Charter Steel received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Hazardous Waste Reduction at a ceremony in Milwaukee on March 4. Receiving the award for Charter Steel was Dennis Woods. Accompanying Dennis at the ceremony were John Mellows, George Taylor, Lou Allegra, Dan Schedler of Mineral Masters, and Bryan Cullivan of Beta Control Systems. The award was presented by Terry Grosenheider of the Department of Commerce (far left in photo) and Robert Heitzer of the Federation of Environmental Technologists (far right).

Our processing plant uses Beta’s acid recovery system to evaporate spent pickle liquor, allowing clean acid and water to be returned to the north cleaning line, and producing an iron chloride byproduct which is marketed by Mineral Masters. This process has reduced Charter’s acid purchases, virtually eliminated transportation and disposal of hazardous waste, and generated revenues from byproduct sales, for net savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. The new hydrochloric acid pickling line in P3 will also utilize the Beta system for acid reclamation.

Congratulations to everyone who worked on this project for a job well done! You helped protect the environment and reduce costs for Charter Steel.