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**UCOR recognized as safety “Star”**

**Oak Ridge, Tenn., September 13, 2022** – United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR) has again been recognized with the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Voluntary Protection Program’s (VPP) Star of Excellence. UCOR has previously achieved the Star of Excellence four successive years (2017–2020), which led to the company’s Legacy of Stars award in 2020.

At UCOR, safety is the top company value, with a deep commitment from leadership and frontline workers. The company, which started a new contract for environmental cleanup in May, continues to maintain the same award-winning safety culture that the company developed under its previous 11-year contract.

The Star of Excellence was awarded at a DOE VPP Workshop held in conjunction with the 2022 Voluntary Protection Program Participants’ Association (VPPPA) Safety+ Symposium in Washington, D.C. The Star of Excellence recognizes UCOR’s outstanding level of performance in meeting established safety and health goals, actively conducting outreach to others, and in achieving an injury and illness rate that is at least 75% below the average of similar businesses and operations.

UCOR was also awarded a VPPPA 2022 Safety Innovation Award at the Symposium. The award recognized UCOR’s new digital interface for reporting safety observations that has greatly increased the number of observation submittals.

VPPPA is considered the premier global safety and health organization. The organization places stringent criteria around its awards, which are designed for sites that go above and beyond in efforts to improve safety and health of their workforce.

UCOR is the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management’s lead environmental cleanup contractor. The company is a partnership between Amentum, Jacobs, and Honeywell. The company’s nearly 2,000 workers are dedicated to safely reducing environmental risk on the Oak Ridge Reservation while helping DOE’s Office of Science and the National Nuclear Security Administration continue their important missions. Learn more about the company at [UCOR.com](http://UCOR.com).

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