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August 31, 2005

Florida State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
c/o Mr. Tim Date
Bureau of Compliance Planning and Support
Division of Emergency Management/DEM
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

Dear Mr. Date:

The nominee for the Thomas Yatabe - State Emergency Response Commission Awards Program for the Tampa Bay LEPC, District 8, is Mr. Howard Loy, Metal Industries, Inc. Nominated for a Certificate of Appreciation is the Pinellas Park Fire Department "A" Shift in recognition of their response to the Circle K lightning strike on May 25, 2005. Award nomination forms are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hiers

Clyde E. Hiers, III
Chairman

Enclosures

May be faxed to: Bill Lofgren (727) 570-5118

THOMAS YATABE - STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY:(Choose One) SERC MEMBER ___ LEPC MEMBER ___ OTHER X

NAME: Howard Loy

OCCUPATION: Certified Hazardous Materials Manager, Metals Industires Inc. (If Individual)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1310 Hercules Avenue

CITY: Clearwater STATE: FL ZIP: 33759

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 727-424-7501

NAME/TITLE/PHONE of Person Nominating Above Individual or Unit:

Mr. Chet Klinger, EH&S Engineer, Essilor, Inc, and Member, Tampa Bay LEPC 727-549-4281

REASON FOR NOMINATION: In recognition of outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in hazardous materials planning or response by an individual.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: For the past 15 years, Mr. Loy has been behind rthe scenes actively promoting organization, cooperation, and education among the various environmentally regulated industries within the Tamp Bay area. He has succeeded in bringing companies, government agencies, and educators together at meetings of the Industry Group on Environmental Safety (IGOES) and Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (CHMM). Because of his active efforts, many companies maintain an acute respect for safe and effective environmental and emergency management. His efforts have have prevented untold numbers of potential accidents and contributed immeasurably to the safety and well-being of both the community and the environment. Mr. Loy enjoys the highest esteem and respect from his peers in the field of chemical stewardship and the Tampa Bay Local Emergency Planning Committee is pleased to recognize Mr. Loy as deserving of this prestigious award.

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

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THOMAS YATABE - STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
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CATEGORY:(Choose One) SERC MEMBER ___ LEPC MEMBER_____ OTHER_____

NAME: Pinellas Park Fire Department "A" Shift

OCCUPATION: Firefighting (If Individual)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 5000 82nd Avenue N.

CITY: Pinellas Park STATE: FL ZIP: 33781

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 727-541-0713

NAME/TITLE/PHONE of Person Nominating Above Individual or Unit:

Mike Spina, LEPC Member, Tampa Bay Local Emergency Planning Committee 727-570-5151, Ext 21

REASON FOR NOMINATION: For Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in hazardous materials planning or response by an organization.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: On May 25, 2005, "A" Shift of the Pinellas Park Fire Department responded to a highly unusual and bizarre lightening strike which penetrated the roof, concrete driveway and two underground fuel tanks of the Circle K convenience store and gas station at 49th Street and 62nd Avenue, Pinellas Park. The damage done by this lightening strike was significant, resembling an earthquake with torn concrete and sending steel tank covers almost 100 feet away. The presence of "A" Shift prevented a potential catastrophic situation by preventing fire and explosion which surely could have resulted from the strike. Their response prevented serious injuries and loss of life as well as mitigating any environmental damage and demonstrated outstanding response training to an event unique in Florida and possibly US history. The Pinellas Park Fire Department "A" Shift are most deserving of this Thomas Yatabe Certificate of Appreciation Award.

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