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## **THE C. REISS COAL COMPANY EARNS PRESTIGIOUS SAFETY DESIGNATION**

*Site earns Voluntary Protection Program Merit Status  
from the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration*

GREEN BAY, Wis. – Officials with the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration today awarded Voluntary Protection Program Merit status to The C. Reiss Coal Company for its outstanding health and safety performance.

“VPP status not only demonstrates a company’s commitment to working safely, but it also illustrates that the company is being successful at safety,” said Melvin R. Lischefski, area director for OSHA Region V of Appleton, Wis. “The C. Reiss Coal Company’s employees are obviously dedicated to continuous improvement when it comes to safety.”

The C. Reiss Coal Company, a subsidiary of Koch Mineral Services, LLC and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., is only the third VPP site in Green Bay. Others include BBA Nonwovens, and Georgia-Pacific, which is also a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of Koch Industries.

“Our employees set a goal to attain VPP status,” said William A. Reiss, company president. “With diligence and attention to continuous improvement, these employees have worked to achieve a reputation as a safe place to work.”

OSHA awarded the VPP certification to The C. Reiss Coal Company after months of in-depth review. The agency evaluated the facility's safety and health programs, operations performance and safety record. Approval into VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. There are three OSHA program distinctions.

The C. Reiss Coal Company bought the current site in 1904. It has been owned by subsidiaries of Koch Industries since 1986 and continues to operate a dry bulk coal dock employing safe and environmentally sound best practices.

*The C. Reiss Coal Company is based in Sheboygan, Wis., and is a subsidiary of Koch Mineral Services, LLC, which is an indirect subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. The C. Reiss Coal Company is a dry bulk coal and salt transportation company with locations in Green Bay, Manitowoc, Ashland and Superior, Wis., Escanaba and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Duluth, Minn. It is a subsidiary of Koch Mineral Services, LLC.*

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