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**James L. Salkeld, Director of the Arkansas Department of Labor, has announced that Gerdau Macsteel, is the recipient of a One Million Work Hour Safety Award.**

**Four Hundred Nineteen employees accumulated 1,000,000 work hours without a lost day away from work due to a work related injury or illness between May 22, 2008 and June 19, 2009.**

**The company has a safety program in effect and a safety committee made up of both employees and management.**

**The ceremony will be held August 11, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., at 5225 Planters Road, Ft. Smith Arkansas.**

**The Arkansas Department of Labor, the Arkansas Insurance Department and the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission are happy to present this award to Arkansas companies who excel in on-the-job safety.**

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