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Norfolk Southern Chemical Customers Earn Safety Awards

NORFOLK , VA – Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) has recognized 36 customers for safe handling of hazardous chemicals.

The customers earned the Thoroughbred Chemical Safety Award by shipping more than 1,000 carloads of hazardous chemicals without incident on Norfolk Southern during 2004. Combined, they safely handled more than 70,000 carloads of hazardous chemicals without a single release of product.

"These companies have demonstrated in the best possible way – through accident-free handling of chemicals – their dedication to safety in their work places and in their communities," said David R. Goode, NS chairman and chief executive officer. "Safety is Norfolk Southern's first priority. We believe safe operations go hand in hand with good customer service. We congratulate these companies for their accomplishments and thank them for their safety-first business partnership with Norfolk Southern."

This marks the ninth year NS has given awards to its safest chemical customers. Here are the 2004 award recipients.

- Akzo Nobel Chemicals Inc.
- BOC Gases
- BP Products North America
- Celanese Ltd.
- the ConocoPhillips Company plant at Hartford , Ill.
- E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company
- Eaglebrook Inc.
- the Eastman Chemical Co. plant at Kingsport , Tenn.
- Enterprise Products Company
- Equistar Chemicals LP
- ExxonMobil Chemical Company
- Finnchem USA Inc.
- Georgia Gulf Corporation
- Horsehead Corp.
- Husky Energy Marketing Inc.
- KOCH Nitrogen Company
- Koppers Inc.
- Lucite International
- Lyondell Chemical Company
- Marathon Ashland Petroleum
- NorFalco Sales Inc.
- NOVA Chemicals Corporation
- Nucor Steel
- Occidental Chemical
- the Olin Chlor Alkali Products plant at Augusta , Ga.
- Oxy Vinyls LP
- the PCS Sales (USA) Inc. plants at Lee Creek, N.C., Lima, Ohio, and Occidental, Fla.
- Petrosul International Ltd
- PPG Industries Inc.
- Praxair Inc.
- the Premcor Refining Group plant at Lima , Ohio
- Rhodia Inc.
- Sunbelt Chlor Alkali Partnership
- the Sunoco Chemicals Inc. plants at Haverhill and Toledo , Ohio , and Philadelphia
- Valero Marketing and Supply Company
- Vulcan Chemicals

Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation's premier transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway subsidiary operates approximately 21,300 route miles in 22 states, the District of Columbia and Ontario , Canada , serving every major container port in the eastern United States and providing superior connections to western rail carriers. NS operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is North America 's largest rail carrier of automotive parts and finished vehicles.

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