



EaglePicher Wolverine's Leesburg Plant Achieves Workplace Distinction

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LEESBURG, FL ([PRWEB](#)) July 29, 2004 -- The Leesburg, Fla., facility continues its enviable safety record with yet another year of no lost time accidents. This means that no employee has lost any time from work beyond the day of injury for the entire year.

This new record is for the 12-month period leading up to April 30, 2004, according to Raymond Dewyer, Director of Health, Safety and Environment for EaglePicher Automotive. "This is quite an accomplishment for any manufacturing facility," he said. "The national average for a plant of this type is 2 lost time accidents per 100 employees per year."

The current accomplishment is one in a long line of safety records for the facility, according to Terry Ray, Leesburg plant manager. The plant achieved two consecutive years with no lost time accidents during 1996-1997 and 1997-1998. They repeated the performance during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

The plant's Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) programs enjoy the support of all employees, said Ray. "Our success is driven by the involvement and commitment of our employees. We take a long-term approach to being accident free -- we work with every employee, in every manufacturing environment, to make sure that we prevent and/or correct the cause of any safety or environmental issue within the plant."

The Wolverine Division of EaglePicher Automotive is a worldwide supplier of rubber-coated metallic and non-metallic gasketing for the automotive OEM and industrial markets. The division, which celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2004, also operates plants in Michigan, Virginia and Germany, and a research and development facility at its Inkster, Mich., headquarters. The division distributes more than 350 million products annually.

"The Leesburg performance is exemplary within the Wolverine Division," said Jay Pittas, division president. "Every employee is totally dedicated to achieving the best performance, and it shows -- not in records like this, but in every way they approach their jobs. We're very proud of their accomplishment."

Officials from throughout the company were on hand for a celebration luncheon on July 27.

EaglePicher Automotive is an operating unit of EaglePicher, Inc. Its Hillsdale and Wolverine Divisions are worldwide suppliers of torsional and linear vibration dampers, micro bypass filters, steering knuckles, pump components and rubber-coated metallic and non-metallic gasketing for automotive OE and aftermarket applications. EaglePicher Automotive operates 17 facilities in the U.S., Mexico and Germany from headquarters in Inkster, Mich.

EaglePicher, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz., is a diversified manufacturer and marketer of advanced technical and industrial products for automotive, filtration, aerospace, defense and commercial applications worldwide. The company has 4,000 employees and operates more than 30 plants in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Germany. Additional information is available at www.eaglepicher.com.



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