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Swift & Staley Achieves Safety Milestone

PADUCAH, KY – Swift & Staley Mechanical Contractors, Inc., has achieved a major safety milestone in performing infrastructure services at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Paducah Site.

September 2, 2011 the Swift & Staley Team, the Department’s prime infrastructure contractor, achieved one million hours without a lost workday case due to a job related injury or illness. Achieving this milestone is especially significant since it spans activities at the site over the past six years.

“The safety of our workforce always has been a critical component of our decision making processes,” Swift & Staley Program Manager Scott Smith said. “We involve all members of our team in analyzing the work we are about to perform so that we identify hazards and correct them prior to performing work. This integrated approach to safety management ensures that the safety of our employees, the community, and the environment is never compromised.”

Swift & Staley is moving toward achieving recognition as a DOE Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) site. The DOE-VPP promotes safety and health excellence through cooperative efforts among labor, management, and government at DOE contractor sites. This DOE-wide program also recognizes and reinforces outstanding safety culture and performance.

Smith said achieving this level of safety performance over a six-year period is testament to the commitment demonstrated by our employees, teaming partners (URS Corporation and Wastren Advantage, Inc.), and the United Steelworkers (USW) Local 550.

“Achieving one million safe hours over a six-year period is a tremendous accomplishment, one that could not have been achieved without the commitment of each and every employee to work safely,” USW Local 550 President Donna Steele said. “Local 550 and its members are proud partners with Swift & Staley in ensuring the continued safety of operations at the Paducah Site.”

Reinhard Knerr, DOE Paducah Site Lead, stated, “Swift & Staley’s ability to perform work safely over a six year period of time is validation that integrated safety management does work. Combining this safety milestone with Swift & Staley’s other achievements shows that safety and performance can be achieved on a daily basis through cooperative efforts between management and the workforce.”

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Swift & Staley, a woman-owned HUBZone certified small business headquartered in Kevil, KY, has been performing infrastructure services at the Paducah Site since July 2005. Swift & Staley has been instrumental in DOE receiving two bronze and one silver Federal Electronics Challenge awards from the EPA, as well as being recognized as DOE's HUBZone Small Business of the Year in 2008, and the DOE Small Business of the Year in 2009.

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Cutline: Photo SST 01- Swift & Staley Heavy Equipment Operator replacing road culvert at the DOE Paducah Site.

Cutline: Photo SST 02 - Swift & Staley Laborer mowing at the DOE Paducah Site.