



CITY OF KENNER

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Kenner, LA. - The City of Kenner is part of a coalition of local partners, organized by the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs to tackle storm water pollution, which recently received an award from the state Department of Environmental Quality.

The award – the 2014 Environmental Leadership Program Municipality Achievement in Pollution Prevention – was given for the creation of the Stormwater Task Force Coalition to seek out answers to water pollution issues in the region.

Sami Khalil, Storm Water Management supervisor for the parish, praised the dedication of the Kenner members on the task force. “They are definitely a plus for the overall group,” he said. The Kenner members are: James Mohamad, Maurice Price, and Hooi-gaik Peterson.

Monitoring what happens to water that enters local drainage systems is crucial, Khalil said.

“Unlike sewage, drainage water does not get treated,” he said. “We have to be very keen in making sure none of the pollutants gets into that because it will end up in our lake and our river.”

In announcing the award, the state DEQ office said: “The department applauds your commitment towards improving the quality of Louisiana’s environment through your pollution prevention, waste reduction or environmental stewardship efforts.”

The awards ceremony was held Feb. 26 in Baton Rouge.

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