



ORTEC, INC Receives National Performance Improvement Honor ***SOCMA Recognizes Ortec for Commitment to Core Principles***

Easley, SC – The Ortec, Inc. Easley facility is pleased to announce it has received the 2009 Silver Award for its achievements in implementing a recognized environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) program. The award is given as part of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates' (SOCMA) annual Performance Improvement Awards, sponsored by ChemStewards, SOCMA's EHS&S initiative.

"We are honored to receive national recognition for our company's commitment to performance excellence. In particular, we commend our employees for their hard work all year to maintain a superior EHS&S program in our facility," said company President Larry Brotherton.

SOCMA, the leading international trade association representing the batch chemical industry, recognized Ortec at SOCMA's Annual Dinner during a special awards reception on December 7 in New York City. Dr. Larry Brotherton accepted the award at the dinner.

"Ortec's hard work on their comprehensive environmental, health, safety and security program shows their commitment to constant improvement and to contributing to the quality of life in their community. SOCMA commends them on their Silver Award honors and encourages Ortec to continue these efforts through the ChemStewards performance improvement program," said SOCMA President Joe Acker.

ChemStewards® is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) continuous performance improvement program. ChemStewards was created from industry's commitment to reducing the environmental footprint left by member's facilities. Industry created ChemStewards to meet the unique needs of the batch, custom, and specialty chemical industry. As a mandatory requirement for SOCMA members engaged in the manufacturing or handling of chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance. To learn more visit www.chemstewards.com. For more information regarding SOCMA please visit their web site at www.socma.com.

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