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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Mead Johnson Nutrition's Evansville Supply Center with Safety Award

INDIANAPOLIS (October 14, 2010) - The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the "Star" Certification of Evansville, Indiana's Mead Johnson Nutrition Evansville Supply Center in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The VPP recognizes and partners with businesses and worksites that show excellence in occupational safety and health. Mead Johnson Nutrition's Evansville Supply Center first achieved VPP certification status as a "Merit" site in 2007.

Mead Johnson Nutrition's Evansville Supply Center location employs nearly 300 workers. Employees at this location process, pack and ship infant formula products.

Mead Johnson's management commitment and employee involvement are critical components to the overall success of the employer's safety and health management system. Company management reviews all work-related accidents and near-miss incidents. Mead Johnson employees participate on safety teams and in several safety events such as safety fairs and safety slogan contests, and serve as members of the medical response team.

Mead Johnson Nutrition's Evansville Supply Center occupational injury and illness rates are well below the national average for the company's respective industry. The Evansville Supply Center's Total Recordable Case (TRC) and Days Away Restricted and Transferred (DART) rates are both less than a third of the industry average. "The IDOL is proud to recognize and partner with companies that exhibit premier occupational safety and health programs, such as the Mead Johnson Nutrition Evansville Supply Center. The elevation from VPP Merit to Star (the highest level) is a testament to the continued work and commitment shown by the management and employees at Mead Johnson," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

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 compliance assistance by employers. www.in.gov/dol.

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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