

Evonik's Belpre, Ohio, Site Receives Award For Outstanding Safety Record Ohio Bureau Lauds Facility's Dedication to Employee, Plant Safety

BELPRE, Ohio, April 23, 2010 — Evonik's carbon black plant in Belpre, Ohio, has been recognized for its exceptional safety record by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation.

In notifying the plant of the prestigious award, Lori Smith, Safety Council Manager at the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce, lauded Evonik's dedication to safety. Said Smith: "We recognize that it takes a whole team and fully dedicated staff to make a safe workplace."

This was the fifth time Evonik's Belpre plant has been recognized for its outstanding safety record by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation.

The award will be presented to the Belpre team at the Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council Awards luncheon April 21.

Jack L. Clem, Senior Vice President & General Manager of Evonik's Inorganic Materials Business Unit and head of the Business Unit's North American activities, noted that Evonik is dedicated to promoting workplace health and safety at all its facilities.

"All of our employees have made a personal commitment to health and safety, both for themselves and those around them," said Clem. "Our employees truly are the cornerstone of our health and safety success. I commend our employees at Belpre for their hard work and dedication to safety. Having good health and safety practices is definitely a competitive advantage."

Donnie Loubiere, Evonik's Plant Manager in Belpre noted that years of work by plant employees have led to continuous improvement in safety monitoring and achievement. "Safety is a daily commitment here at Belpre," said Loubiere. "We encourage our employees to take a more proactive role by becoming better informed about safety. But there is always more that can be done. We will never rest."

Trevor R Hayes, Belpre Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Manager, added: “We are extremely proud of our Belpre team. We continue to highlight the message of personal responsibility for safety on a daily basis.”

Evonik’s Belpre facility makes carbon black, which is used in the manufacture of tires and rubber goods as well as ink, plastic and other applications.

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