TCEQ congratulates 2014 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards winners

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announces the winners of the 22nd annual Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. These prestigious awards bring attention to the most innovative and effective projects that prevent pollution and preserve natural resources in Texas.

Among this year’s honorees are: two Eagle Scouts who worked to save natural resources for future generations; a company that makes water heaters from stainless steel; an aerospace company that reduced energy use by 3,600 megawatt hours per year; an oil and gas company that reduced air emissions from cleaning pipeline by 90 percent; a company that developed a water-based finishing process for fiberglass doors; and an airplane repair facility that saves millions of gallons of water through a re-use system. In addition, a hands-on marine science education program for fifth and sixth graders and the state’s Master Naturalist program are highlighted.

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“I commend all of this year’s winners for their commitment to improving the environment by thinking creatively and acting decisively,” says TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E.

“It is a great pleasure to join with my fellow commissioners in congratulating these honorees whose environmental stewardship serves as an example to Texans everywhere,” says TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker.

“The 2014 award recipients show the rest of us some of the many ways we all can take care of Texas by protecting and improving our environment,” says TCEQ Commissioner Zak Covar.
This year’s winners will be recognized at a banquet held in their honor on May 7, 2014, as part of the TCEQ’s Environmental Trade Fair and Conference at the Austin Convention Center, May 6-7.

2014 Texas Environmental Excellence Award Winners

**AMARILLO**

Pioneer Natural Resources (Category: Pollution Prevention)

**AUSTIN**

Conner Crowe Archer Samuel Hadley (Category: Youth)

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

Flour Bluff Intermediate School (Category: Education)

**FORT WORTH**

PVI Industries, LLC (Category: Pollution Prevention)

**HOUSTON**

GlassCraft Door Company (Category: Innovative Operations/Management)

**MCKINNEY**

Raytheon Company (Category: Technical/Technology)

**SAN ANTONIO**

StandardAero San Antonio, Inc. (Category: Water Conservation)

**STATEWIDE**

Texas Master Naturalist Program (Category: Civic/Community)