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### Indiana Department of Labor Honors Frankfort, Indiana's Frito-Lay, Core Plant with Safety Award

**Indianapolis, IN April 1, 2010** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of PepsiCo's Frito-Lay core facility, located in Frankfort, in Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The company achieved VPP "STAR" status in February 2010.

The Frito-Lay Frankfort facility manufactures "core" snacks, which includes *Lay's* and *Ruffles* potato chips, *Fritos* corn chips, *Doritos* and *Tostitos* tortilla chips and *Cheetos* cheese flavored snacks. The site's products are mainly distributed to the mid-west portion of the country, by its 125 full-time over-the-road truck drivers. Many of these drivers have been honored for driving more than 1 million accident-free miles.

Frito-Lay Frankfort has taken a proactive approach to occupational safety and health. The leadership team, managers and business unit leaders participate in monthly safety-steering committee meetings and managers conduct one-on-one meetings with employees. In addition, employees participate in accident and incident investigations.

"By developing a safety and health program which relies on input and compliance from both leadership and employees, Frankfort's Frito-Lay Core plant has proven that they are dedicated to the safety and health of their workers. We commend Frito-Lay and are proud to partner with them," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

The facility has scheduled a VPP "STAR" Ceremony for June 2, 2010. The ceremony will provide an opportunity for company employees, staff and management to showcase their exemplary status to the local media, state officials and local elected officials.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683.

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#### About VPP:

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

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