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J. S. PURCELL LUMBER CORPORATION, LOUISA VIRGINIA ACHIEVES SHARP DESIGNATION UNDER VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY'S CONSULTATION PROGRAM

Richmond- Secretary of Commerce and Trade Patrick O. Gottschalk announced that J. S. Purcell Lumber Corporation, Louisa Virginia, recently achieved designation as a Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) site under the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's (DOLI) Consultation program. J. S. Purcell Lumber Corporation is a full service lumber yard with a retail component servicing the building trades in the surrounding areas of Louisa County, and employs 25 people.

SHARP recognizes worksites that operate exemplary safety and health programs that result in the immediate and long-term prevention of job related injuries and illnesses. As part of the recognition for achieving SHARP status, the worksite is entitled to fly a SHARP flag, which has been given to company representatives.

"I commend J. S. Purcell Lumber Corporation for recognizing the merits of SHARP," stated Secretary Gottschalk. "Both the company's and the Commonwealth's economic interests are served under this cooperative effort to protect worker safety and health."

Virginia Department of Labor and Industry Commissioner C. Ray Davenport noted, "We are very proud of J. S. Purcell Lumber Corporation achievements. Commitment to safety and health and hard work on the part of all management and employees has made J. S. Purcell Lumber Corporation, a safer, healthier and better place to work."

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry offers two voluntary protection programs- the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) for small businesses and the Virginia Voluntary Protection Program (VVPP) for employers of any size. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor and Industry office closest to you or by calling Jennifer Wester, Director of Cooperative Programs, at (804) 786-6359.

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