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Showa Denko Oita Complex Among Five Facilities Selected for the 34th JCIA/JRCC Grand Prix Safety Award

Japan Chemical Industry Association
Japan Responsible Care Council

The Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) and the Japan Responsible Care Council (JRCC) recently selected the winners of their 34th JCIA/JRCC “Grand Prix Safety,” “Special Safety” and “Safety” Awards for chemical facilities with superior performance in promoting voluntary conservation, safety and health.

The award-winning facilities were selected by JCIA’s Safety Awards Council from among 14 nominated facilities, including two research centers. The winners are:

JCIA/JRCC Grand Prix Safety Award

Showa Denko K.K., Oita Complex
Address: 2 Nakanosu, Oita City

Operation started: June 1969

Major business line: Manufacturing of ethylene, propylene and their derivatives by means of thermolysis of naphtha.

Amount of dangerous substances handled: About 1.93 million times the designated amount.

Amount of high-pressure gas handled: About 2.3 million Nm³/day

Number of employees: 413

Safety record: Labor hours without recorded accident – 6,680,000 hours

Years without recorded accident: 10.5 years

Major awards: First Responsible Care Award (2007) and Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance Special TPM Award (2007).

Reasons for selection: The basic safety priority at this site is aimed at preventing accidents. Working within the concept of “Safety Activities Are Rooted in the Heart,” trained personnel monitor the facility and all employees are focused on disaster prevention and safety awareness. In addition, they utilize the technique of pointing and

calling to prevent human error by focusing on careful completion of common tasks, mutual care and attention among fellow workers, and open, thorough communication.

The site continues to develop its risk assessment program, which is now in its third stage of revision.

In an effort to pass on safety skills to new workers, employees are encouraged to share their personal experiences as part of the site's safety education process.

As a whole, safety activity with participation among all employees has been well received at this facility.

JCIA/JRCC Special Safety Award

Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, Central Research Center

JCIA/JRCC Safety Award (three companies)

Air Water Inc., Chemical Company Kashima Works (Kashima City, Ibaraki)

JSR Corporation, Chiba Plant (Ichihara City, Chiba)

Toray Industries, Inc., Okazaki Plant (Okazaki City, Aichi)

The awards ceremony will be held at JCIA's 19th Annual Conference on May 27.

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