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### **Cummins Seymour Engine Plant Among Indiana's Safest and Healthiest Workplaces**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (September 22, 2015) – Cummins Seymour Engine Plant, located in Seymour, Indiana, has achieved certification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) as a “STAR” site. VPP “STAR” certification is the highest level of certification a worksite can achieve. Indiana VPP sites are leaders in workplace safety and health and are recognized for their success in proactively protecting Hoosier workers.

“The management, employees and staff at Cummins Seymour Engine Plant have an approach that prioritizes safety and health to the forefront of everything they do,” said Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “This prioritization places Cummins Seymour Engine Plant into an elite group of worker safety and health-minded Indiana businesses,” Ruble added.

To participate in VPP, a company must develop, implement and maintain an exemplary worker safety and health management system and complete a comprehensive workplace safety and health audit conducted by IDOL staff and safety professionals from a pool of Special Government Employees (SGEs). Additionally, the site’s workplace injury and illness rates must be below the national industry average for its respective industry. Currently, 75 Indiana workplaces have achieved VPP certification—73 are designated as “STAR” worksites.

Cummins Seymour Engine Plant employs about 700 employees that manufacture four models of diesel engines each year. Through its proactive efforts, the plant has been successful in reducing and eliminating workplace injuries and illnesses. The most recent worker injury and illness rate for the facility is approximately 70 percent below the national average for the industry. Cummins Seymour Engine Plant also was previously recognized with a Governor’s Workplace Safety Award during the 2013 Indiana Safety and Health Conference and Expo.

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**About VPP:**

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

**About Cummins Inc.:**

Cummins is a global power leader that designs, manufactures, sells and services diesel engines and related technology around the world. Headquartered in Columbus, Indiana (USA) Cummins currently employs approximately 54,600 people worldwide and serves customers in approximately 190 countries and territories through a network of approximately 600 company-owned and independent distributor locations and approximately 6,500 dealer locations. Cummins earned 1.67 billion on sales of 19.2 billion in 2014. Press releases can be found on the Web at [www.cummins.com](http://www.cummins.com). Follow Cummins on Twitter at @Cummins and on YouTube at CumminsInc.

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