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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Rockport Indiana's Rockport Maintenance with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN November 13, 2007 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the recertification of Rockport, Indiana's Rockport Maintenance in Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The company was initially inducted into VPP in June 2004, receiving VPP "Star" status.

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.

Rockport Maintenance is a joint-venture of Fluor, Inc. (Greenville, SC) and Siemens Energy and Automation (Alpharetta, GA). Providing long-term maintenance services, Rockport Maintenance is the largest on-site maintenance service provider to AK Steel's Rockport, Indiana facility. The company specializes in electrical and mechanical maintenance.

The VPP "Star" recertification ceremony was held on Friday, November 9, 2007 in Rockport, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Rockport Maintenance employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials. "It is rewarding to see companies proactively addressing occupational safety and health. The Department of Labor is proud to be a partner with the Rockport Maintenance in this achievement," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Integrating workplace safety and health into job functions, Rockport Maintenance managers are required to perform at least two safety and health observations per work week. Operations are halted if worker safety or health is compromised. "Active employee awareness and participation is essential to the success of any workplace safety and health program. The Indiana Department of Labor commends Rockport Maintenance for the integration of a successful site-specific safety and health management system," added Torres.

To qualify for VPP "Star" status, an organization's Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) must be below that of the industry's average for their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Rockport Maintenance's three-year TCIR is 90 percent below the industry's average.

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