

# Sparks Selected Collier County Government Employee of the Month

**J**ames Sparks, Environmental Specialist with Pollution Control, was selected Collier County Government's Employee of the Month for September 2010.

In his work assignment, James is focused on protecting fresh water resources in the county from all sources of pollution. Examples of James' efforts include conducting hazardous waste educational presentations at local schools, homeowner associations and other organizations. He is responsible for authoring the county's annual Hazardous Waste Newsletter. James also partners with Code Enforcement staff assisting with environmental clean-ups at abandoned properties and volunteers for the Household Hazardous Waste programs hosted by the Solid Waste Department.

"James is a diligent and dependable employee who always produces outstanding work," said Pollution Control Department Director Ray Smith. "James strives for practical and beneficial solutions to inspection-related issues and pollution complaints, often working after hours to follow up on any outstanding issues. He has also been actively working to obtain numerous certifications and is studying to become a certified hazardous materials manager. James is a team player who displays professionalism that is very much admired and appreciated."

James has been employed with the Pollution Control Department since 2005.

