

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL
QUALITY AWARD**

DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Company (DM) the Management and Operations (M & O) contractor for the Department of Energy (DOE) Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Project has announced that they have been selected as one of the 13 finalists to receive a site visit from the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program.

Mr. Robert McGough, President of DM also announced that the site visit by the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award examiners and judges is scheduled for October 17th through October 23rd. DM is the primary contractor at the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office in New Orleans as well as M & O contractor for all four of the SPR storage sites.

Safety and health conditions at all four SPR storage sites are under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Accordingly, all four of the SPR storage sites in Louisiana and Texas are OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star sites as well as Department of Energy VPP Star sites. These four sites are the only worksites in the country to attain both OSHA and DOE VPP recognition as Star facilities.

Last year's Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award winners were honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. where President George W. Bush and the Secretary of Commerce presented the awards.