CYRO's Osceola facility receives high marks

A leading independent global auditing firm has commended CYRO Industries' Osceola plant for its continuous improvement efforts in Environmental, Health, Safety and Security performance.

Quality Systems Registrars, Inc. of Sterling, Virginia, has certified CYRO's Osceola facility, which manufactures acrylic sheet and molding compounds, for the American Chemistry Council's (ACC)'s RC 14001 program.

"Receiving Responsible Care® RC 14001 certification is a significant achievement that recognizes our commitment and the quality of its Environmental, Health, Safety and Security systems," said John Rolando, president of CYRO Industries and president of Evonik Degussa Corporation, the North American operations of Germany-based Evonik Industries.

Responsible Care (RC) 14001 is a pioneering Environmental, Health, Safety and Security (EHS&S) standard that integrates the American Chemistry Council's Responsible Care elements with the environmental management system established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO 14001), Rolando noted.

"CYRO constantly works to improve our Environmental, Health, Safety and Security performance," said Rolando. "We constantly seek to go beyond mere compliance for our processes, products and services."

Osceola plant manager Pete Marks said he was extremely gratified that the hard work of the plant's employees was recognized by an independent, third party auditor.

"All of our employees worked extremely hard to achieve this prestigious distinction," he continued. "We strive to make positive contributions to our community and to the environment and we are dedicated to providing high quality, efficient services for all of our customers."

Marks added that the Osceola facility has been through a number of changes since opening its doors 21 years ago, "But what has not changed is our commitment to Health, Safety, Security and the Environment."

The ACC RC 14001 certification is the latest in a series of achievements by the Osceola facility. In 2003, the plant received the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) highest safety honor -- the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Safety Through Accountability and Recognition (STAR) award.

The STAR designation is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. The Voluntary Protection Program promotes effective worksite-based safety and health.

In addition, the site has been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for environmental excellence and sustainability. The EPA has renewed the plant's membership in its National Environmental Performance Track, which is considered the "gold standard" for facility-based environmental performance.

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