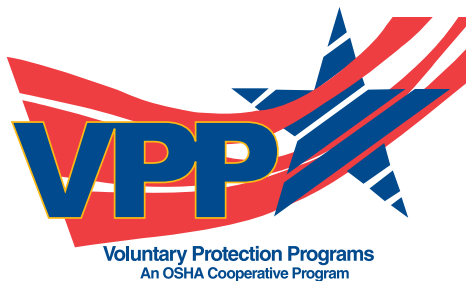


Minden Facility Achieves VPP Recertification

Exceptional emphasis on workplace safety and health results in highest level of certification

Suppliers can contribute to their customers' businesses in many ways. The most obvious is through the quality and value of the products and services they supply. But a supplier's reputation for health and safety can also be an increasingly important factor for customers. In an age of heightened scrutiny on corporate responsibility, shareholders and customers are today demanding more from their suppliers than just good prices, prompt delivery, profitable operation, responsive service, and quality products—they are demanding responsible citizenship as well. More than ever, there is little tolerance for suppliers that achieve cost and timeliness goals at the expense of community and employee health and safety.



In a nutshell: poor corporate citizens reflect negatively on not just themselves, but their customers as well.

We're very pleased to announce that in July 2007, our Minden operations were re-certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) STAR facility. VPP status is sought by companies that wish to communicate to their employees, customers, shareholders, and communities that they have moved beyond simply complying with applicable safety regulations and are engaged in additional, voluntary levels of proactive safety activities and awareness. As OSHA audits a facility, they look for several things: top management's commitment to health and safety, employee involvement in and awareness of safety programs and procedures, and ongoing hazard analysis and mitigation programs.

The majority of GE's Bently Nevada* products are produced at our Minden, Nevada, facility where more than 800 people come to work each day. As you use our Bently Nevada products and services, you can always be assured of our unyielding commitment to safety—for our customers, for our communities, and for ourselves. **0**

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