environmental regulatory requirements. *enHance* is open to manufacturers and other industrial and commercial facilities, to local governments and to other entities who are interested in the program and who meet the eligibility requirements. Applicants are able to apply for membership at one of three tier levels: Leader, Steward, or Associate.

The annual recognition of *enHance* members is normally done in April each year at the workshop and awards luncheon jointly sponsored by MDEQ and the Mississippi Manufacturers Association. However, this year's workshop and awards luncheon was postponed and ultimately cancelled due to restrictions and conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, MDEQ wants to recognize these new and renewing members who have continued to work to improve environmental conditions in their community despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic.

New *enHance* Members for 2020 and their membership levels:

ASSOCIATE LEVEL

- Green Metals Inc. (Blue Springs)
- Rankin County School District
- Toyota-Boshoku Mississippi (Mantachie)

Renewing *enHance* members for 2020 and their membership levels:

LEADER LEVEL

- Advanced Distributor Products LLC (Grenada)
- Nissan North America, Inc. (Canton)
- Cooper Tire Company (Tupelo)
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing (Blue Springs)

STEWARD LEVEL

- City of Ridgeland
- Eaton Corporation (Jackson)
- Northrop Grumman Mission Systems (Ocean Springs)
- Omega Motion, Leggett & Platt Inc. (Saltillo)
- Cooper Tire Company (Clarksdale)
- Tupelo Sleeper, Leggett & Platt Inc. (Tupelo)

- U.S. Navy, Naval Construction Battalion Center (Gulfport)

ASSOCIATE LEVEL

- Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC (Taylorsville Complex)

These selected members submit various environmental and community improvement projects as part of the application process that they pledge to conduct over their three-year membership period. In addition, MDEQ intends to make a more formal presentation to the 2020 *enHance* class members at the 2021 awards luncheon subject to improvements in pandemic conditions in the upcoming year.

MDEQ encourages companies and organizations that are interested in the *enHance* Class of 2021 to submit applications for consideration. Membership is voluntary and applications may be submitted through the end of this year. More information about the program is available at: www.enhance.ms.