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Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources: Veolia ES Technical Solutions admitted to state's Green Tier program

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MENOMONEE FALLS – Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC in Menomonee Falls committed to environmental leadership Tuesday as they were welcomed into Wisconsin's Green Tier program by Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank.

"Veolia ES Technical Solutions plays an important role in helping other businesses and households ensure their wastes are properly handled," Frank said. "A company that works towards environmental sustainability for both its own activities and its customers is essential for a sustainable future in Wisconsin."

Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC is the North American hazardous waste division of Veolia Environment, a worldwide environmental management company. This facility is located in Menomonee Falls. Their goal is to minimize the volume and toxicity of waste generated by themselves and others through reuse and recycling, as well as safe storage and elimination. The facility stabilizes, repackages, or solidifies hazardous and non-hazardous wastes as necessary for safe recycling or disposal.

For example, many schools and hospitals may dispose of small quantities of a certain chemical, but these may be combined into a useful amount and reused elsewhere. After Veolia ES Technical Solutions recovers these materials they are often burned as an alternative fuel, used in wastewater treatment, or even redistributed to industry.

With the help of the Green Tier program and an Environmental Management System, Veolia ES Technical Solutions will pursue further recycling and treatment advancements.

"Quality and environmental stewardship are high priorities for this organization," Paul McShane, Central Branch General Manager said. "Entry into the Green Tier program is both recognition for past success and a challenge for future environmental improvements."

Gov. Jim Doyle signed Green Tier into law in 2004 to encourage a collaborative approach to environmental performance between the DNR and Wisconsin businesses. As part of Green Tier, Wisconsin organizations voluntarily commit to reduce their environmental footprint by developing and implementing an environmental management system. The system acts as a roadmap for the organization, continually revealing opportunities to adopt new procedures

and technologies that improve their environmental performance.

Veolia ES Technical Solutions is a Tier 1 participant in Green Tier. In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance, the DNR grants benefits to Tier 1 participants including recognition, a logo used by all Green Tier companies, and a collaborative relationship to assure compliance and superior environmental performance. DNR and Veolia ES Technical Solutions see this relationship as an advantage for both business and the environment.

For more information about Green Tier and Veolia's efforts, visit the DNR Web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/participants/veolia/index.htm>



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