

3M Press Release

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3M celebrates success in the RoSPA Awards 2012

Diversified technology company 3M has had its approach to the prevention of accidents and ill health recognised in the RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2012.

3M's Northallerton facility, which manufactures specialist coatings, has won a Gold award in the annual scheme, which dates back to 1956 and is the largest and longest-running awards programme of its kind in the UK.

The RoSPA Awards scheme recognises commitment to accident and ill health prevention and is open to businesses and organisations of all types and sizes from across the UK and overseas. It does not just look at accident records, but also entrants' overarching health and safety management systems, including important practices such as strong leadership and workforce involvement.

David Rawlins, awards manager at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), a safety charity with a 95-year history, said: "The RoSPA Awards programme provides well-deserved recognition for the winners and spurs on other organisations to raise their standards of accident and ill health prevention. We congratulate 3M's Northallerton facility on its success and encourage it, and all our other winners, to remain committed to safety and health, an approach that is well recognised to be good for workers and the bottom line."

Paul Southall, Environmental, Health & Safety Engineer at 3M in Northallerton, commented: “This is the third year running that the Northallerton site has received the Gold award, which recognises our determination to rank health and safety as the number one priority – at Northallerton and indeed at all our facilities globally. We continually seek improvement in safety systems management, health and well-being of our people alongside development of our behavioural safety programme.”

The majority of RoSPA’s awards are non-competitive, marking achievement at merit, bronze, silver and gold levels. Organisations maintaining high standards can win gold medals, president’s awards and orders of distinction.

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