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Convenience Store Alliance Agreement

INDIANAPOLIS (April 20, 2012) – A major association of convenience store operators in the late-night retail industry has signed an agreement and pledged to work through the DOL's INSafe program for cooperative educational and compliance management regarding late-night retail workplace violence. Joining in the agreement are the Indiana Department of Labor (DOL) and the Indiana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (IPCA).

Goals of the agreement include:

- DOL will provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information to the IPCA and its members. DOL will speak, exhibit, or appear at IPCA conferences, meetings and major industry trade shows as available and requested.
- The DOL will share information and statistics, as determined to be appropriate by the Director of INSafe, to advance the goal of providing more relevant information and reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the workplace (e.g., sharing fatality/injury and illness data that is generally unavailable to the public; these statistics may provide the basis for future prevention-based research).
- INSafe will consult with select member companies of the IPCA to assist with the development and delivery of group-wide occupational safety and health outreach and training programs.
- IPCA will share information with DOL personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding IPCA best practices or effective approaches and publicize results through outreach by IPCA and through DOL events, print media, websites, etc.
- IPCA will promote and encourage member company participation in INSafe programs such as the OSHA Consultation Program and its INSHARP Program.
- INSafe will also provide strategic industrial hygiene and safety assistance to IPCA and its participants upon request. This work will be used to develop a common exposure picture for similar work application with member companies.

This agreement is the result of DOL Commissioner Lori Torres's efforts to bring all interested parties together as the Late Night Retail Working Group to address repeated violent injuries and fatalities at convenience stores throughout the state.

The Group, founded by DOL with the participation of Indiana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Indiana Grocery and Convenience Store Association, the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers and the Indiana State Police, is currently producing a report that will summarize the Group's findings and recommendations for store owners in Indiana. This report, set to be released in



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May, will document the best available research on late-night retail safety and security, and review various legislative and voluntary actions across the country to be models for stores in Indiana.

The group also includes a representative from the families and victims of recent late-night retail workplace violence.

DOL, Indiana Grocery and Convenience Store Association, and Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers are also discussing possible partnership agreements.

More information about this alliance, including the agreement that was signed March 28, can be found at www.in.gov/dol/2387.htm.

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The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers. www.in.gov/dol

About INSafe:

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