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Ohio Chemical Industry recognizes local companies' outstanding environmental, health, safety and security performances

Columbus, Ohio - On Monday, May 16th, The Ohio Chemistry Technology Council (OCTC) awarded exceptional performances in environmental, health, safety and security to selected Ohio chemical companies at the organization's 2022 Awards for Excellence presentation.

The chemical industry in Ohio employs more than 40,000 direct employees statewide and contributes to more than \$31 billion dollars in activity to Ohio's economy. The Awards for Excellence are presented to companies that have shown commitment to improving outcomes in the health and safety of their workplace, the environment, and the surrounding community.

Twenty-four manufacturing sites from across Ohio were honored during the evenings' presentation. Among the winners, The Lubrizol Corporation's Painesville Facility received the highest honor, the Eagle Award due to exemplary performances at their facility. A description of their accomplishments are included below.

"I am so proud of our member companies for stepping up the way that they have this year," said Jenn Klein, President of OCTC. "It's important that we recognize these accomplishments and remind folks of all the ways that this crucial, high tech industry is improving the daily lives of all Ohioans."

OCTC's Awards for Excellence recipients include:

EAGLE AWARD

The Lubrizol Corporation - Painesville Facility

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Ashland Columbus Atlas Street Facility

BASF Corporation - Whitehouse

Cenovus Energy Lima Refinery

Dover Chemical Corporation

Dupont Valley View & Stow Works

Dupont Inc. - West Alexandria

GFS Chemicals, Inc.
INEOS Nitriles USA LLC
Lubrizol Advanced Materials
McGean
Nutrien Lima Nitrogen
Nutrien
PPG - Cleveland
PPG - Cleveland
PPG - Cleveland
PPG - Barberton
PPG - Euclid
PPG - Huron
PPG - Strongsville
Synthomer plc - Mogadore
Synthomer - Pilot Plant
Synthomer plc - Akron Technology Center
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Camille Schrier, Miss America 2020, delivered the keynote address during the presentation of the awards. Camille has been a strong advocate for STEM education since setting a precedent as the first and only winner to ever use science to win the crown.

The Awards for Excellence Presentation served as the opening event for the OCTC 33rd Annual Conference, which will continue Tuesday with industry and regulatory panelists.

The Ohio Chemistry Technology Council (OCTC) is the leading advocate for Ohio's chemical technology industry. Ohio is the third largest chemistry producing state in the country.

ABOUT THE EAGLE AWARD WINNER:

The Lubrizol Corporation - Painesville, Ohio

The Lubrizol Corporation recognizes that their success is reliant on the health and safety of their employees. As the Painesville facility began to dig into injury statistics, they quickly realized musculoskeletal injuries accounted for a large percentage. As the site dug deeper, they realized a key element of health and safety was missing, this is where we began our ergonomics journey. By working with an ergonomist, developing a cross functional ergonomic team, and focusing on eliminating or reducing ergonomic risks, the site was able to reduce ergonomic related injuries by 72% in 1 year.

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*The **Ohio Chemistry Technology Council (OCTC)** is the leading advocate for Ohio's chemical technology industry, the second largest manufacturing industry in Ohio and the sixth largest chemical manufacturing state in the nation. Since 1988, OCTC has represented the states high-tech chemistry community before elected officials, the media and public.*