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Tenaska Ferndale Cogeneration Station receives workplace-safety recognition

TUMWATER - The [Department of Labor and Industries](#) (L&I) is awarding a prestigious workplace-safety award to [Tenaska's Cogeneration Station](#) in Ferndale.

The award is part of L&I's [Voluntary Protection Program](#) (VPP), which has designated the Ferndale plant as a STAR site. The designation means that the facility has reached the highest level of workplace safety. It recognizes the company's management and employee commitment and participation in an ongoing safety and health program, and means it successfully passed an L&I audit and extensive onsite review.

"The safety of our workforce is a top priority at all Tenaska generating plants, and the Tenaska Ferndale Cogeneration Station has an outstanding safety program," said Tim Miller, plant manager. "On behalf of our employees, we are honored by this award because it recognizes their ongoing commitment and dedication to a safe workplace."

Tenaska's Ferndale facility has also won three awards from the National Safety Council for its excellent safety record and successful safety programs in 2007.

"The fact that Tenaska Ferndale has achieved the STAR-level safety award, and its recognition by the National Safety Council, clearly indicate the company's firm commitment to safety," said L&I Director [Judy Schurke](#). "Their dedication to safety, and their partnership between management and employees, can be a model for other businesses and industries in our state."

The Ferndale plant is a 270-megawatt low-environmental-impact electric generating facility that has been in service since 1994. The facility uses clean-burning natural gas and high-efficiency cogeneration technology to provide electricity to [Puget Sound Energy](#). The plant also provides process steam to the [ConocoPhillips Refinery in Ferndale](#).

Only 2,000 work sites, out of more than seven million nationwide, have received a VPP award. The program is run by the federal [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA), but administered in Washington by L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH). In Washington, 28 companies have achieved the VPP STAR-level award.

[Steve Cant](#), DOSH assistant director, will present a plaque and flag commemorating the VPP award at a July 9 ceremony at the Tenaska Ferndale Cogeneration Station.

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