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RRC safety honorees were, from back row left, are David Chan, Robert Pfile, Charles Powell, Mark Vester, Donald Caswell, Arthur Martinez and Mike Singer. Front row, from left are Harold Peterson, Carlos Morales, Tom Sintoplert, Carlos Favela, Raymond Bozyk, Alfred Soto, Thi Nguyen and Milo Victoria.



RRC Maintenance Honors 25 for Long-Term Safety Records

(Aug. 10, 2004) Regional Rebuild Center Maintenance Shop employees were recognized, recently, for their hard work and commitment to safety.

Special achievement awards were presented to 25 employees for their contributions to the department's success. The mechanics, painters, machinists, body repairers, welders, and service attendants were recognized for working at least five years without an injury.

Tom Sintoplert, a mechanic leader in the Power Plant Assembly Shop, was honored for working 24 years without an injury. Terrance Diederichs has 22 injury-free years' service; Carlos Morales, 21 years; and Freddy Steger, 20 years.

Others honored were Carlos Favela, 18 years; Frank Hernandez, 16; Cristobal Gomez, 16; Oscar Benavente, 14; Raymond Bozyk, 11; David Chan, 11; Fred Wenzel, 10; Arthur Martinez, 10; Thi Nguyen, 9; Brian Takamiyashiro, 9; Salvador Castillo, 6; Robert Pfile, 6; Phil Martinez, 6; Mark Vester, 6; Jessie Ramsey, 6; Donald Caswell, 6; Efrain Garcia, 5; Charles Powell, 5; Anthony Herumin, 5; and Alfred Soto, 5.



From left are David Chan, Gabriel Valdivia, Javier Magdaleno, Dave Santillanez, Ernie Ramos, Steve Grossman and Mark Vester.

The RRC has continued to make significant reductions in the number of recordable injuries incurred each year. In FY 2003, the RRC reduced the number of injuries by 22 percent from the prior year. The Central Maintenance Shops are on target to make another 20 percent reduction in FY 2004.

A study of recordable injuries at the RRC showed such injuries dropping from 113 in FY 1999 to 77 in FY 2000, 73 in FY 2001, 36 in FY 2002, 28 in FY 2003 and to only 14 in FY 2004.

"All of our employees have played a significant role in helping make the RRC a safer place," said Mike Singer, RRC equipment maintenance manager. "As a team, we have been able to reduce the number of injuries and keep up with production demands."