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## **Koch-Glitsch Earns Prestigious OSHA Designation**

*Company becomes one of three Kansas companies to achieve Voluntary Protection Program STAR status*

WICHITA, Kan. – Koch-Glitsch, LP today achieved STAR status, the most prestigious designation under the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program.

OSHA officials formally honored the Koch-Glitsch team for its outstanding operational record and safety program at a ceremony here.

“Koch-Glitsch has exhibited excellence in the areas of effective safety and health management and employee training and involvement,” said Charles E. Adkins, OSHA Region 7 administrator from Kansas City. “This team is exemplary of systems and employees working together to create a safer workplace.”

OSHA awarded the STAR VPP certification to Koch-Glitsch, a Koch Chemical Technology Group, LLC, company, after months of in-depth review. The agency evaluated the facility’s safety and health programs, operations performance and safety record.

“This national recognition is an honor and a testament to our employees’ commitment to safety performance and practices,” said David H. Koch, chairman and chief executive officer of Koch Chemical Technology Group, and board member of Koch Industries, Inc., who participated in the ceremony.

Koch-Glitsch joins Koch Aviation here, Koch Materials Company’s Saginaw, Texas, asphalt plant, Flint Hills Resources’ Corpus Christi, Texas, refining complex, and INVISTA’s Shelby, N.C, manufacturing sites as VPP Star sites.

“Koch-Glitsch’s goal is to provide a safe working environment for its employees,” said Bob DiFulgentiz, president. “Our ability to do so is due to our employees’ continued focus and vigilance to operating safely. I applaud this team for their efforts.”

Koch-Glitsch has worked more than 1 million hours in the past year without an injury resulting in time away from work. The group’s four-year OSHA recordable incident rate is 3.02, 76 percent lower than the industry average of 12.35. The division’s four-year OSHA lost-time incident rate is 0.50, 86 percent lower than the industry average of 3.7. OSHA recordable rates are standard industrial safety performance measures that represent health and safety incidents per 200,000 work-hours, a unit of measure chosen by the agency because it approximates the annual work of 100 employees. Lost-time incidents are those injuries or occupational illnesses that result in time away from work.

*Koch-Glitsch designs and manufactures state-of-the-art mass transfer and mist elimination products for the chemical, petrochemical, refining, gas processing, pharmaceutical and specialty industries. Koch-Glitsch is a Koch Chemical Technology Group LLC company, and is based in Wichita, Kan. More information is available at [www.kochglitsch.com](http://www.kochglitsch.com).*

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