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INTRODUCTION

The American Petroleum Institute (API) has published this report since 1931. It includes information regarding workplace injuries, illnesses, fatalities, lost workday cases, and incidence rates by industry segment and functions.

Before the 1999 survey, companies were only asked to submit data about their own employees in their U.S. operations. In 2000, in an effort to increase the value of this report, the scope was expanded to include contractor workers and non-U.S. operations. Additionally, data was collected for four new functions: *Upstream Support Service*, *Lubricants/Specialties*, *Downstream Support Services*, and *Power Generation* and two new incident rates: *Days Away plus Restricted Activity Cases* and *Days Away Cases*.

Another major change introduced was the ability for companies to submit their data electronically over the Internet. Some of the features of this online database include automatic data checks, online instructions, and reports. It also provides companies that are willing to share their data with the ability to produce customized reports allowing them to benchmark against their peers.

Participation in the API annual survey is voluntary and company participation varies from year to year. Therefore, exercise caution when using this data to characterize the performance of the industry as a whole. However, eighty-two companies that responded to this year's survey with U.S. operations data also responded to last year's survey. These eighty-two companies represent ninety-seven percent of the total number of employees and ninety-seven percent of the total number of hours reported to API for 2000.

Participants were asked to submit data according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Recordkeeping Guidelines for Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, September 1986 edition. Therefore, this report provides incidence rates per 200,000 hours worked on the same basis as those reported by BLS.

Ninety-nine companies responded to the survey. All but one of these companies submitted data for U.S. operations. Eight companies submitted data for non-U.S. operations.