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NCRA Celebrates Safety

An outdoor celebration luncheon was held on June 17, 2009, for all NCRA employees to show appreciation for the excellent safety performance during 2008. This is the third year in a row that NCRA has been recognized by the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association (NPRA) with the Gold Award.

Pictured left to right are NCRA's Safety Supervisor, Dennis Schroeder; NPRA President (presenting the award), Charlie T. Drevna; NCRA's Mick Nobert, Lab Relief Pool; and NCRA's Billy Bushnell, Safety Representative, at the annual Safety Awards Banquet held this year in Grapevine, Texas on May 13, 2009.

The award was for a 25% reduction in the total recordable accident rate during the 2008 calendar year as compared to NCRA's average of the three previous calendar years. Because of the calculation method, the award will continue to become more difficult to achieve each year.

Rick Leicht, NCRA Vice President – Refining, spoke briefly at the luncheon and said, "So far in calendar 2009 we have had no lost time accidents and two recordable accidents. Keep up the good work." He also said, "This celebration is not about statistics, the numbers mean that we are working safer. This is great news."

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