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### **NRG Energy Recognized for Exceptional Industrial Safety**

*—OSHA's Region VI Voluntary Protection Program Participants' Association Conference  
congratulates NRG employees and plants for outstanding safety—*

**HOUSTON, March 15, 2010**—The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Participants Association recently recognized NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) and the Company's Texas employees and operations for outstanding safety performance in VPP Region VI. Region VI is the largest VPP Region covering Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

NRG employee Kirk Crandall, Safety Specialist for the NRG Texas gas plants, was selected as the Region VI Special Government Employee (SGE) of the Year by the VPP Participants Association and is the region's nominee for National SGE of the Year at the National VPP Conference. SGEs are industry employees working alongside OSHA employees to support VPP evaluations and share views and ideas across government and industry. Crandall was also elected to the Region VI VPP Board of Directors as a Director at Large.

"The success of the VPP Region 6 program is a direct result of the great working partnerships we have created with our participating companies and their employees," said Dean Wingo, Assistant Regional Administrator for Cooperative and State Programs, Dallas Regional Office. "This program's success very much depends on the volunteer service of our many Special Government Employees, especially those like Mr. Crandall that go above and beyond to make a difference in worker safety and health."

Two other NRG employees were recognized as SGEs. Danny Barrett, Texas Regional Safety Manager, and Emanuel Vogel, Cedar Bayou Instrument and Controls Technician and VPP Coordinator will support OSHA and other plants and facilities as they seek to achieve VPP Qualification.

"Safety is our top priority at NRG, with an emphasis on responsibility throughout the workforce, paying attention where an employee could get hurt on the job and sharing best practices across our fleet," said Don Poe, Vice President, Texas Operations. "Kirk, Danny and Emanuel personify this commitment to safe practices and their efforts are reflected in the focus on safety demonstrated by all NRG personnel each day. We are honored by this recognition for their hard work and the work of every NRG employee who shares their dedication to safety for themselves and their coworkers."

"I would like to congratulate all the NRG employees for the recognitions they have received from OSHA," said Greg Lucero, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 66. "The NRG employees and our members made all this possible. Their dedication to their jobs and doing them safely is the main reason for these accomplishments. Our goal with this program is to have all our members come to work and have the ability to be involved in their safety and the safety of all employees who work for this company. IBEW Local Union 66 has signed a number letters agreeing to VPP but all the credit goes to all the employees involved and we are proud of all of them."

All of NRG's plants in Texas have achieved VPP Star status and during the VPP Convention, a number of these plants were recognized for achievements above the already high requirements for Star status.

NRG's TH Wharton plant was recognized as the SGE Company/Site of the Year in appreciation to the Company for allowing SGE support throughout the year. TH Wharton along with NRG's Cedar Bayou, SR Bertron, San Jacinto and Greens Bayou plants were recognized with the VPP Star of Excellence for achieving safety performance at least 90 percent better than the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) national industry average. NRG's WA Parish and Maintenance Services Shop attained Star among Stars for achieving safety performance at least 50 percent better than the BLS national industry average.

### **About NRG**

NRG Energy, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, owns and operates one of the country's largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. The Company's power plants provide more than 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity with more than 11,000 megawatts of that power, enough to meet the needs of 9 million homes, located in Texas. NRG's retail business, Reliant Energy, serves more than 1.6 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers in Texas.

A past recipient of the energy industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards, NRG is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information is available at [www.nrgenergy.com](http://www.nrgenergy.com).

### **About VPP**

The Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) promote effective worksite-based safety and health. In the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system. There are three ways to participate in VPP: Site-based, mobile workforce, and corporate. Approval into VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. More information is available at [www.osha.gov/dcsp/vpp/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/vpp/index.html).

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