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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ACCCI PRESENTS SAFETY AWARD TO AK STEEL'S ASHLAND PLANT**

Washington, D.C. — The American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute (ACCCI) announced that its annual Max Eward Safety Award for 2009 will be presented to the employees of the Ashland, Kentucky cokemaking facility of AK Steel Corp. This is the twelfth time in the past thirteen years that AK Steel coke operations have been the recipient of this award, which has been presented annually for twenty-two years.

ACCCI Chairman Gary L. Gross explained that the purpose of the award is to inspire and encourage member companies to improve their industrial safety programs and prevent personal injuries. "For a fifth year in a row, the award goes to AK Steel's Ashland Works," commented Gross. "The Ashland coke plant did not have a single OSHA lost workday case in 2009. AK's employees have demonstrated a true dedication to safety in our industry." Gross is Vice President, Steel Business Unit of DTE Energy Services.

In acknowledging receipt of the award, James L. Wainscott, chairman, president and CEO of AK Steel, said "Earning the Max Eward Safety Award for the fifth consecutive year speaks volumes about AK Steel's commitment to workplace safety. We congratulate everyone at our Ashland coke plant for their outstanding safety performance."

The award is presented annually to the ACCCI-member coke plant which achieves the lowest incidence rate for worker injuries and illnesses. Max Eward was chairman of ACCCI's Manufacturing, Environment, Health and Safety Committee for many years prior to his retirement from Sloss Industries Corp. in 1987. The 2009 award will be presented at ACCCI's 2010 Spring Meeting.

ACCCI is the international trade association which represents the producers of metallurgical coke (both merchant and integrated), tar distillers, chemical processors, metallurgical coal producers, coal and coke sales agents, and suppliers of goods and services to the industry.