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THE C. REISS COAL COMPANY ADVANCES TO STAR STATUS IN PRESTIGIOUS SAFETY PROGRAM

GREEN BAY, Wis. – Officials with the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration today awarded Voluntary Protection Programs Star status to The C. Reiss Coal Company. The site joins an elite group recognized for exemplary safety and health performance.

“Designation as a VPP Star participant is testament to sustained excellence in all areas of a safety and health management system,” said Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., assistant secretary, Occupational Safety & Health Administration. “We are pleased to recognize C. Reiss Coal for their outstanding performance.”

OSHA awarded the Star certification to the Green Bay facility after months of in-depth review. The agency evaluated the facility's safety and health programs, operations performance and safety record. The facility earned VPP Merit status in 2006. The C. Reiss Coal Company is a subsidiary of Koch Mineral Services, LLC.

“Koch companies continually strive for safe and healthy work environments. This well-deserved honor positions Reiss Coal as an industry leader and is a result of our employees’ focus on operating safely,” said William A. Reiss, company president. “We are proud of their accomplishment.”

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 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.

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