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DHEC News Release: DHEC accepting nominations for 'Spare the Air' Awards

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COLUMBIA, S.C. - The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is accepting nominations for its "Spare the Air" Awards, the agency announced today.

"The 'Spare the Air' awards program affords us the opportunity to acknowledge the innovators, environmental stewards and trailblazers throughout our state," said Myra Reece, chief of DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality. "As we partner together, all of our actions, no matter how big or small, help to improve the environment."

Reece said all businesses, schools, local government agencies, organizations and individuals that have successfully implemented a positive environmental change are encouraged to apply.

"The 2011 award recipients include Boeing South Carolina, Santee Cooper's iRide Committee and the electric vehicle ecosystem pilot program of Greenville County and the City of Greenville," Reece said. "Their initiatives include reducing air pollutants, establishing a rideshare program including residents of three counties, and providing access to electric vehicles and charging stations."

Reece said this year's awards will recognize partners in the following categories:

- Outstanding business/industry
- Outstanding employee(s)
- Outstanding local government
- Outstanding school or district
- Outstanding college or university
- Outstanding community improvement campaign

Nominations will be accepted until the close of business on Sept. 28.

For more information, and to access the award nomination form, visit DHEC's website at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/SpareTheAirAwards> <<http://www.scdhec.gov/sparetheairawards>>.

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