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## White City log yard recognized for safety achievement *Boise Cascade adds fifth SHARP site*

(Salem) – Oregon OSHA will welcome Boise Cascade’s White City log yard this month as the newest employer in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

SHARP provides an incentive for Oregon employers to work with their employees to find and correct hazards, develop and implement effective safety and health programs, and continuously improve. The ultimate goal of SHARP is to encourage employers to become self-sufficient in managing workplace safety and health issues. Currently, 71 employer locations in Oregon participate in SHARP, in addition to 84 facilities that have graduated from the program.

At Boise Cascade’s White City log yard, five employees are responsible for unloading and staging logs for Boise Cascade’s Veneer Operation. In the past, the log yard received approximately 28,000 loads annually. The log yard began operations in the 1950s and was purchased by Boise Cascade in 1977.

“The SHARP process has provided us with an excellent tool to gain greater employee involvement and identify areas of improvement,” said Willie Debrick, safety committee co-chairman. “SHARP reinforces our commitment to safety and our vision of an incident-free workplace. Due to the efforts of all of our employees, we have been injury-free for over five years.”

Participation in SHARP doesn’t eliminate regulatory enforcement, although SHARP participants do receive a limited exemption from programmed inspections. Employees retain all workplace safety and health rights contained in the Oregon Safe Employment Act. Oregon employers that have been in business for more than one year are eligible to apply for SHARP regardless of size or type of business.

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