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Dear South Carolina Employer:

The 2018 LLR Safety Awards season has now begun. The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation hopes your company will be able to celebrate its safety accomplishments with the agency this year. The Safety Awards Program is the agency's way of rewarding you for the success of your safety and health programs. Last year, 41 employers were recognized. The agency believes all employers, large or small, should be rewarded for the success of their safety and health programs.

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed application by entering the requested data for calendar year 2017. Applications are due by **May 25, 2018** at midnight. The Safety Awards application can also be accessed and printed from the agency website at [www.llr.state.sc.us/labor/](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/labor/) or the SCOSHA website at [www.scosha.llronline.com](http://www.scosha.llronline.com).

Awards will be presented in three categories:

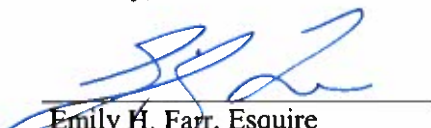
- *Shining Star Award* (must qualify in at least one of the following)
  - No fatalities or recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2017;
  - A reduction of at least 40 percent in an employer's incidence rate between 2016 and 2017;
  - A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2017 incidence rate and the 2016 South Carolina average rate for that industry; OR
  - Worked one million or more safe work hours without a lost-time injury or illness
- *Rising Star Award*
  - A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2017 incidence rate and the 2016 national average rate for that industry
- *Gleaming Star Award*
  - Less than 100 employees and demonstrates a culture of safety and health both on site and in the community

By **July 2018**, the agency will announce the Safety Award Recipients. Companies that are selected will be contacted with the information provided on the application. Award Recipients will be honored with a certificate at the Safety Awards Reception.

The agency appreciates your participation in the Safety Awards Program and your commitment to employee safety in the great State of South Carolina. This program is one of many ways the agency fulfills its mission to promote the health, safety, and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement, training and education.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application, please call the Division of OSHA at 803-896-7687, 803-896-9695, or send an email to [askscosha@llr.sc.gov](mailto:askscosha@llr.sc.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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