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Dear SPI Member:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **2006 SPI Safety Statistics and Awards Program**. The program is based on the evaluation of injury and illness data found on a company's annual OSHA 300 Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, which are posted in the workplace during February. The hours/employees data are listed on OSHA's Form 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. The data submitted to SPI is used to calculate statistical rates, including total recordable cases, DART and severity rates for both the plastics industry, and specific industry segments.

The benchmarking information generated by this program is designed to protect a company's confidential data, and is presented in a generic format to reflect safety rates by process, (extrusion, thermoforming or injection molding), or by general category, (processor, material supplier, machinery/auxiliary equipment). Data this specific is not available from OSHA – it is only available to SPI members who participate in this annual program.

To participate in the program, complete the attached form, providing occupational illness and injury data for the year 2006 for *each participating site* of your company. Please submit a separate form for each site, supplying its mailing address and the name and phone number of the individual preparing the form. Please feel free to photocopy the form if you need additional copies for your other sites. The requested material should be returned to SPI by April 1, 2007.

Please submit a copy of your OSHA 300 and 300A forms, in addition to your completed summary of occupational injuries & illnesses form. We need your help so that we have the best data to use to evaluate work-related injuries and illnesses that are occurring in the plastics industry. Your input is essential to ensure that we best represent both company and industry interests. We will use this information to plan future outreach efforts, including the development of training tools, to help reduce injuries and illness in our industry. For example, we recently used information collected through this program to develop machine safety training tools for injection molding, extrusion and thermoforming operations through the SPI/OSHA Alliance. <http://www.plasticsindustry.org/public/worksafe/alliance.htm>.

SPI will provide participants with a recap of the data submitted for each of their sites, as well as a summary report for all participants. Because the data collected also will be sorted by types of plants it will be valuable in evaluating your plants record and comparing your safety record with that of peers within the same segment of the plastics industry. If you would like this information mailed to a different person/address, please indicate this under the company information box in the corrected information section of the form.

**Please be assured that all information you submit under this request will be held confidential.
Company names will be disclosed only as Safety Award recipients.**

Should you have any questions pertaining to the survey, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202/974-5223, or by e-mail at showe@plasticsindustry.org or my assistant Betty Coleman at 781.337.7127 or by e-mail at bcoleman@plasticsindustry.org.

Sincerely,

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