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## Techmer PM Rancho Dominguez Facility Certifies Second Manufacturing Plant as an Operation Clean Sweep Site

Two years ago Techmer PM vowed to help reduce the plastics industry's environmental "footprint" by supporting the Operation Clean Sweep initiative sponsored by the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) and the American Plastics Council. The goal of Operation Clean Sweep is "Zero Pellet Loss" – elimination of plastic pellets into the environment.

"We hoisted our first Operation Clean Sweep site flag at our Gainesville, Georgia facility last January" and now our second plant, located in Rancho Dominguez, California, has qualified as a "Pledge Partner" under SPI's Clean Sweep requirements," says Jack Leahy, Vice President of Operations.

To celebrate the accomplishment, Techmer PM will host an Operation Clean Sweep awards ceremony at the Rancho Dominguez plant in early 2007.

Among those expected to attend the event will be Bill MacDonald, producer of Synthetic Sea, a widely acclaimed film that documents how plastic pellets and litter are affecting the world's oceans. The film shows that if plastic pellets enter the waste stream, they can end up in rivers and be carried into the oceans. The pellets, if ingested, can be fatal to birds, turtles, fish, and other aquatic wildlife. Mr. MacDonald is a vice president of Algalita Marine Research Foundation in Long Beach, California and CEO of Bill MacDonald Productions.

Joining Mr. MacDonald will be Frank Capolupo, Director of SPI's Western Region; Norma S. Fox, Executive Director of the California Film & Extrusion Converters Association; and Techmer PM's President, John Manuck.

"This is hardly the end of Techmer PM's Operation Clean Sweep push," says Mr. Manuck. "We still have to bring our plants in Clinton, Tennessee; Dalton, Georgia; and Wichita, Kansas up to SPI's standards. We will do that just as quickly we can. Furthermore, we will endeavor to convince all of our customers to support Operation Clean Sweep, as well."

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