

DTE Tonawanda Plant Achieves OSHA Star Status

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TONAWANDA, N.Y., June 12 -- DTE Energy Services' DTE Tonawanda plant was accepted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) into its Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), a workplace safety and health recognition program.

The DTE Tonawanda site achieved OSHA Star status, which is the highest level in VPP. Entry to OSHA's VPP program includes safety mentoring by another OSHA Star company. Olin Corp. provided mentoring and support to DTE Tonawanda throughout the VPP process, which also included a comprehensive safety program and site audit by OSHA.

The DTE Tonawanda plant provides chilled water and wastewater treatment for the adjacent General Motors Corp. engine manufacturing complex. The DTE Tonawanda facility was constructed in 2002 and has never had a recordable injury.

"This is a tremendous honor that reflects hard work and attention to one of our core values – safety – by our employees," said Dan Johnson, DTE Tonawanda plant manager. "Safety is a way of life at all of our DTE Energy facilities and it's gratifying to be recognized as a safe workplace."

OSHA will present its VPP Star flag to the plant later this summer. DTE Tonawanda joins DTE Energy's Fermi 2 nuclear power plant in Newport, Mich., as VPP participants.

Created in 1994, Ann Arbor, Mich.-based DTE Energy Services develops, owns, operates and maintains on-site energy projects for industrial, institutional and commercial customers and for the merchant electricity market. Projects include cogeneration, powerhouses, backup generation, heating and cooling services, wastewater treatment, compressed air and other utility services. Information about DTE Energy Services is available at www.dteenergyservices.com. DTE Energy Services is a unit of DTE Energy, a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Information about DTE Energy is available at www.dteenergy.com.

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