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## RIVER REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RREDI) HOSTS ANNUAL INDUSTRY APPRECIATION EVENT

The Port of South Louisiana and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John, and St. James, jointly known as *RREDI*, hosted the 21<sup>ST</sup> Annual River Parishes Industry Appreciation breakfast on Tuesday, April 24 as a tribute to the industrial facilities within the Port’s district for their impact on the local economy and the vitality of the Port and the River Region.

Industry leaders, including plant managers and other company representatives, members of the Port’s board of Commissioners, and parish officials were treated to a breakfast at Ormond Plantation in Destrehan, Louisiana. Joel T. Chaisson, Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana, along with St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, St. John the Baptist Parish President Natalie Robottom, and St. James Parish President Timothy Roussel, welcomed the attendees and provided a brief overview of projects and activities in the region.



*Peter Swanepoel of Pinnacle Polymers and Christopher White of Nalco*



*Pictured L-R: Laura Ambrose of Dow St. Charles, Joe Boroden of Galata Chemicals, and Corey Faucheux of St. Charles Parish Economic Development*



*Port of South Louisiana Executive Director Joel T. Chaisson with Port of South Louisiana's Roy Quezaire (L) and Port of South Louisiana Commission President Joey Murray (R)*



*St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre*



*St. John Parish President Natalie Robottom*



*St. James Parish President Timothy Roussel*

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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