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ATMC TO HOST SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING

Shallotte, NC – ATMC will be hosting two four-hour sessions for the Southeastern Safety Council on March 27th at its main headquarters, located at 640 Whiteville Road in Shallotte. The sessions will run from 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The Southeastern Safety Council is sponsored by the North Carolina Industrial Commission and is comprised of ten North Carolina counties: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Moore, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland. Businesses that send their employees to this informative training session are eligible for reduced Worker's Compensation rates; therefore, attendance is an additional incentive for participation. Topics to be covered will include: fall protection, walking and working surfaces, personal protective equipment and electrical safety for non-electrical employees.

Both the morning and afternoon sessions are free to Council members. Non-members must join the Council in order to attend. Membership in the Council is \$40 per business annually, and when an organization is a member, all of its employees are eligible to attend the training sessions. The Council also has quarterly membership meetings and training sessions to increase safety awareness.

The Council's quarterly meeting will also be held on March 27th at ATMC, beginning at 6:00 PM. At this meeting, the Annual Safety Talk Contest will take place. Contest details may be obtained at the Industrial Commission website at www.comp.state.nc.us/. The winner of this regional competition will receive a cash prize and will be eligible to compete at the state level in May. The Safety Section of the Commission provides free safety training in North Carolina and is open to non-members. A 30-hour Accident-Prevention Class is being planned for late spring or summer of 2007. Details will be available on the website as soon as final arrangements have been made.

The Council currently has 80 member companies from a variety of industries, including municipalities, farming, healthcare, manufacturing and utilities. Gregg Warren, Manager, Safety and Assets for ATMC, is currently serving as the Council's Board Chairman. He commented, "The goal of the Southeastern Safety Council is for every worker to have a safe day at work and at home. By providing training opportunities such as these, the Council is assisting employers in enforcing safety rules. The practice of appropriate safety measures not only keeps our workers safe and our claims costs at a minimum, but also provides a safer environment for our customers and visitors." For more information on the Council, the training sessions or the Safety Talk Competition, visit the Council website or contact Gregg Warren at (910) 755-1738.

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