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**Amerikal Wins Illinois Governor Pollution Prevention Award**  
*Sustainable Pressroom Chemistry Manufacturer Honored for  
Achievements*



**WAUKEGAN, Ill.** (Nov. 1, 2007)...Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources recently named **Amerikal Products Corporation** as one of the 2007 Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards recipients.

Amerikal was honored for their significant achievements in protecting the environment and boosting the economy on Thursday, Oct. 25 at a luncheon at Glen Ellyn. This is the 21st consecutive year the awards were presented by the Waste Management and Research Center (WMRC), a division of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

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“These organizations are leading the way in finding and using new ways to reduce waste and protect the environment. They have made an ongoing commitment to prevent pollution that, in the long run, will make their employees and our communities healthier,” said Gov. Blagojevich.

Over the past 18 years, Amerikal has developed many products aimed at preventing pollution. In October 2006, Amerikal through its Genesis® division unveiled BRIGL, a biodegradable blanket and roller wash for offset printers. This revolutionary product makes Genesis the first and only pressroom chemical manufacturer to offer a viable alternative to petroleum based washes.

Additionally, Genesis has been engineering and manufacturing environmentally responsible fountain solutions since 1989. They were first pressroom chemistry manufacturer to develop a single step fountain solution to run without alcohol or alcohol substitutes and continue to be the only company with the technology and products available today.

“We are honored to be recognized by the State of Illinois for our efforts to make our industry more sustainable and healthier,” said Robert Danielson, president of Amerikal. “Printing is one of the oldest and largest industries in the world and we have positively impacted hundreds of facilities and people worldwide. Our hope is sustainable print will become the norm and not the exception. We have an opportunity to significantly impact millions of printed and packaged good each year.”

#### **About the Governor’s Pollution Prevention Awards**

The Pollution Prevention (P2) projects recognized through the Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards program produced millions of dollars in savings in material and disposal costs. The award winners prevented hundreds of tons of waste materials from being released into the environment and saved millions of gallons of wastewater from being sent to treatment facilities. The Illinois Sustainable Technology Award recognizes a novel technology or process that leads to significant waste reduction, waste elimination, or environmental impact.

Since 1987, the Illinois Waste Management and Research Center (WMRC) has worked with the Illinois Governor's office to recognize outstanding pollution prevention efforts. These annual awards are presented to businesses and organizations in Illinois that have helped the environment and the economy of Illinois by successfully reducing the generation of gaseous, liquid, and solid waste.

#### **About Amerikal**

Based in Waukegan, Ill., Amerikal Products Corporation, through its Genesis division is the recognized manufacturing leader in sustainable pressroom chemistry. Founded in 1989, Amerikal is the first and only pressroom chemical manufacturer dedicated solely to developing products that offset petroleum usage, preserve natural resources, reduce global warming, energy costs, pollution and eliminate hazardous waste streams.

To learn more about Amerikal, please visit [www.amerikal.com](http://www.amerikal.com) or contact Robert Danielson, Jr. at (847) 244.3600.

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