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Nufarm, Living the Passion for Safety with 5 Years No-Lost-Time Incidents

Alsip, Illinois April 3, 2017 – January 25, 2017 may have seemed like any other day in Chicago Heights as Signal, Escalade 2, Credit Xtreme, Panther SC, Trooper P+D and more were running through the facility. However, on this day, Nufarms Chicago Heights team achieved a very exciting milestone. The day marked 5 years of continuous operation without a lost time injury.

Much has changed over these 5 years, and the site looks very different today with new buildings, processes and production capabilities. What has not changed is the team's passion to put safety first and look at every action and every decision made with a core belief that injuries can be eliminated.

“The pursuit of zero incidents is never ending and no doubt the Chicago Heights team will continue to raise the bar in terms of safety culture and performance,” expressed Tom Lyons, Executive VP, Operations. “As a company, celebrating important achievements such as this helps to remind us of the many exceptional accomplishments of the entire Nufarm team!”

With intention and passion, Nufarm fosters a culture of safety. Each meeting begins with a safety tip, as well as each weekly report from the field. Safety is not only a focus within the plant operations. It is integrated throughout the organization. Annually, the company votes on a safety slogan that provides emphasis around the theme. This year’s slogan, Safety Starts With You, submitted by Juan Castillo, describes the individual as well as organizational ownership of safety Nufarm expects from their employees.

The Nufarm North American team received recognition of this milestone from the Nufarm board. “On behalf of the Board and the HSE Committee, I’d like to congratulate the Chicago Heights team on this achievement. It sets a benchmark for the rest of Nufarm to emulate and, most importantly, it means that people have been able to contribute to our business each day without being concerned that they will suffer a debilitating injury,” congratulated Donald McGauchie AO, Chairman, Nufarm Limited.

“The organization will continue to engage employees as well as challenge customers to identify simple and more elaborate means to improve conditions and processes that ensure safety,” explains Brendan Deck, Regional General Manager, Nufarm NA. “The aspiration of being a company that is easy to do business with and always doing that business in a safe and efficient manner drives our team on a daily basis.”

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