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(Note to Editors: One or more plants in your area received the Chlorine Institute's highest safety award for 2009 performance; this news release includes a list of the award-winning plants and their locations.)

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## **36 PLANTS AT 21 COMPANIES RECEIVE CHLORINE INSTITUTE'S TOP SAFETY AWARD**

ARLINGTON, Va. (April 19, 2010) – Thirty-six plants across North America operated by 21 Chlorine Institute, Inc. (CI), member companies have received the association's highest safety honor – the Chairman's Safety Excellence Award -- for 2009 performance.

All of the honored plants achieved zero U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable injuries, zero OSHA Risk Management Program (RMP) incidents, and zero U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reportable quantity (RQ) releases of mission chemicals over an applicable milestone of consecutive work hours<sup>1</sup>. The awards were presented at CI's recent annual meeting in New Orleans.

The awards went to six companies that produce chlorine, eight that re-package chlorine for customers, and seven that make sodium hypochlorite (bleach); one of the bleach makers also re-packages chlorine.

"For 2009, the Chlorine Institute is bestowing more safety awards than ever," said David Dunlap, CI vice president of health, environment, safety and security. "Producers overall had their lowest average OSHA recordable injury and illness rate -- 1.1 injuries per 100 full-time employees per year -- since CI began collecting data. Their overall recordable injury rate for 2009 represented an 18-percent reduction since 2005, when CI set new safety goals.

"Packagers overall had a recordable injury rate that represented a 41-percent reduction since 2005. Bleach producers came through with a 2009 rate that represents a 20-percent reduction since 2005," Dunlap added.

Companies and their plants that received 2009 CI Chairman's Safety Excellence Awards are, as follows:

### Chlorine Producers

- E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Niagara Falls, N.Y. (650,000 work hours)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Applicable consecutive safe work hour milestones are based on the number of workers at each plant.

<sup>2</sup> For example, DuPont's Niagara Falls, N.Y., facility worked 650,000 total hours with zero OSHA recordable injuries, zero RMP incidents, and zero RQ releases.

- Occidental Chemical Corp. plants in Convent, La. (1.3 million work hours) and Battleground, Texas (650,000 work hours).
- Formosa Plastics Corp., USA, Point Comfort, Texas (975,000 work hours).
- Olin Corp., Augusta, Ga. (650,000 work hours).
- Mexichem, S.A. de C.V., El Salto, Jalisco, Mexico (325,000 work hours).
- Westlake CA&O Corp., Calvert City, Ky. (325,000 work hours).

#### Chlorine Packagers

- Brenntag USA plants in Chattanooga, Tenn., and St. Albans, W.Va. (180,000 work hours each); plants in Orlando, Fla., and Terre Haute, Ind. (120,000 work hours each), and a plant in Port of Catoosa, Okla. (60,000 work hours).
- Allied Universal Corp., Miami, Fla. (120,000 work hours).
- Brenntag Canada, Inc., plants in Cornwall, Ontario, and Winnipeg, Manitoba (120,000 work hours each), and a plant in Langley, British Columbia (60,000 work hours).
- Hydrite Chemical Co., Oshkosh, Wis. (120,000 work hours).
- DPC Industries, Inc., plants in Sweetwater, Texas (60,000 work hours) and Tampa, Fla. (three years' worth of work hours).
- JCI Jones Chemical, Inc., plants in Torrance, Calif., and Warwick, N.Y. (60,000 work hours each).
- Rowell Chemical Corp., Willow Springs, Ill. (60,000 work hours).
- Alivia Corp., St. Gabriel, La. (three years' worth of work hours).

#### Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) Manufacturers

- Clorox Co. plants in Atlanta (840,000 work hours), Caguas, P.R., Chicago, Fairfield, Conn., and Houston (300,000 work hours each), and Los Angeles (60,000 work hours).
- Brenntag USA, Kansas City, Mo. (240,000 work hours).
- KIK Corp., plants in Salem, Va. (180,000 work hours) and Denver (60,000 work hours).
- HASA, Inc., Eloy, Ariz. (120,000 work hours).
- Miami Products & Chemical Co., Dayton, Ohio (120,000 work hours).
- ClearTech Industries, Inc., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (six years' worth of work hours).
- General Chemical Corp., Indianapolis (three years' worth of work hours).

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