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### State recognizes leaders of environmental stewardship

#### *DENR administers Governor's Award for Excellence in Waste Reduction*

RALEIGH – The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will recognize 12 North Carolina companies for their environmental protection accomplishments at a ceremony for the 1999 Governor's Award for Excellence in Waste Reduction. The ceremony will occur at 2 p.m. Friday, April 28, as part of N.C. Clean & Green 2000: Celebrating Environmental Sustainability in Government on Halifax Mall (between the Legislature and Archdale buildings), downtown Raleigh. [N.C. Clean & Green 2000 celebrates accomplishments of two initiatives by Governor Jim Hunt aimed at protecting North Carolina's environment and natural resources.]

This award is the nation's oldest that recognizes companies' successes in pollution prevention and their commitment to economic and environmental efficiency. The award focuses on industrial and government facilities that have reduced waste through innovative source reduction methods, reuse and recycling programs, and energy recovery systems. The award also recognizes companies' commitment to public health. The award is coordinated by DENR's Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance.

During 1999, these companies collectively saved 2,502 tons of hazardous waste; 20,714 tons of solid waste; and nearly 50 million gallons of water; and more than \$5.5 million.

"These companies have raised the bar for sustaining North Carolina's environment," said DENR Secretary Bill Holman. "Their pollution prevention efforts in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and resource recovery show that protecting the environment can also be good for business and the state's economy."

The Governor's Award for Excellence in Waste Reduction is important to North Carolina because its industries invest significant time and resources to protect the environment. This year's awards include six categories of facilities: large business, medium business, small business, federal facility, state agency, and local government. Five companies will receive the "Outstanding" award (highest award); three companies will receive the "Significant" award; and six finalists will receive the "Exceptional Steward" award. These companies represent nearly 8,200 North Carolina employees.

Finalists for this 19<sup>th</sup> annual award are: OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT (highest award): Konica Manufacturing USA Inc., Guilford Co.; Louisiana-Pacific Corp., New Hanover Co.; EMJ America Inc., Wake Co.; Naval Aviation Depot Cherry Point, Carteret Co.; N.C. Zoological Park, Randolph Co.; SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT: Honeywell, Edgecombe Co.; Kennametal Inc., Warren Co.; N.C. State University, Wake Co.; EXCEPTIONAL STEWARD: Beers Construction, Wake, Forsyth, and Guilford Cos.; N.C. Department of Administration, Motor Fleet, Wake Co.; Sampson Correctional Institute, Sampson Co.

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