

WHEELING-NISSHIN RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD

The U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA has given special recognition to Wheeling-Nisshin for achieving the SHARP designation. SHARP is an acronym for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The SHARP program is designed to provide incentives and support to employers to develop, implement and continuously improve effective safety and health programs at their worksites.

This recognition established that Wheeling-Nisshin maintains all of the elements of an effective safety and health program for the company and all of its employees. Acceptance into SHARP by OSHA is an achievement of status that will single out the Company as a model for worksite safety and health.

In order to qualify for this award, Wheeling-Nisshin met with the West Virginia Department of Labor for a special safety consultation. The process further required 3 different safety and industrial hygiene inspections. These inspections were conducted by representatives working for the State of West Virginia. Wheeling Nisshin personnel participating in these inspections included both Management and Union employees.

Immediately after Wheeling-Nisshin satisfied all of the SHARP requirements, the State representative formally notified OSHA and in turn completed the qualification process. The Company will now be required to maintain this safety and health system by meeting all future eligibility criteria and program requirements