WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) has recognized the winners of the 2016 Annual Safety Awards, part of an ongoing mission to improve and highlight outstanding workplace safety programs. The awards are part of a comprehensive program developed by the AFPM Safety and Health Committee to promote safe operations in the petroleum refining and petrochemical manufacturing industries and to recognize facilities with outstanding occupational and process safety performance.

“In our industries, safety is paramount, and something in which we take great pride and hold ourselves to the highest standards,” Chet Thompson, president and CEO of AFPM noted. He added, “Last year, as in past years, the U.S. refining and petrochemical industries continued to have the lowest rates of injury and illness among major industrial sectors. This year’s winners represent leaders within our industries, and it is critical to acknowledge these facilities for their positive and proactive safety performance. By highlighting their outstanding work, they exemplify the gold standard for others to emulate.”

This year’s most prestigious award, the 2016 Distinguished Safety Award, has been awarded to four facilities: the ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Baton Rouge Polyolefins Plant; the ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Baytown Chemical Plant; LyondellBasell Industries, Equistar Chemicals, Lake Charles Polymers; and Phillips 66, Lake Charles Manufacturing Complex. This marks the eleventh year that ExxonMobil Chemical Baton Rouge Polyolefins Plant has won the Distinguished Safety Award, and the second-time ExxonMobil Baytown Chemical Plant has received the Distinguished Safety Award as well.

The Elite Gold Safety Award, which recognizes facilities with safety performance in the top one percentile, went to ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Beaumont Polyethylene Plant; LyondellBasell Industries, La Porte Complex; Shell Oil Products, US Martinez Refinery; and Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC, Anacortes Refinery.

Fourteen facilities received an Elite Silver Safety Award, which recognizes facilities with safety performance in the top five percent:

- BASF, Pasadena CPN
- Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Borger Plant
- Chevron Products Company, Salt Lake Refinery
- ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Baton Rouge Plastics Plant
- ExxonMobil Refining and Supply, Billings Refinery
- LyondellBasell Industries, Chocolate Bayou Polymers Facility
- LyondellBasell Industries, Edison Catalyst Manufacturing
- LyondellBasell Industries, Equistar Chemicals, Tuscola Facility
- Phillips 66, Bayway Refinery
- Phillips 66, Billings Refinery
- Phillips 66, San Francisco Refinery, Rodeo Plant
- Phillips 66, San Francisco Refinery, Santa Maria Plant
- Phillips 66, Sweeny Refinery

- Valero Refining Company, Wilmington Refinery

“I am very proud of the collective records in our industries, and I congratulate all the winners for their outstanding commitment to safety and the important example they set,” Thompson concluded.

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