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ILMA Signs Alliance With OSHA Partnership will focus on worker health and safety in lubricants industry

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association formed an alliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration that will help the Association push forward with LubeCare®, its Product Stewardship Program and promote worker health and safety. This alliance is the first of its kind for the lubricants industry.

"Workers in manufacturing and other industries are exposed to a wide variety of metalworking fluids and lubricants," said OSHA Administrator John L. Henshaw, in an agency press release announcing the alliance. "In many cases, there are measures available to reduce possible health risks from these exposures. Working with the ILMA, we want employers and workers to adopt preventive measures that will reduce those risks."

ILMA and OSHA will work to develop training and education programs on the safe and proper use of lubricant products. OSHA and ILMA will provide ILMA members with information, guidance, and access to training resources on working with lubricants in manufacturing environments.

"We are proud that ILMA's Alliance with OSHA is the first in the lubricants industry," Paul P. Converso, ILMA President, said. "The Alliance builds on ILMA's history of commitment to educating employees and customers on the safe handling of lubricant products."

"ILMA is excited about its alliance with OSHA and the initiatives we will be rolling out," added ILMA Executive Director Celeste Powers. "OSHA has entered into a number of alliances with associations that primarily focus on members' workplaces, while ILMA's alliance is intended to reach our members' customers as well," she added.

As a result of the alliance, both ILMA and OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals will be informed on best practices in lubricant manufacturing. OSHA and ILMA will keep association members informed on alliance news through print and electronic media, including links from each organization's respective website. Both organizations will also pursue opportunities to speak at future ILMA meetings, including the Association's Spring Management Forum, Fall Annual Meeting, and LubeCare® workshops.

The Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association (ILMA) was founded in 1948. ILMA's 280 members include independent lubricant companies that produce more than 25% of all lubricants and 80% or more of the metalworking fluids and other specialty industrial lubricants sold in the U.S., and key suppliers of the independent lubricant manufacturing industry.