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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors Waterloo, Indiana's Nucor Building Systems with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN April 1, 2010** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Waterloo, Indiana's Nucor Building Systems in Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The company achieved VPP "Merit" status in February 2010.

The facility manufactures custom designed, pre-engineered steel buildings primarily from recycled steel coils, bar stock and beams. Nucor Building Systems' Waterloo facility employs 295 employees. In addition to having numerous, detailed written safety and health programs, management conduct weekly toolbox safety talks and weekly line meetings regarding safety. Employees have an active role in Nucor's safety and health program as well, conducting job specific Job Safety Analyses (JSAs), and participating in safety committees, with topics ranging from Special Projects to Compliance.

The effectiveness of Nucor's safety culture is evident in their occupational injury and illness rates. The three-year Total Cases Incident Rate (TCIR) average is nearly 75% below the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) industry average for their industry. The three-year Days Away Restricted and Transfer (DART) Rate average is more than 81% below the published BLS rate. "Through written safety and health programs, training, management commitment and employee involvement, Waterloo's Nucor Building Systems has successfully reduced injury and illness rates. Nucor Building Systems is a leader in worker safety and health in their industry and in Indiana," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Nucor Building Systems has scheduled a VPP "Merit" Ceremony for June 16, 2010. The ceremony will provide an opportunity for company employees, staff and management to showcase their exemplary status to the local media, state officials and local elected officials.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683.

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#### **About VPP:**

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

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