



Koppers Locations Earn National Safety Council's Occupational Excellence Awards

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No fatalities and few lost work day cases rank facilities among the nation's safest in their industries

PITTSBURGH, March 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thirteen Koppers U.S. locations have been honored by the National Safety Council (NSC) with Occupational Excellence Achievement Awards for 2005.

In earning the NSC awards, these 13 plants reported injuries and illnesses involving days away from work at a rate in 2005 that was 50 percent or less of the rate for their respective industry classifications, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and had no fatalities. NSC, founded in 1913, is a nonprofit public service organization dedicated to protecting life and promoting health.

Koppers plants that won the award are located in Gainesville, Florida; Florence, South Carolina; Muncy, Pennsylvania; Superior, Wisconsin; Roanoke, Virginia; North Little Rock, Arkansas; Galesburg, Illinois; Denver, Colorado; Follansbee, West Virginia; Clairton, Pennsylvania; Montgomery, Alabama; Woodward, Alabama; and Portland, Oregon.

"The well-being of our employees is the motivation behind our existing safety policies and the enhanced initiatives and precautions we implemented in our plants in 2005," said Leslie S. Hyde, Vice President, Safety and Environmental Affairs. "This continued emphasis on safety and health is clearly paying dividends at Koppers. We realize our most valuable asset is our employees. As our business continues to grow, our goal is excellence in our safety, health and environmental practices."

About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters and a research center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a global integrated producer of carbon compounds and treated wood products. Including its joint ventures, Koppers operates facilities in the United States, United Kingdom, Denmark, Australia, China, the Pacific Rim and South Africa. The stock of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "KOP". For more information, visit us on the web: www.koppers.com. Questions concerning investor relations should be directed to Brian H. McCurrie at 412 227 2153.

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