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Ohio's Chemical Industry Recognizes Local Companies Achievements Amid COVID-19 Crisis

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Chemistry Technology Council (OCTC) was scheduled to present the 32nd Awards for Excellence next week to leaders in Ohio's chemical and manufacturing industry. Regardless of having to cancel the event due to COVID-19, OCTC felt it was important to recognize the 17 winning Ohio companies who demonstrated exceptional performance in environmental, health, safety and security.

The chemical industry in Ohio employs nearly 40,000 direct employees statewide and contributes \$3.3 million dollars in earnings to Ohio's economy. In addition to being an essential industry during the COVID-19 crisis, many Ohio facilities have been critical in fighting the global pandemic through their research, expertise and advanced technology. OCTC's members have contributed countless resources to healthcare workers such personal protective equipment, 3D printed face shields, testing kits, hand sanitizers and drug products.

"Especially now when science and manufacturing are a critical component in fighting COVID-19, we felt it was important to recognize our member companies who continually work to improve the safety, health and environment of their facilities, employees and the communities they work in," said Jenn Klein, President of OCTC. "By having these protocols and systems in place prior to the pandemic, these Ohio facilities have been able to join the fight early, and it's important their efforts don't go unnoticed."

OCTC's Awards for Excellence are presented to companies that have shown commitment to the protection of people and the environment, safety at its facilities, and effective communications with the public. The Lubrizol Corporation, Painesville Facility received OCTC's highest honor, the Eagle Award, due to exemplary performances at their facility. A list of all 17 winning facilities are listed below and a description of their programs can be found on OCTC's [website](#).

OCTC's Awards for Excellence Winners:

The Lubrizol Corporation — Painesville, Ohio

Eagle Award

Ashland Hilliard - *Hilliard, Ohio*

BASF Corporation - *Greenville, Ohio*

BASF Corporation - *Elyria, Ohio*

BASF Corporation - *Whitehouse, Ohio*

DuPont de Nemours, Inc. - *West Alexandria, Ohio*

Fort Amanda Specialties - *Lima, Ohio*

GFS Chemicals - *Columbus, Ohio*
Husky Energy Lima Refinery - *Lima, Ohio*
Heritage Thermal Services - *East Liverpool, Ohio*
Jones-Hamilton - *Walbridge, Ohio*
The Lubrizol Corporation - *Avon Lake, Ohio*
McGean - *Cleveland, Ohio*
Nutrien - *Lima, Ohio*
PPG - *Barberton, Ohio*
PPG - *Huron, Ohio*
United Initiators - *Elyria, Ohio*

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The Ohio Chemistry Technology Council (OCTC) is the leading advocate for Ohio's chemical technology industry, the third largest manufacturing industry in Ohio and the third largest chemical manufacturing state in the nation. Since 1988, OCTC has represented the state's high-tech chemistry community before elected officials, the media and public.

The Lubrizol Corporation — Painesville, Ohio

Lubrizol's Painesville plant assembled a cross functional team made up of 10 individuals to revamp the Safe Work Program. This team spent a year developing the new program, performing trials in their training center, running a 3-month trial in one section of the Manufacturing area, providing training to all employees and being in the field supporting the Go live. The revamped program has set up the plant to be successful in executing work with a high-risk potential in a safe manner, ensuring everyone goes home alive and well.

The Lubrizol Corporation has also been a major contributor in fighting COVID-19. In addition to a \$2M donation, the companies' science has been leveraged in countless applications including hand sanitizers, medical gowns, face-masks, drug projects and medical devices.