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WASHINGTON, D.C.....The exceptional record of safe operations of Vista Polymers Inc.'s Aberdeen Chemical Plant was recognized by the National Petroleum Refiners Association during the trade group's 11th International Petrochemical Conference in San Antonio earlier this month.

At a special presentation ceremony on April 7, Robert T. McCowan, NPRA Chairman of the Board, presented two NPRA Award For Safety Achievement certificates to Robert E. Lehmkuhl, Executive Vice President, Vista Chemical Company, Houston, Texas.

This year, NPRA safety awards were presented to 34 member-companies recognizing the excellent safety records at 88 of their facilities. The Award For Meritorious Safety Performance was presented to 64 plants operated by NPRA member companies for achieving a total recordable incidence rate of 2.0 or less for the 1985 calendar year. Special Gold Award certificates were presented to 40 plants for achieving at least a 25% reduction in the total recordable incidence rate during the 1985 calendar year as compared to the average total recordable incidence rate for the three previous calendar years.

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the Award For Safety Achievement included 57 plants for operating one or more years without a lost workday case involving days away from work, and 43 plants for operating 1,000,000 or more employee hours without a lost workday case involving days away from work.

The presentation of the NPRA's safety awards is part of a comprehensive safety awards program which the Association's Fire & Accident Prevention Committee has developed to promote accident prevention in the petrochemical manufacturing industry and to publicly recognize the excellent record of safety in operations which the industry has compiled.

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