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## **Santa Teresa Company Receives Award for Worker Safety**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) this week awarded Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Vista Corrugated, Inc. of Santa Teresa, its Zia Star for worker safety. The company was approved for NMED's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau's (OHSB's) Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). A ceremony recognizing the company was held on April 2 at the plant.

"We applaud Vista Corrugated for making an extra effort to protect their workers from injury," said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. "Like our Green Zia program that awards New Mexico's most pollution-conscious businesses, the Zia Star is an important way NMED can help industry be more protective of a vital resource--the workforce."

Vista Corrugated manufactures corrugated cardboard sheets for use in the packaging of a variety of products. It employs approximately 75 workers at this site. The facility's three-year recordable injury and illness rate is 72 percent below the industry average.

The Zia Star Program is New Mexico's version of the Federal OSHA VPP. The program recognizes companies with exemplary health and safety management systems that maintain injury and illness rates below the national average for their industry. Vista Corrugated is the first site to be awarded this honor by the State of New Mexico. There are approximately 850 VPP sites nationwide.

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