

Air Products is Repeat Winner of Railroad Safe Shipment Awards

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For the second consecutive year Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (NYSE:APD) has earned transportation safety awards from three major North American railroads used to distribute company products to customers. Air Products was recognized for its transportation safety programs and the safe shipment of over 7,000 product railcars during 2000.

"We are very pleased to have our commitment to safety recognized two years in a row," said Richard C. Walters, Air Products' manager of North American Distribution. "The awards are a result of an adherence to safety training and practices, as well as a team approach to safely shipping our products to our customers. When our products are shipped with the utmost care, it is a win for everyone concerned including the railroads, our customers, the environment, and Air Products."

The awards presented to Air Products include the 2000 Canadian National Safe Handling Award from Canadian National Railway Company, CSX Transportation Chemical Safety Award from CSX Transportation Inc., and Chemical Transportation Safety Pinnacle Award from Union Pacific Railroad Corporation. The transportation safety awards were established to encourage and recognize shippers for enhancing safety. The award criteria of the respective railways vary, but all require that during the calendar year the winning recipients do not have any non-accidental releases of tank car materials.

Air Products railcar safety program includes stringent leak-testing procedures, rail safety and loader training, and a vigorous preventive maintenance program. "Our attention to railcar safety resulted in the ability to transport over 1.2 billion pounds of product to our customers without incident," said Walters. "All of our employees involved with railway product distribution responsibilities should be commended for their performance." Air Products manufacturing facilities recognized by these awards include Pensacola, Fla.; St. Gabriel, La.; Wichita, Kans.; and Pasadena, Tex.

In addition to winning these three safety awards in 2000 and 1999, Air Products had previously won the Union Pacific safety award in 1998 and 1995, and the CSX award in 1997.

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (www.airproducts.com) is the world's only combined gases and chemicals company. Founded more than 60 years ago, the business has annual revenues of \$5.5 billion and operations in 30 countries. Air Products is a market leader in the global electronics and chemical processing industries, and a longstanding innovator in many industrial markets, including coatings, adhesives and polyurethanes. The company distinguishes itself through its 17,500 employees around the world, who build lasting relationships with their customers and communities based on understanding, integrity and passion.

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