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E-cycling Event a Sweeping Success

Over 24 tons were diverted from local landfills

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center held its annual E-cycling event in partnership with Goodwill Industries, the City of Virginia Beach Public Works, and TFC Recycling, on January 28. The event was a sweeping success, and helped divert 48,388 pounds, or over 24 tons, of material from local landfills.

Some impressive stats from the event that collected electronics and household hazardous waste include:

- 23,100 pounds of mostly electronic materials collected by Goodwill Industries
- 11,620 pounds of latex paint
- 9,240 pounds of cathode ray tube televisions
- 2,065 pounds of solid materials
- 675 gallons of liquid materials
- 564 pounds of lead acid batteries
- 422 pounds of household batteries
- 75 fluorescent bulbs
- 21 propane tanks

This event diverted more than 16 tons, 32,340 pounds, of electronics waste from landfills and safely processed more than 15,448 pounds, or 7.5 tons, of household hazardous waste. The Aquarium team was thrilled with the response, and we look forward to the next event, typically held in the fall.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums whose mission is conservation through education. The Aquarium is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. For more information on exhibits, movies, boat rides and special events, call (757) 385-FISH (3474), (TDD 385-4305) or visit www.VirginiaAquarium.com.

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