

# TOTAL PETROCHEMICALS

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## **Total Petrochemicals USA has Best Quarterly Safety Record in its History**

Houston, Texas – (August 11, 2005) – Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. had the best quarterly safety performance in the company's 49-year history during the second quarter of 2005, according to President and CEO Bernard Claude.

Among all 1,600 employees and 450 contractors, there was no lost time injury and only two recordable injuries during the second quarter of 2005.

Lost time injuries are work-related injuries that result in lost workdays. Recordable injuries are injuries that require treatment beyond simple first aid, but may be as minor as a small burn that blisters. The only lost time injury this year occurred in the first quarter to an employee who suffered a back strain. There were four recordables during the first quarter of the year.

For all of 2004, the company had seven lost time injuries and 19 recordables among employees and contractors.

"Safety requires great teamwork, communication and dedication, not only between our employees, but contractors as well," said Ron Rhodes, Total Petrochemicals USA's Manager of Safety and Loss Control Systems. "With this level of performance and safety awareness, zero injuries sounds more feasible everyday!"

Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. is headquartered in Houston and produces polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, styrene, base chemicals and transportation fuels. With sales of \$7.47 billion in 2004, the company employs about 1,600 people in the U.S. and has manufacturing facilities in Texas and Louisiana as well as a research and technology facility in La Porte, Texas and a refinery in Port Arthur, Texas.



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Total Petrochemicals encompasses petrochemicals activities of Total, the fourth largest oil company worldwide. Its business includes base petrochemicals from steam crackers and certain refinery processing plants – olefins (ethylene, propylene), C<sub>4</sub> fractions and aromatics (benzene, toluene, xylenes and styrene) – as well as the commodity polymers they derived from (polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and elastomers). Total Petrochemicals employs 7,500 people in Europe, the United States, the Middle East and Asia. Its products are used in many consumer and industrial markets, including Packaging, Construction and Automotive.