



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

CAC Hears Annual Report on Worker Safety

In its annual report on work-related injuries and illnesses as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry learned that approximately 9,272 employees and contractors, working 19.3 million hours in 2022 in La Porte plants, had 31 injuries requiring a doctor's intervention. This gave CAC plants an overall recordable rate of 0.32, the lowest rate in the 24-year history of the report. (1.00 rate represents one injury among 100 workers in a year.)

Trends show clear improvement in safety performance over the years. If the 0.32 rate in 2022 had been 1.09, as it was in 2005, 105 people would have been injured. Instead, 31 workers were injured in 2022--and 9,241 were not. No fatalities in CAC plants occurred in 2022. Five injuries resulted from chemical exposure. Twenty three of the 43 CAC plants had no recordable injuries among employees and major contractors. CAC plants once again performed better than members of the American Chemistry Council and chemical manufacturing in Texas and nationwide.

During discussion, plants were encouraged to share the "one thing" that they attribute to the success of their safety program, as well as the "one thing" that their site has made a priority to improve. CAC plants are encouraged to share both safety data and such suggestions with their workers to support continuous improvement in safety.

The CAC is a forum for candid and constructive dialogue between those who live or work in La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres and the managers of 43 chemical plants in La Porte. Visitors are invited to attend the April 4, 2023, CAC meeting for a TxDOT presentation about construction projects for Highways 225 and 146. Contact the CAC facilitator at info@laportecac.org or 713-851-1116 by Sun. Apr. 2 to sign up and obtain details about the 6:00 p.m. meeting, 5:30 dinner, and location. The CAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at www.laportecac.org.

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