Johnston County Congratulates OPW for Receiving NC Department of Labor
“Rising Star” Designation for Safety

Smithfield NC – The Johnston County Commissioners and the Johnston County Economic Development Advisory Board would like to congratulate and recognize OPW Retail Fueling of Smithfield for their recent “Rising Star” award and designation from the North Carolina Department of Labor for their continued commitment of employee safety.

“As a small business owner myself, and with a background in the insurance business, I know firsthand the importance of worksite and employee safety”, stated Tony Braswell, Chairman of the Johnston County Board of Commissioners. “Today I am honored to congratulate OPW Retail Fueling for not only their commitment in providing an excellent product, but their commitment to safety and training for our citizens that work there.”

The Carolina Star Program is designed to recognize and promote effective safety and health management systems. In Star, management, labor and OSH establish a cooperative relationship at a workplace that has implemented a strong program. The “Rising Star” designation recognizes worksites that have good safety and health programs but must take additional steps to reach Carolina Star quality.

“Production activity in the OPW Smithfield plant has more than tripled since OPW started here in late 2006. We were really concerned about maintaining a safe workplace with all of the new people and processes that go along with growth,” expressed Mike McCann, VP & General Manager, OPW Retail Fueling. “We embraced the Carolina Star Program methodology to help us ensure a safe and healthy place for our employees to work.

According to the NC Department of Labor office, the benefits of being a star site include: Improved employee motivation to work safely, leading to better quality and productivity, reduced worker’s compensation costs and improvement in safety programs through internal and external review.

The NCDL also stated that a safer workplace is an important benefit as well as Star participant sites generally experience from 60 to 80 percent fewer lost workday injuries that would be expected of an "average" site of the same size in their industries.

It is really gratifying that our efforts to continuously improve safety in the facility are now being recognized by the state with our “Rising Star” designation,” continued McCann. “Lots of training and proper safety equipment are imperative of course, but what we are really proud of is the
The folks here have totally embraced a safety culture. The enthusiastic participation and buy in from everyone here has and will continue to make all the difference.

OPW Retail Fueling is recognized around the world as the industry standard in fluid handling equipment. OPW is revolutionizing fluid handling operations globally by optimizing safety, efficiency, reliability and environmental sustainability through innovative fluid handling and information management solutions.

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