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UCOR safety culture recognized at national forum

Oak Ridge, TN, September 30, 2024 — The Department of Energy (DOE) has again awarded United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR) with the Department’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) “Star of Excellence.” The award recognizes UCOR’s commitment to keeping our workers safe as they do high-hazard work.

UCOR’s strong safety culture delivers injury and illness rates that are at least 75% lower than the industry average. UCOR is a multi-year repeat winner of the Star of Excellence, which was presented at DOE’s Safety+ Symposium in Denver.

At the event the Voluntary Protection Program Participants’ Association also presented UCOR with its “Safety Innovation Award.” “This is the fifth consecutive year UCOR has won this award,” says Chief Safety and Security Officer Clint Wolfley. “The award recognized our enhanced fall protection program, where employee input supported a new written, three-step hazard/risk analysis and planning process to prevent fall incidents.”

Earlier this year, UCOR again achieved the Department of Energy’s “Star” status in the DOE Voluntary Protection Program. DOE awards this highest level of VPP recognition to contractors that prove safety excellence through employee involvement in outstanding safety and health programs. The Star designation was originally awarded to UCOR in 2015 and recertified in 2019 under the company’s earlier contract.

UCOR is the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management’s lead environmental cleanup contractor. The company’s 2,200+ 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.

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Caption: UCOR teams accepts Star of Excellence award