

## **Employee-Named Response Vessel Dedicated at Lake Charles**

**"NRC Energy," a new emergency response vessel named through a competition among CITGO employees, has been dedicated and placed in service on the Calcasieu Ship Channel near Lake Charles.**

The vessel name was chosen from among 400 contest entries, with four CITGO employees actually submitting the winning entry: Rosemary Gagliardi from Rolling Meadows, Ill.; Mike Falls from Tulsa; Mike Owen from the Chattanooga, Tenn., terminal; and Tess Muhammad, who works at the Cicero, Ill., lubes blending and packaging facility. Each of the winners received a \$50 CITGO cash card.

Through an agreement with the National Response Corporation (NRC), CITGO will provide a berth for the "NRC Energy," and its accompanying work barge, the "Calcasieu River," at the Clifton Ridge dock adjacent to the Lake Charles Manufacturing Complex. In addition to providing enhanced capabilities for CITGO, the NRC vessel will be available to assist other facilities along the ship channel respond to emergencies such as a spill or fire.

"Our team of environmental safety professionals saw a need for additional spill response resources, not just for CITGO but for everyone who depends on the ship channel to carryout daily operations," said Al Prebula, Vice President at the Lake Charles complex. "Close proximity of NRC vessels means faster response times to help mitigate potential damage to the environment."

National Response Corporation is the largest commercial oil spill response organization in the United States with a client base of over 450 oil, exploration and production, and power-generating companies, as well as airlines and trucking firms.