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## Pharmaceutical Development Site Recertified for Superb Workplace Safety and Health Programs

**INDIANAPOLIS** (September 15, 2017) – Eli Lilly and Company’s Lilly Technology Center in Indianapolis achieved recertification as a ‘STAR’ participant in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). A participant of the program for over 16 years, this Lilly worksite remains committed to proactive restriction and elimination of workplace safety and health hazards for their workers.

Eli Lilly and Company is a global pharmaceutical company, homebased in the heart of Indianapolis. The Lilly Technology Center employs more than 4,800 workers. Worldwide, Eli Lilly employs nearly 40,000 and has facilities in throughout the world. The technology center been a long-term participant of VPP, originally certified in February 2001.

“Our agency is proud to recognize this globally successful and valuable company for their hard work to protect their people,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “The Lilly Technology Center has consistently demonstrated how they consider workplace safety and health a high priority.”

“Safety is a top priority at Lilly, and we strive to make medicine in a safe environment for our employees, our surrounding communities and the people who take our medicines,” said Maria Crowe, president of Global Manufacturing Operations for Eli Lilly and Company. “Participating in the VPP and achieving our STAR recertification underscores our commitment to safety.”

The worksite’s three-year average Total Case Incidence Rate (TCIR) was 28 percent below the national industry average for the period of 2014 through 2016. Additionally, the Lilly Technology Center’s Days Away/Restricted/Transferred Case Incidence (DART) rate for the same time period was 67 percent below the national industry average.

### **About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

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 voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter at [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor).

**About VPP:**

The VPP recognizes employers and employees who have implemented effective safety and health management systems and maintain a low injury and illness rate. In VPP, management and OSHA work cooperatively and proactively to prevent fatalities, injuries and illnesses through a system focused on prevention, control, analysis and training committed to worker involvement.

To participate in VPP, employers submit an application to OSHA and undergo a rigorous onsite evaluation by a team of safety and health professionals. VPP participants are re-evaluated every three to five years to remain in the programs. To be recognized in the STAR program specifically, employers and employees must demonstrate exemplary achievement in the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of their safety and health management system.

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