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## Holiday Hazards - Be Safe This Season

### ISO 14001 Certification – Achieving the Triple Crown

In a presentation December 9, Carl Kohrt, President and CEO of Battelle; Roby Enge, Director of the ESH&Q Directorate at PNNL; Laboratory Director Lura Powell; and DOE-AMT Deputy Director Julie Erickson helped to celebrate ISO 14001 certification. (3K472)

ISO 14001 Certification, along with the validation of Integrated Safety Management in 1998 and the achievement of the Voluntary Protection Program Gold STAR status in 2001, culminates the Triple Crown vision rolled out by the Leadership Team in March of 2000.

Receiving this certification indicates that PNNL adheres to criteria set by the International Organization for Standardization for operating environmental management systems.

PNNL is the first Office of Science Laboratory to attain the “Triple Crown” in Environment, Safety, and Health. This achievement is a credit to the entire staff.

Achievement of the “Triple Crown” is further validation that PNNL and all PNNL staff members are committed to excellence in operations.

***Congratulations and Thank You!***



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### Be Safe this Holiday Season

The VPP Steering Committee would like to remind all staff to avoid dangerous situations, and hazards related to this time of year.

Hospital emergency rooms treat about 12,500 people yearly for injuries-- falls, cuts and shocks--related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, there are 11,600 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 150 deaths, 1200 injuries and \$173 million in property loss annually.

#### Drink Responsibly at Holiday Parties

- Choose a designated Driver
- Provide non-alcoholic drinks for designated drivers and other guests.

#### Christmas Tree Safety

- Always keep live trees watered
- Keep trees away from ignition sources such as fireplaces, space heaters, candles, overhead lights, and radiators
- Remove trees when needles become dry and brittle (3E805)

#### Driving Safety

- When driving on snowy or icy roads, remember that it takes longer for vehicles to stop. Reduce your speed on slippery roads and give yourself plenty of room to stop. (3C975)

For further information on how to keep you and your loved ones safe this holiday season, see information from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (<http://www.cpsc.gov/>).