



## **Cardinal Glass Industries Fremont, Indiana Plant Receives OSHA VPP Star Certification**

Fremont, Indiana, April 26, 2018: Cardinal IG Fremont will host a dedication ceremony to celebrate the achievement of Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Certification from the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 2pm. Town of Fremont, IN community representatives and employees of Cardinal Glass will attend as Indiana State Commissioner of Labor, Rick Ruble, and Deputy Commissioner, Timothy E. Maley present the official certification and VPP flag to plant leadership, with a reception to follow.

OSHA's VPP program began in 1998 and is designed to promote worksite safety and health, by establishing a comprehensive safety and health management system with cooperative relationships between OSHA, workplace management and labor. Cardinal IG Fremont underwent comprehensive evaluation and review over a 24 month period to qualify for the program's Star certification, OSHA's highest level of "recognition for employers and employees who demonstrate exemplary achievement in the prevention and control of occupational safety and health hazards the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of their safety and health management system." Cardinal IG Fremont is 1 of only the Star Certified 89 sites in the State of Indiana, and one of less than 2,000 businesses nationally to achieve this distinction.

Cardinal Glass Industries (parent company of Cardinal IG Fremont), is the largest fully integrated supplier of residential glass products in the world with annual sales of over \$2 Billion, and 41 US plant locations. Its subsidiary location in Fremont, Indiana employs over 330 people and produces over 2.5 million insulated glass units annually. Plant Manager, Michael Connell, stated, "The designation of VPP Star status conferred by IOSHA upon Cardinal IG Fremont is a true honor. We are pleased to officially become part of the VPP family in Indiana and nationally. The result of these efforts over the last 24 months speaks to the commitment of the Cardinal IG Fremont team to improving the lives of its employees through a focus on workplace health and safety, which is a journey with no summit. Achieving this certification began with our desire to adhere to Cardinal IG's company mission whereby safety is our first priority, to be driven by our core values, and that our employees are our greatest asset. Our VPP certification greatly compliments these endeavors."

