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## **Wise Plastics Technologies Recognized with National Safety Award**

*St. Charles-based company's work with IL OSHA leads to SHARP designation*

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) has announced Wise Plastics Technologies received the national Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) designation.

The company, which manufactures custom plastic through injection molding earned the elite SHARP status after completing a thorough health and safety evaluation by Illinois OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program.

“Wise Plastics Technology has gone above and beyond, proving it's dedicated to workplace safety. The company has set an example for others in its field,” said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik.

Wise Plastics Technologies earned SHARP status after a year and a half working with the consultation program. It went through three safety visits and two health visits between January 2020 and April 2021.

“Obtaining the SHARP designation is a testament to the effort Wise Plastics Technologies' employees showed in regards to safety. Increasing Safety Awareness & Training while at the same time lowering Incident Rates in the Plastics Manufacturing Industry was an accomplishment on its own. The help we received from OSHA On-Site Consultation Program was integral in our success. The emphasis we put into Hazard Recognition and abatement has already shown other successes in employee morale, positive safety culture and decreased accidents. We've already begun laying the groundwork for our second manufacturing site to start the SHARP process,” said Andy Purvin, EH&S Specialist with Wise Plastics Technologies.

Illinois OSHA offers free and confidential safety and health on-site consultations for employers with up to 250 employees on site and 500 nationwide. The Illinois On-Site Safety and Health

Consultation Program can help Illinois businesses meet the federal OSHA health and safety regulations and can assist those companies interested in pursuing SHARP status.

If you have questions about Illinois OSHA's on-site consultation program, you can call 800-972-4216, send an email to [dol.consultation@illinois.gov](mailto:dol.consultation@illinois.gov) or click here: [IL On-Site Safety and Health Consultation Program](#).

The On-Site Consultation Cooperative Agreement is funded by a federal grant which constitutes 90 percent of the overall budget. Ten percent is financed by state funds.

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