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Cintas laundry in Ariz. wins acclaim

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Mason uniform supplier Cintas Corp., a focus of increased scrutiny following the 2007 death of a worker at its Tulsa, Okla., laundry, said its Chandler, Ariz., plant is the first industrial laundry to be awarded OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program "Star" designation, the federal agency's highest recognition for safety and occupation health practices.

"There is nothing more important than the health and safety of our employee-partners," said Scott Farmer, Cintas CEO, in a statement.

OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) promotes worksite safety and health by establishing strict, performance-based criteria and measuring workplaces against those criteria, officials said.

Cintas said it has more than 70 facilities nationwide pursuing VPP status.