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Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources to Recognize Local Businesses for Outstanding Environmental Records

—HRSD Presents Awards for Exemplary Permit Compliance and Pollution Prevention —

VIRGINIA BEACH – L. Preston Bryant Jr., Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources, will join Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) in recognizing 137 area businesses for exemplary compliance with their environmental permits during a ceremony to be held May 17 in Virginia Beach.

Seven companies will receive platinum achievement awards for perfect permit compliance for nine consecutive years (1998 – 2006). They are: **Auxiliary Systems, Inc.; City of Virginia Beach, Landfill #2; General Electric International, Inc.; Maida Development Company, Howard Street; Parsley Septic Tank Service, Inc.; Plasser American Corporation; and Ryder Truck Rental, Inc., Norfolk.** Nineteen firms will be recognized for perfect compliance for five to eight consecutive years.

Gold awards for pretreatment excellence will be presented to 68 businesses that had perfect permit compliance in 2006. Receiving silver awards will be 43 businesses with near perfect permit compliance in 2006.

Pollution Prevention awards will be presented to businesses for outstanding multi-media (air, land and water) efforts that focus on reduction of waste (or its toxicity) at the source, rather than traditional treatment, control and disposal. The P2 award winners for 2007 are:

U.S. Navy, Sewells Point Complex (more than 400,000 gallons-per-day discharge category)
U.S. Amines LLC, Portsmouth (25,000 – 400,000 gallons-per-day discharge category) and
Davis Boat Works, Incorporated, Newport News (Less than 25,000 – 400,000 gallons-per-day discharge category).

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HRSD, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was created by public referendum in 1940 and currently serves 17 cities and counties in southeast Virginia, an area with a population of 1.6 million. Our mission is to prevent pollution, protect public health and support community development by providing wastewater collection, treatment and related services.