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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Griffith Marathon Pipe Line Facility Achieves ‘STAR’ Status in State Safety and Health Program

**INDIANAPOLIS** (February 15, 2017) – The Marathon Pipe Line, located in Griffith, Indiana, achieved certification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) as a ‘STAR’ worksite for excellence in workplace safety and health. The site hasn’t had a recordable workplace injury or illness in the past three years.

With 21 employees working at the Griffith location, the Marathon Pipe Line transports refined petroleum products to and from Marathon-owned facilities and other third-party pipelines. Because emergency preparation is considered a vital component of pipeline industry responsibilities, the Griffith Area facility’s priority is to operate pipelines safely and responsibly, while providing a positive impact to the communities in which they operate.

“In VPP, the ‘STAR’ level certification is reserved for worksites who’ve gone above and beyond to exceed expectations in occupational safety and health, and Marathon Pipe Line has done just that with a clean slate for the past three years and counting,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “Our team looks forward to continuing to work with management and the staff of this Hoosier company.”

The culture of management commitment and employee involvement are strong factors in the facility’s “spotless” occupational injury and illness record for the past three years. This rate is 100 percent below the national industry average of 1.8 per 100 workers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### **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: [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook: [facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://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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