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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Jasper Engine Plant Awarded ‘STAR’ Title for Workplace Safety and Health Excellence

**INDIANAPOLIS** (January 25, 2018) – Jasper Engines and Transmissions Power Drive of Jasper, Indiana, has achieved STAR status in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The ‘STAR’ title recognizes the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the facility’s management and employees in keeping the worksite a safe and healthy place to work.

Jasper Engines and Transmissions is the largest remanufacturer of gas and diesel engines, transmission, marine engines, electric motors, and much more. Originally founded in 1942, the company has 45 branch and distributor locations throughout the United States.

With nearly 400 employees, the Power Drive facility is one of five of the company’s production sites nationwide. The Power Drive location joins two other Indiana locations in VPP STAR-level certification: Jasper and Leavenworth.

“The ‘STAR’ title isn’t awarded lightly. Organizations, businesses, and worksites work hard to demonstrate the excellence in occupational safety and health the program requires,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “The management and staff at the Power Drive facility should be very proud of this accomplishment.”

The Power Drive facility has maintained incident and lost-day rates lower than the respective national industry averages. For the period of 2014 to 2016, the facility’s Total Case Incidence Rate (TCIR) is 3.3 per 100 workers, 20 percent below the 2015 national industry average of 4.1. Additionally, the Days Away from Work, Restricted Activity, or Job Transfer (DART) case incidence rate is 1 per 100 workers, 86 percent below the 2015 national average of 2.4.

#### **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 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.

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