

# barometer



## waste not

4 POET plants have recorded

### *zero lost-time accidents*

since the date they opened their doors.

- Hudson, SD – 5 years
- Emmetsburg, IA – 4 years
- Laddonia, MO – 3 years
- Corning, IA – 2 years

## *beating the average*

In 2008, the OSHA (Occupation Health and Safety Administration) average of lost time accidents was 1.1 for the ethanol industry. POET Biorefining as a whole averaged 0.57 beating the industry average.

**18** plants recorded zero lost time accidents

**22** plants exceeded the industry average

## *helping out*

- POET Biorefining – Hudson (S.D.) donated emergency equipment to Lincoln County including an enclosed trailer with 800 feet of yellow boom, life jackets and a pump.
- POET Biorefining near Mitchell, S.D. and Hanlontown, Iowa make regular monetary donations to their local fire departments.



and the winner is...

## Sharing the knowledge

POET Biorefining – Portland (Ind.) hosted the Fort Recovery Fire Department at their facility to educate them about ethanol. A trailer donated by POET in Portland was also displayed, sharing its capabilities to manage an incident.

Also hosting their local fire department, POET Biorefining – North Manchester (Ind.) taught the essentials for fighting ethanol fires.

## Safety Pinnacle Award

- The 2009 Union Pacific Chemical Transportation Safety Pinnacle Award recognizes UP customers that have had no incidents of chemicals releases, known as non-accident releases, from rail cars for the year as well as successful prevention and corrective plans.
- POET Biorefining facilities in Ashton, Jewell and Emmetsburg, Iowa as well as POET Biorefining - Hudson, S.D. received the award.

## Annual Product Stewardship Award

- BNSF's Annual Product Stewardship Award for 2008 was presented to shippers who transported a minimum of 500 loaded tank cars of hazardous materials during the previous year with zero non-accident releases (releases that are not caused by a derailment or collision) during the entire transportation cycle.
- POET Biorefining plants in South Dakota recognized in the award were Chancellor, Mitchell, Big Stone City, Groton, Scotland and Hudson. POET plants in Iowa were Coon Rapids and Corning.

## Meritorious Achievement

- POET Biorefining - Preston (Minn.) has earned top honors from the Minnesota Safety Council for having a low injury incidence and good track record in safety.

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## *from work to home*

All POET Biorefining team members are trained in both CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator). These certifications are not only essential for the workplace, but for everyday life.

## *a little motivation*

POET Biorefining – Portland has implemented a safety incentive program that rewards the entire team with a friendly game of bingo. Numbers are drawn each day; with no accidents, the game can last up to 14 days with extensions granted for safety suggestions and near miss incidents reported.



“The success of the POET PAC depends on you, me and all of us.”

Jeff Broin, CEO for POET

On May 5, the POET launched a Political Action Committee (PAC) both internally to team members and externally to ethanol supporters to insure that ethanol’s values are promoted and understood on Capitol Hill.

The PAC is designed to help raise funds from individuals to be contributed to federal candidates and committees. The POET PAC is bipartisan, issue-focused and will support candidates from either political party who stand up for issues that are important to the future of the ethanol industry. It is strictly voluntary, but has seen an overwhelming amount of support. After the first week of the launch, 90 percent of Sioux Falls team members had generously made financial commitments to the POET PAC.

If ethanol supporters continue to work together voluntarily to create a successful PAC, the POET PAC will provide the opportunity to expand POET’s voice in Washington, D.C. To participate in the POET PAC, please visit [www.poetpac.com](http://www.poetpac.com).