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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors American Colloid Company, in Troy, Indiana with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN February 17, 2009** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of American Colloid Company in Troy, Indiana in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP).

INSHARP, a federally recognized program, is one of two of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs. INSHARP was established to recognize and promote exemplary safety and health management systems throughout the state. INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

A subsidiary of AMCOL International Corporation, American Colloid Company operates many facilities throughout the world. The Troy, Indiana site uses Bentonite and coal mixed together to form the company's Additrol product. The Additrol product is shipped to foundries for use in metal castings. The company employs six at their location in Troy. "Although American Colloid Company's Troy facility is the smallest employer involved in INSHARP, big things are happening in the way of employee safety and health. The Indiana Department of Labor commends the management and employees at the Troy location for their efforts to promote and preserve employee safety," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in Troy, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for American Colloid Company employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

Management commitment and employee involvement are critical components of any worker safety and health initiative. The company has weekly "toolbox talks" to ensure that workplace safety and health remains at the forefront. Company employees are properly trained to deal with emergency safety and health procedures as well as participate in the delivery of safety and health training. Members of the company's safety committee meet monthly to conduct observations and ensure compliance with a safe and healthy workplace.

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