



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

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 9,144 employees and contractors, working 19 million hours in 2023 in La Porte plants, had 33 injuries requiring a doctor's intervention. This gave CAC plants an overall recordable rate of 0.35. (1.00 rate represents one injury among 100 workers in a year.) Trends show clear improvement in safety performance over the years. If the 0.33 rate in 2022 had been 1.09, as it was in 2005, 104 people would have been injured. Instead, 33 workers were injured in 2022--and 9,111 were not. No fatalities in CAC plants occurred in 2023. Four injuries resulted from chemical exposure. Twenty-one of the 44 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 44 chemical plants in La Porte. The CAC welcomes visitors. It meets again on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the Annual Report on Worker Safety in La Porte Plants. Contact info@laportecac.org if you wish to attend. The CAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at www.laportecac.org.