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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors Crawfordsville, Indiana's Nucor Steel Indiana with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN April 1, 2010** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce that Nucor Steel Indiana, located in Crawfordsville, has achieved “Merit” status in Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The company achieved VPP “Merit” status in December 2009.

Nucor Steel Indiana manufactures steel coils from different steel alloys by melting and milling the steel into coils. The company employs more than 700 employees, nearly 600 of which are hourly. “The Department of Labor commends Nucor Steel Indiana for their commitment to the safety and health of its employees. We are pleased to welcome this company into VPP and look forward to a mutually beneficial working relationship, sharing the common goal of continued worker safety and health excellence,” commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Among other requirements, to participate in VPP both an employer’s Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) and Days Away Restricted and Transfer (DART) rate must be below the industry’s most recent national rate as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Nucor Steel’s three-year TCIR is more than 67% below the BLS published average for their industry. The site’s DART rate is 80% below the industry average.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683.

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#### **About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers. [www.in.gov/dol](http://www.in.gov/dol).

#### **About VPP:**

VPP, Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

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