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Ref-Chem Earns National Safety Pinnacle Award from Associated Builders and Contractors

HOUSTON, March 22 — [Ref-Chem](#), a [Burns & McDonnell](#) company, announced it has earned a National Safety Award from Associated Builders and Contractors, which were presented at the 31st annual Excellence in Construction® Awards during ABC Convention 2021 in Grapevine, Texas, on March 10.

Ref-Chem won in the Pinnacle Award category, the highest of the three tiers in the [National Safety Excellence Awards](#).

“We are pleased to be receiving this prestigious honor again from ABC,” said [Jeff W. Rashall](#), Ref-Chem president. “This once again gives us the industry recognition we have earned for being one of the safest industrial construction firms in the country.”

The 2020 National Safety Excellence Award winners were selected from ABC member firms that achieved Diamond, Platinum and Gold status in ABC’s [STEP Safety Management System](#) in 2020. 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 Health and Safety Committee.

“Ref-Chem is creating the conditions for its people to do their job well in a safe, healthy and mentally fit environment,” said 2021 ABC National Chair of the Board of Directors Steve Klessig, vice president of architecture and engineering, Keller Inc., Kaukauna, Wisconsin. “A culture of both safety and total human health cannot exist without leadership choosing daily to not to compromise on safety, and ABC commends this safety leader in our industry for modeling this belief in every action.”

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.

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About Ref-Chem

Established in 1957, Ref-Chem, a Burns & McDonnell company, is a heavy industrial construction and maintenance contractor. Headquartered in Houston and Odessa, Texas, Ref-Chem is 100% employee-owned and works with more than 1,000 open-shop craft labor around the country. For more information, visit ref-chem.com.

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