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**Ref-Chem Receives Pinnacle Award from Associated Builders and Contractors**  
*National Award to Be Presented at ABC Convention in August*

HOUSTON, Texas (April 30, 2020) — Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) has honored Ref-Chem with the Pinnacle Award, the highest-tier award in ABC's National Safety Excellence Award program recognizing excellence in construction safety.

The award winners were selected from ABC member firms that achieved Diamond, Platinum and Gold status in ABC's STEP Safety Management System in 2019. During the selection process, contractors were judged on self-evaluation scores, lost workday case rates, total recordable incident rates, leading indicator use, process and program innovations, and video interviews conducted by members of ABC's National Safety and Health Committee.

"We're honored to be recognized by a well-respected trade organization as one of the safest industrial construction companies in the United States," says Jeff Rashall, Ref-Chem president. "This reaffirms our core value of safety at both the workplace and our project sites."

The National Safety Excellence Awards are presented in three major North American Industry Classification System code categories: NAICS 236 – Construction of Buildings; NAICS 237 – Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction; and NAICS 238 – Specialty Trade Contractors.

STEP, the standard for developing world-class safety management systems in construction, is designed to help both large and small contractors evaluate every aspect of their corporate safety and health programs and identify opportunities for improvement.

Ref-Chem has achieved Platinum certification in ABC's STEP Safety Management System.

The [complete list of winners](#) can be seen on ABC's website.

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**About Ref-Chem**

Established in 1957, Ref-Chem, a wholly owned subsidiary of Burns & McDonnell, is a heavy industrial construction and maintenance contractor. Headquartered in Houston and Odessa, Texas, Ref-Chem is 100% employee-owned and averages more than 1,000 open-shop craftsmen around the country. For more information, visit [ref-chem.com](http://ref-chem.com).



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