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John Zink Company, LLC Earns Top OSHA Safety Designation *First Tulsa company to achieve Voluntary Protection Program STAR status*

TULSA, Okla. – John Zink Company today achieved STAR status for its outstanding operational record and safety program by the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program.

OSHA officials honored the John Zink Company team with the agency’s most prestigious designation at a ceremony here.

“John Zink Company has exhibited excellence in the areas of effective safety and health management as well as employee training and involvement,” said John Miles, OSHA Region 6 administrator from Dallas. “The John Zink team is a model for what can happen when the entire company is committed to working together to create a safer workplace. I salute this team’s efforts to join the list of other companies achieving VPP Star Status.”

OSHA awarded the STAR VPP certification to John Zink Company, a Koch Chemical Technology Group, LLC, company, after months of in-depth review. The agency evaluated the facility’s safety and health programs, operations performance and safety record.

“This national recognition is an honor and a testament to our employees’ commitment to safety performance and practices,” said David H. Koch, chairman and chief executive officer of Koch Chemical Technology Group, and board member of Koch Industries, Inc., who participated in the ceremony. “In addition to the company’s recognition as a world leader in combustion technology and equipment, this team is focused on continuously improving systems and operations resulting in a safer workplace.”

In May, the company earned the Safety Culture Award from the Oklahoma Department of Labor. The John Zink site also qualified for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Performance Track program, and achieved international certifications – ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 – for its environmental and health and safety management systems.

“Our goal at John Zink Company is to provide a safe working environment for our employees,” said Stephen Pirnat, president. “Our ability to do so is due to our employees’ continued focus and vigilance to operating safely. In the past 18 months, we have earned state, national and international recognition for our performance and management systems. Not only do we manufacture systems that aid the refining and manufacturing industries in meeting environmental goals, but also our employees strive to consistently improve our operations in the environmental, health and safety arenas.”

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John Zink's Tulsa facility's three-year OSHA recordable incident rate is 2.93, 74 percent lower than the industry average of 10.9. The site's three-year OSHA lost-time incident rate is 0.20, 93 percent lower than the industry average of 2.76. OSHA recordable rates are standard industrial safety performance measures that represent health and safety incidents per 200,000 work-hours, a unit of measure chosen by the agency because it approximates the annual work of 100 employees. Lost-time incidents are those injuries or occupational illnesses that result in time away from work.

John Zink Company, LLC is a leading provider of environmental solutions, advanced combustion systems and breakthrough technologies worldwide, servicing a wide range of global markets. John Zink branded products include JZ[®] flares, process burners, duct burners, thermal oxidizers and vapor control systems; KALDAIR[®] flares; TODD[®] boiler burners; and GORDON-PLATT[™] boiler burners. John Zink Company is a Koch Chemical Technology Group, LLC company. To learn more about John Zink, visit www.johnzink.com.

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