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KOCH COMPANIES, OSHA FORM LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

*Will collaborate on safety and health management systems,
work to reduce ergonomics and other injuries and illnesses*

WICHITA, Kan. — Eight Koch-affiliated companies and The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today agreed to expand their relationship and partner to develop strong safety and health management systems at various Koch company worksites around the nation.

The respective Koch companies and OSHA will, among other things, use their collective expertise and best practices to reduce injuries and illnesses at pilot facilities operated by the companies.

“This partnership with Koch allows OSHA to reach out and address safety and health issues alongside a company with a worldwide presence in diverse industries,” said OSHA Administrator John L. Henshaw, who attended the signing ceremony at Koch’s Wichita office. “The lessons learned from the participation of the pilot worksites in this partnership will be useful across many industries.”

As a learning opportunity, Henshaw pointed to one of the participating Koch companies, Koch Materials Company, which operates an asphalt terminal in Saginaw, Texas, that has recently been approved as a Voluntary Protection Program STAR site, OSHA’s designation for sites that have distinguished themselves with the highest level of safety and health excellence.

In addition to Koch Materials Company, other participating Koch affiliates with pilot program sites are Koch Business Holdings, LLC; Koch Hydrocarbon Southwest, LLC; Koch Hydrocarbon, LP; Koch Mineral Services, LLC; Koch Carbon, LLC; The C. Reiss Coal Company and Koch Nitrogen Company. These Koch companies’ worksites are located throughout the United States.

“This agreement represents a true public/private sector partnership,” said Chris Wilkins, Koch Industries’ director of corporate compliance. “This agreement enhances and builds upon the commitments these companies and OSHA have made, and will allow us to work together to benefit our communities, our co-workers and our nation’s economy.

“Ever-improving environmental, health and safety performance is not an option. It is an expectation we have established for every employee in every Koch company at all times. We hope these agreements mark another step forward in our culture of ever-higher expectations and accomplishments.”

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In this partnership, the Koch companies and OSHA will work together to expand and implement the safety and health management systems at the 18 pilot worksites, including sharing knowledge and best practices to help reduce injuries and illnesses at other Koch company sites.

The Koch companies and OSHA will also strive to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses related to ergonomics in participating pilot companies by building on the Koch EH&S Management System and developing recommendations for management practices addressing ergonomic hazards. Koch's system, which emphasizes management commitment and employee involvement, is consistent with the principles of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). It is anticipated that Koch companies will enhance their participation in VPP as well as the Special Government Employees program.

The partnership will be managed by a committee of Koch company managers, operations staffs and OSHA. The committee will determine procedures, meet regularly to evaluate the effectiveness of the partnership, and track and analyze information on partnership activities and results.

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