



**National SAFE Award
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On May 7th, 2009, Danos & Curole was awarded the Production Contractor National Safety Award for Excellence by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS). The company was also awarded the MMS Houma District SAFE Award earlier this year. These awards are presented to the company based on work performance during the year 2008.

"Danos & Curole is committed to providing safe, excellent services to our customers, and I am proud that our team has been recognized for their dedication to upholding the company's values. This award is a testament to the hard work of many excellent people throughout our organization. By continuing to seek out the best employees and invest in their safety, training, and development, we will continue to provide the same high level of services our customers have become accustomed to," said Danos & Curole Vice President Eric Danos.

This is the fourth time that Danos & Curole has received the National SAFE Award and has been a finalist for the national award in the Production Contractor category 8 times in the 10 years since the category was established. No production contractor has been nominated more times, nor won more often than Danos & Curole. This record of consistency through the years is a tribute to the company's safety & training culture.

"The SAFE award is one of the highest honors MMS can bestow upon a company," said MMS acting Director Walter Cruickshank. "It signifies that safety and environmentally sound operations are the top priority for an offshore operator."

Both the national and district awards recognize and commend companies that expend extra effort to conduct operations in a safe and pollution-free manner by adhering to all regulations, employing trained and motivated personnel, and going the extra mile to enhance safety and environmental protection.

SAFE Award candidates at the National level are screened through a two-step process comprised of statistical analysis and in-depth meetings involving MMS Headquarters, Regional, and District personnel to determine a company's overall performance on the Outer Continental Shelf. The SAFE Awards recognize outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance by the offshore industry in four categories: drilling contractor, production contractor, high activity operator, and moderate activity operator.

Danos & Curole is a worldwide oilfield service company providing quality service in the areas of construction, fabrication, production personnel, painting and blasting, safety professionals and a wide range of highly skilled consultants. Danos & Curole is focused on continuous improvement in providing and expanding services to clients and the development and training of personnel. Danos & Curole has been an industry leader since 1947 and is committed to maintaining a legacy of integrity and quality. For more information visit: www.danos.com ###

Photo attached



Hank Danos, President and CEO of Danos and Curole Marine Contractors, accepts the 2009 SAFE Award for Production Contractors from Chris Oynes, Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management.