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TRENTON – Today, 28 New Jersey employers were honored with Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Awards, a program to recognize worksites – public and private – that have demonstrated effective safety and health programs resulting in the prevention of job-related injuries and illnesses.

The awards are sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL), the U.S Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee (NJSISC).

“Ensuring the safety and well-being of workers is essential to fostering a productive and thriving workforce where everyone is valued,” **said Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo.** “I thank our employers whose steadfast commitment has been made evident through their efforts to provide a safe and healthy work environment, which not only benefits their teams but our entire community.”

The 95th Annual Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Awards were presented during the OSHA NYC Region Safe + Sound Kickoff Webinar, which highlighted the roles of management and employees in finding and fixing hazards to ensure workplaces remain healthy and safe.

A national event held each August, [Safe + Sound Week](#) takes place this year from August 12-18, and is a time to recognize the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offer information and ideas on how to keep workers safe.

“OSHA salutes these New Jersey companies that have taken a comprehensive and systematic approach to health and safety to ensure a safe and sound workplace,” **said U.S. Department of Labor OSHA Regional Administrator Richard Mendelson in New York.** “We encourage employers to recognize the value of workplace safety and health programs all year round.”

“It is great honor that the NJSISC is able to continue to co-sponsor this award with the NJDOL and OSHA to identify the New Jersey employers who go above and beyond to keep their workplaces safe for their employees,” **said Patrick Mulrooney, vice chairperson of the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee.** “This collaboration has worked through some challenges to come up with a new award structure to recognize those employers with excellent safety programs and safety records. In addition, we look to acknowledge those Garden State organizations who are making significant strides on their journey for safety excellence. This alliance is committed to assist all New Jersey employers to provide a workplace free of recognized hazards and to create a safety culture within their respective organizations.”

Since its establishment in 1927, the Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Awards program has promoted safer and healthier workplaces with thousands of awards being earned by Garden State employers.

The New Jersey Governor’s Award for Safety and Health **Excellence** goes to employers who exemplify the highest level of safety and health performance by participating in voluntary safety and health achievement programs, demonstrating a comprehensive safety and health culture, and striving for continuous improvement.

The New Jersey Governor’s Award for Safety and Health **Performance** acknowledges employers who have shown a strong commitment to improving their safety and health programs by utilizing the NJDOL OSHA On-Site Consultation Program, or Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program, and who have established robust safety and health program management systems as evidenced by low injury and illness rates.

The New Jersey Governor’s Award for Safety and Health **Achievement** recognizes employers who are committed to improving their safety and health programs, and who have injury and illness rates below their industry average.

A complete list of awardees is below:

New Jersey Governor’s Award for Safety and Health Excellence			
Black and Veatch, Paramus	Kinkisharyo International LLC, Jersey City	Eii Inc., Cranford	L’Oreal USA, Piscataway

L'Oreal USA, South Brunswick	L'Oreal USA, Cranbury	L'Oreal LUXE, Dayton	McWane Inc., Phillipsburg
Ashland, Bridgewater Campus		Occidental Chemical Corporation, Pedricktown	
New Jersey Governor's Award for Safety and Health Performance			
DPK Consulting LLC, Edison	Borough of Pitman Public Works/Water & Sewer	Ideal Jacobs Corporation, Maplewood	Edison Sheltered Workshop Inc.
New Jersey Governor's Award for Safety and Health Achievement			
Matrix North American Construction, Somerset	Century Bathworks Inc., Woodland Park	Stafford Township Volunteer Fire Company	Stafford Township Police Department
Forest Electric Corporation, Edison	Ground/Water Treatment & Technology LLC, Wharton	Tropicana Brands Group, Jersey City	Torcon Inc. Headquarters, Red Bank
Torcon – Campbell Soup Projects, Camden	Torcon – Bristol-Myers Squibb Project S6A, Summit	Torcon – Johnson & Johnson Project Rocky, Raritan	Torcon – Princeton University
Torcon – Seton Hall University Projects, South Orange		Torcon – The New Valley Hospital, Paramus	

Through its Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health, NJDOL offers both private and public sector employers free onsite consultation visits to assess workplace safety and health. The purpose is to help employers comply with OSHA regulations and keep employees safe, but does not result in citations, penalties, or fines. NJDOL can also assist businesses by providing safety training courses. For more information, or to sign up for a **free** workplace health and safety consultation or training, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth/>.

[OSHA](#), which was created by Congress under the *Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970*, inspects and evaluates health and safety for the private industry, setting and enforcing standards and by providing training, outreach, education and assistance.

The [NJSISC](#) was established within the NJDOL in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:6A-15 to advise the Labor Commissioner on proposed rules to be adopted under the Worker Health and Safety Act and on general matters of safety promotion and accident prevention. Membership is comprised of representatives from across the state who are leaders in the field of accident prevention or are responsible for accident prevention in their place of work.

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