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Advancing the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace

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### Jasper Engines and Transmissions Receives VPP “STAR” Recertification

INDIANAPOLIS (October 2, 2015) –Jasper Engines and Transmission, located in Jasper, Indiana, has achieved recertification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) as a “STAR” site. Indiana VPP sites are recognized as leaders in workplace safety and health and commended for their success in proactively protecting Hoosier workers. The company received VPP certification initially in 2008. VPP “STAR” sites are re-evaluated every three to five years.

“VPP recertification is not given—it’s earned. This achievement emphasizes the importance placed on employee safety and health excellence,” said Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to partner with and congratulates the management, employees and staff of Jasper Engines and Transmissions on their VPP recertification,” Ruble added.

To participate in VPP, a company must develop, implement and maintain an exemplary worker safety and health management system and complete a comprehensive workplace safety and health audit conducted by IDOL staff and safety professionals from a pool of Special Government Employees (SGEs). Additionally, the site’s workplace injury and illness rates must be below the national industry average for its respective industry. Worker injury and illness rates at Jasper Engines and Transmissions are nearly 20 percent below the national industry average. To date, 75 Indiana workplaces have achieved VPP certification—with 73 of these sites achieving “STAR” certification.

Jasper Engines and Transmissions’ Jasper, Indiana production site employs nearly 1,000 Hoosier workers and is one of the company’s five production sites in the country. The site manufactures drive train components that include gasoline engines and diesel engines, stern drives, transmissions, differentials as well as performance engines for NASCAR. Jasper Engines and Transmissions currently has two sites certified in VPP.

#### **About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. [www.in.gov/dol](http://www.in.gov/dol)

#### **About VPP:**

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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