Left to right: VI President & CEO Ned Monroe, Vinyl VP & GM Dick Heinle and Corporate Environment & Permitting Director Thomas An

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The Vinyl Institute (VI), the U.S. trade association representing manufacturers of vinyl, vinyl chloride monomer (VCM), additives, and modifiers, announced the recipients of its annual health, safety, and environmental awards on Nov.18, 2022. These awards are given to companies in the vinyl industry for protecting the environment and improving worker safety at manufacturing facilities throughout the United States and Canada. This year, VI recognized 36 facilities with 57 awards for outstanding performance.

These awards are based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), and facility performance according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable incidents, other regulatory permit performance, and the EPA's Toxic Release Inventory data for air and water during the 2021 calendar year.

"The Vinyl Industry is committed not only to the health and safety of our workers but also to continual improvements in our environmental practices that keep our communities safe as well," said VI President and CEO Ned Monroe. "Our member companies continue to make numerous investments to reduce emissions and ensure worker safety. In fact, since 1987, vinyl chloride ambient

emissions have declined by more than 86 percent per pound of PVC produced. And based on 2020 data, our resin and monomer producer members have an occupational injury and illness rate that is 1/6th of the OSHA recodable injury rate of all US manufacturing."

Each year, VI proudly recognizes facilities in the PVC, EDC/VCM, plasticizer production, additive production, and chlorinated PVC compounding categories that have achieved outstanding performance in four categories: **Safety Excellence, Safety Performance, Environmental Excellence, and Environmental Honor**.

Safety Excellence Award

This award recognizes consistent adherence to OSHA safety regulations and recognizes plants with five or more consecutive years with no recordable incidents:

- FPC TX, PVC Compounding demonstrated continued outstanding performance in 2021 for 11 consecutive years of performance.

Environmental Excellence Award

This award is based on an outstanding track record of performance for five or more consecutive years under EPA's NESHAPs, and other environmental permit requirements:

- FPC TX, EDC demonstrated continued outstanding performance in 2021 for 10 consecutive years of performance.
- FPC TX, PVC/CPVC Compounding demonstrated continued outstanding performance in 2021 for 11 consecutive years of performance.

Environmental Honor Award

The criteria for this award includes emissions reduction under the NEHSAP, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data for air and water. This award is presented to two plants, one in the PVC category and one in the EDC/VCM category:

- For the PVC category, FPC TX, SPVC achieved this award for performance during 2021.

Safety Performance Award

This award recognizes efforts to improve worker safety based upon federal OSHA recordable incidents, which are defined as occupational injury or illness resulting in medical treatment. This award recognizes plants with no recordable incidents for the reporting year:

- FPC BR, EDC/VCM demonstrated continued outstanding performance in 2021.
- FPC BR, PVC demonstrated continued outstanding performance in 2021.
- FPC TX, PVC/CPVC Compounding demonstrated continued outstanding performance in 2021.

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