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AERB Industrial and Fire Safety Awards for Excellence

The annual Industrial Safety Awards and Fire Safety Awards for Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) units presentation function was held on April 18, 2013 at Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai. AERB presents Industrial Safety Awards and Fire Safety Awards to DAE Units every year.

Industrial Safety Award in Production Units Group comprising Nuclear Power Plants and Heavy Water Plants was jointly bagged by Tarapur Atomic Power Station 3&4 and Heavy Water Plant, Thal (Maharashtra). Kakrapar Atomic Power Project 3&4 (Gujarat) has received the Industrial Safety Award in the Construction Group. The Industrial Safety Awards are given for achieving high levels of performances in industrial safety activities.

Fire Safety Award in the category of high fire risk unit was given jointly to Heavy Water Plant, Kota (Rajasthan) and Kakrapar Atomic Power Station 1&2 (Gujarat). Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam (Tamil Nadu) is the winner of the Fire Safety Award in Category of low fire risk units group. Fire Safety Awards are given for achieving high levels of performance in fire safety aspects.

The Chief Guest of the function, Shri R.G. Rajan, Chairman and Managing Director, Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. presented the Awards to the winner units of the DAE for the year 2012. On this occasion, Shri S. S. Bajaj, Chairman, AERB released a compilation for DAE units titled “Occupational Injury & Fire Statistics 2012”. This compilation provides the information on number of accidents, injuries and man-days lost due to such injuries and their analysis. Analysis of fire incidents based on severity is also given in this document. The industrial safety related data is also compared with similar units outside DAE. It is seen that industrial safety performance based on incidence rates of DAE Units is far better as compared to other similar industries in the country and comparable with international levels. Shri S. Duraisamy, Vice-Chairman, AERB and Shri R. Bhattacharya, Director, Industrial Plants Safety Division and Secretary, AERB also spoke on industrial and fire safety aspects at the award presentation ceremony.

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