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## Better Practices, Better Planet 2020 Sustainability Awards: American Forest & Paper Association Announces Clear Water Paper, Evergreen Packaging and Resolute Forest Products as Winners

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The American Forest & Paper Association (“AFPA”) announced the winners of its annual Better Practices, Better Planet 2020 Sustainability Award.

Three companies with Arkansas facilities were among the seven winners.

Evergreen Packaging (“Evergreen”) was announced as a “*Leadership In Sustainability – Sustainable Forest Management*” winner.

The referenced Evergreen program is denominated “Family Forests – the Key to Certified Success.”

AFPA notes:

Through major investments in regional programs, Evergreen Packaging is reducing barriers and increasing access for small landowners to participate in forest certification programs and ultimately increase sustainable forest management practices in the region.

Evergreen Packaging operates a mill in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, which is the largest industrial employer in Jefferson County.

Clearwater Paper was given the award in the category “*Leadership in Sustainability – Safety.*”

The company’s program is denominated “Aspects & Impacts Process to Identify and Reduce Serious Injuries and Fatalities (SIF) Risks.”

AFPA describes the program as:

Taking a proactive and systematic approach, Clearwater Paper’s risk-based assessment program resulted in an immediate improvement in specific safety targets and employee engagement – each site met their 20 percent improvement goal within the first year.

Clearwater Paper’s Pulp and Paperboard Division operates a facility in Cypress Bend, Arkansas.

Resolute Forest Products (“Resolute”) was announced as a winner in the category of “*Leadership in Sustainability – Energy Efficiency/Greenhouse Gas Reduction.*”

Resolute's modernization of its Coosa Pines, Alabama, mill contributed to an 82% reduction in the company's absolute greenhouse gas emission compared to 2000 levels. Resolute invested \$4 million to upgrade the mill's cogeneration turbine.

Resolute operates facilities in Glenwood and El Dorado, Arkansas.

AFPA states that its sustainability awards recognize what it describes as three essential pillars of sustainability:

- Economic
- Environmental
- Social

A copy of the awards report can be found [here](#).