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Forest Grove business recognized for safety program *Henningsen Cold Storage Co. joins SHARP*

(Salem) – Oregon OSHA welcomes Henningsen Cold Storage Company’s Forest Grove facility as the latest employer in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

SHARP provides an incentive for Oregon employers to work with their employees to find and correct hazards, develop and implement effective safety and health programs, and continuously improve. The ultimate goal of SHARP is to encourage employers to become self-sufficient in managing workplace safety and health issues. Currently, 68 employer locations in Oregon participate in SHARP, in addition to 84 facilities that have graduated from the program.

Established in 1923, Henningsen Cold Storage Co. is a full-service, public refrigerated warehousing company offering more than 42 million cubic feet of frozen and refrigerated warehousing space, with locations in Oregon and five other states. The company’s Forest Grove facility has 15 employees.

“SHARP reinforces our commitment to being an excellent and safe business partner in the communities we serve,” said Mike Henningsen Jr., chairman and president of Henningsen Cold Storage Co. “By keeping our employees involved in the safety process, they are more aware of their surroundings and willing to help everyone in the operation stay safe.”

Participation in SHARP doesn’t eliminate regulatory enforcement, although SHARP participants do receive a limited exemption from programmed inspections. Employees retain all workplace safety and health rights contained in the Oregon Safe Employment Act. Oregon employers that have been in business for more than one year are eligible to apply for SHARP regardless of size or type of business.

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