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River Metals Recycling Paducah Facility Earns SHARP Award

Paducah is RMR's third recycling facility in Kentucky to receive this award

PADUCAH, Ky. (Oct. 15, 2015) – Kentucky Labor Cabinet Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito today presented River Metals Recycling (RMR) Paducah a plaque and a flag signifying the company's certification under the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). RMR's facility in Paducah joins the company's Newport and Owensboro facilities with certification under Kentucky's highest safety and health honor for small businesses.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts applauded RMR Paducah, and congratulated the entire company for its dedication to safety and health.

"To achieve this status at three of its recycling facilities in Kentucky is a monumental accomplishment," said Secretary Roberts. "The people at RMR Paducah deserve this honor, and it's something they have worked extremely hard to achieve."

Headquartered in Crescent Springs, RMR employs approximately 250 teammates and is the largest scrap recycler in Kentucky. The company has five recycling locations in Kentucky (Paducah, Owensboro, Louisville, Somerset and Newport) as well as four facilities in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Bob Eviston, RMR president, thanked the Paducah team for their daily contribution to the company's success and for operating for four straight years without any work-related injuries or illnesses.

“Congratulations to all RMR Paducah teammates on receiving SHARP certification,” said Eviston. “It is yet another testament to safety being our No. 1 core value. Safety is nothing without a genuine, passionate, and ongoing commitment by all of our people. I want to thank the entire RMR team for their continuing safety focus!”

With 10 employees, RMR Paducah specializes in scrap recycling services for households, tradesmen and businesses. RMR Paducah also buys ferrous scrap as well as common household nonferrous scrap metal items like aluminum cans and other aluminum, stainless steel, copper and brass products.

To qualify for SHARP designation, RMR Paducah had to undergo a comprehensive evaluation and series of audits, correct any identified hazards, demonstrate that effective safety and health programs are in place, and maintain injury rates below the national average for its industry for the last three years.

RMR Paducah has an incident rate of zero for the past four years. The national average for the metals recycling industry is approximately 6.5 total injuries and illnesses that result in days away from work, restricted activity or transferred to another job, per 100 full-time employees for one year.

The U.S. Department of Labor designed SHARP to encourage and recognize excellence in occupational safety and health among employers and create a proactive partnership with its Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Although companies must meet federal standards for the program, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the award, as Kentucky has operated its own federally-approved Occupational Safety and Health (KY OSH) program for more than 40 years.

Companies must have a safety and health program that involves all employees in finding and correcting existing or possible future hazards as they develop. SHARP’s certification is good for two years, and then the company is eligible for renewal. A company is exempted from scheduled KY OSH compliance inspections during the certification period, but partners with KY OSH to continue striving to improve its safety program.

For the benefits of SHARP, click [here](#).

For more on the KY OSH program, click [here](#).

For details on RMR, visit www.rmrecycling.com.

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