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## **Dallas Love Field Pledges To Cut More Pollution**

*Airport to eliminate 1,000 additional pounds of PCBs as part of national EPA program*

After cutting 4,000 pounds of harmful chemicals at its airport, City-owned Dallas Love Field is going even greener by pledging to reduce 1,000 more as part of a national program run by the Environmental Protection Agency. This marks another accomplishment under the City's Green Dallas initiative.

The airport plans to reduce 1,000 pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, as part of the National Partnership for Environmental Priorities (NPEP) program. In addition, it is pledging to cut 50 pounds of mercury from light bulbs, thermometers, thermostats and other equipment under the NPEP "Mercury Challenge" campaign.

"More and more top facilities are finding smart, simple ways to conduct business and care for the environment at the same time," said EPA Regional Administrator Richard E. Greene. "It is even more inspiring when members of industry not only stick with their commitments to the environment, but expand on them, as Dallas Love Field has done."

Dallas Love Field is one of only four airports nationwide to join the NPEP program and is the first to add additional goals to its original commitment.

The airport will replace the ballasts and mercury-containing instrumentation with modern equipment that is free of priority chemicals. It will also recycle light bulbs that contain mercury.

“Our efforts at Love Field are an extension of city-wide policies pertaining to environmental responsibility, which are implemented through our Environmental Management System,” said Director of Aviation, Daniel T. Weber. “Our success with removing harmful chemicals from the system follows our earlier program to reduce air emissions, in conjunction with our tenant airlines. Our staff will continue to work at reducing all Dallas Airport System facilities’ impacts on the environment.”

#### **ABOUT NPEP**

The National Partnership for Environmental Priorities promotes the voluntary reduction of 31 priority chemicals. Through work with EPA, both public and private organizations identify activities that will reduce the use of these chemicals, preventing their ability to accumulate in the environment and cause harm to humans and the ecosystem. The Mercury Challenge promotes the voluntary, systematic elimination of mercury-containing equipment.

More than 150 organizations nationwide have joined the NPEP program, which has set a goal of reducing the use or release of four million pounds of priority chemicals by 2011.

Additional information on the National Partnership for Environmental Priorities is available by contacting Rob Lushek at (214) 665-7148 or visiting [www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/npep/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/npep/index.htm) . EPA audio file is available at [http://www.epa.gov/region6/6xa/audio.htm#audio032008\\_lovefield](http://www.epa.gov/region6/6xa/audio.htm#audio032008_lovefield) .

#### **ABOUT GREEN DALLAS**

The City of Dallas’ Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. This commitment at Dallas Love Field is just one of many steps the City has taken as part of the Green Dallas initiative. For example, the City of Dallas is the largest municipal purchaser of renewable, green power in the nation. Dallas also boasts the largest alternative fueled city-owned fleet in Texas and one of the largest in the nation with 41 percent of its fleet, totaling over 2,000 vehicles, running on alternative fuels or a hybrid mix.

The City of Dallas launched [www.GreenDallas.net](http://www.GreenDallas.net) as part of its commitment to environmental responsibility. This comprehensive site is dedicated solely to environmental issues. To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to ‘build a greener Dallas,’ visit the City’s green Web site [www.GreenDallas.net](http://www.GreenDallas.net)

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