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SFPA Presents Sawmill Safety Awards

The Southern Forest Products Association recently presented Sawmill Safety Awards to 22 member mills and treating plants in recognition of outstanding safety records during 2009.

SFPA member facilities are considered for the award based on information submitted to SFPA regarding lost-time occupational injuries and illnesses. Safety performance is judged by how each facility's safety record stacks up against facilities with comparable lumber output throughout the year. Division I facilities produce or treat 50 million board feet or less; Division II facilities produce 51 to 150 million board feet; and Division III facilities turn out more than 150 million board feet. Facilities with the lowest incident rates in each division receive the award. All of the facilities being honored this year reported zero incidents during 2009.

SFPA presented the awards during its Midyear Meeting last week in New Orleans. The recipients are listed below.

Recipients

- Division I: **Cox Industries Inc.** – Woodstock, Ala.
Edgefield Lumber Company – Loxley, Ala.
Elder Wood Preserving Company – Mansura, La.
Georgia-Pacific – Crossett, Ark., and Cleveland, Texas
Toney Lumber Company – Louisburg, N.C.
Tri-State Lumber Company – Fulton, Miss.
- Division II: **Anthony Forest Products Company** – Atlanta, Texas
Deltic Timber Corp. – Ola, Ark.
Georgia-Pacific – Fayette, Ala., Sterling, Ga., Bay Springs, Miss.,
Columbia, Miss., and Whiteville, N.C.
Weyerhaeuser Company – Holden, La., McComb, Miss., New Bern, N.C.,
and Idabel, Okla.
- Division III: **Georgia-Pacific** – Gurdon, Ark.
Temple-Inland Inc. – Diboll, Texas
Weyerhaeuser Company – Bruce, Miss., and Greenville, N.C.

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SFPA – headquartered in the metro New Orleans area – has represented manufacturers of Southern Pine lumber since 1915. SFPA member companies produce about 43 percent of the nation's Southern Pine lumber.