



THE TANK CAR PEOPLE

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UTLX Repair Shop is Star Site of OSHA Cowboy Voluntary Protection Program.

Chicago, IL – Union Tank Car Company's Evanston, Wyoming Repair Shop has been approved by Wyoming OSHA for Star Status in the Cowboy Voluntary Protection Program (CVPP) at the highest level of participation. The Star Program recognizes employers that have implemented an effective occupational safety and health program that includes the active participation of all employees. It establishes a cooperative relationship between management, employees, and Wyoming OSHA. The UTLX program has been instrumental in the success of the railroad tank car maintenance and repair facility's safety effort. Currently, the Evanston Shop has achieved a lost-time injury rate that is less than half that of the railroad industry average.

"The 57 Wyoming TANK CAR PEOPLE® each have a primary responsibility to integrate safety into their jobs," said Gilbert Olson, Plant Manager. "We don't just preach safety, we teach it in regular safety sessions. The written program must be adequate and management must provide the resources, but it is the employees' attention and actions during the work day that make the program work at Evanston."

"The Evanston Shop applied to CVPP in November 2005 with performance-based criteria for our employee-managed safety and health system," said John Kolb, Union Tank Car Safety Manager. "After a rigorous assessment against those criteria, employee interviews, and a qualifying audit by a Wyoming OSHA team, we were approved in June 2006. It was hard work and the examination by OSHA's Fran Ross, Doc Holliday, and J.D. Danni gave us insights for improvement, but every day that our employees work safely makes the value of CVPP more evident. Charlie Eagler of Chevron Painter Reservoir Unit, the first Evanston-based Star Program member, was very helpful in showing us what to expect."

Union Tank Car Company (UTLX), a member of The Marmon Group of companies, is the leading designer, builder, and full service lessor of specialized railcars. Including the cars of its Canadian affiliate, Procor Limited, UTLX owns a fleet of approximately 85,000 railcars. In addition to manufacturing facilities in East Chicago Indiana, Alexandria Louisiana, and Sheldon Texas, the Chicago-based company operates a North American network of repair shops, lining shops and On-Site® repair locations. The Evanston shop, alone, will repair more than 1,300 railcars in 2006.

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