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U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA forms safety alliance with Honda of America Mfg.'s Ohio plants

Initiatives to improve workplace health and safety are top priorities of alliance

MARYSVILLE, Ohio- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has formed an alliance with the Honda of America Mfg., Inc. committed to fostering a safe and healthful workplace.

"This agreement provides an opportunity for the partners to come together and demonstrate that we all benefit when management, labor and government dedicate themselves to providing a safe and healthful work environment," said Debora Zubaty, OSHA area director in Columbus.

The participants in this alliance are working to continually improve the health and safety environment, particularly in reducing and preventing catastrophic and serious injuries. The alliance will provide Honda associates and others in the automotive industry with information, guidance and access to resources on best safety and ergonomics practices.

Honda of America's plants in Ohio employ more than 12,000 workers at four manufacturing locations near Marysville, East Liberty and Anna. The plants are capable of producing most types of Honda motor vehicles – from motorcycles to cars and light trucks. Honda's two auto plants in Ohio produced more than 700,000 vehicles last year, making it the largest auto manufacturer in the state.

OSHA safety and health alliances are part of U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao's ongoing efforts to improve the safety and health of employees through cooperative partnerships with trade associations, labor organizations, employers and government agencies. OSHA currently has more than 460 alliances throughout the nation with organizations committed to fostering safety and health in the workplace.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach and education, establishing partnerships, and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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