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## **Greenberry Industrial Reaches Safety Milestone**

*Company surpasses two million consecutive work hours without a lost-time injury accident*

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Every morning when Greenberry Industrial workers arrive at a construction site, they know the day’s first order of business: safety.

From implementing a pre-work stretching routine to reviewing the tight quarters of a work environment, Greenberry goes the extra mile to make sure its employees are thinking safety first. This dedication to its workers’ wellbeing is the main reason the company recently surpassed a major industry milestone – two million straight work hours during a five-year span without an on-the-job, lost-time injury accident.

“Five years without a lost-time accident is significant because it puts us in a unique class of contractors,” said Jason Pond, president. “We have a top-down culture when it comes to safety, and focus on internal training and the right equipment to make sure our employees go home at the end of the day unharmed.”

The company achieved its safety streak by completing several high-profile projects that demanded innovative safety solutions, such as:

- California Steel’s new 3,000,000 lb walking beam furnace in Ontario, Calif.
- The Ash Grove Cement Company’s new processing complex in Portland, Ore.
- Xerox’s solid color ink production site in Wilsonville, Ore.
- Weyerhaeuser’s new wood chip storage and feed system in Springfield, Ore.
- TransAlta’s updated coal conveyer system at the largest coal plant west of the Mississippi

“The nature of our projects makes this milestone more special,” said Pond. “We work in active operating facilities where space is tight and often times dangerous. There’s more opportunity for injury so we have to take extra precautions to avoid lost-time accidents.”

### ***Proactive prevention***

By regularly monitoring field trends and patterns, the company has employed several new measures to reduce potential problems and keep its safety record intact. For example, years ago when management noticed a growing number of its workers experiencing back injuries, it implemented a morning stretching routine into the daily schedule, and has not experienced one back-related accident since the program started.

Greenberry Industrial also recently rolled out its SAFESTART internal training program in which all of its employees, from Pond to the on-site workers, complete safety training classes.

### *Safety spurs business*

Greenberry's safety commitment is also proving beneficial for its business. Because of its renowned record, the company has strategically expanded the past two years with offices in Burlington, Wash., and Ontario, Calif., to better serve new clients in the petrochemical and steel industries that require stellar safety marks. In fact, Shell Oil awarded Greenberry one of its contractor safety awards due to the company's accident-prevention policies at one of its most tight, congested projects.

"Our focus on safety makes employees feel good about themselves because they are part of a larger initiative," said Pond. "These important measures keep our workers employed and off disability, which adds to the company's bottom line."

### **About Greenberry Industrial**

Greenberry Industrial is a full-service industrial general contractor and fabricators serving clients throughout the United States. The company manages and provides all structural, civil and mechanical disciplines in industrial construction including boilermaking, civil and concrete, heavy rigging, millwright and equipment setting, pipe spooling and steel erection. Greenberry has offices in Portland, Ore., Burlington, Wash., Ontario, Calif., and Corvallis, Ore. More information on the company can be found at [www.greenberry.com](http://www.greenberry.com).

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