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Dallas, Texas – October 14, 2005 - On September 21, 2005, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration presented The North American Coal Corporation's Freedom Mine a Sentinels of Safety special recognition award for large surface coal mines for having the greatest number of employee hours worked without a lost time accident in 2004. During the year, Freedom Mine employees worked 820,407 hours without suffering a lost time accident. The Freedom Mine, located near Beulah, North Dakota, is operated by the Company's subsidiary, The Coteau Properties Company.

Making this latest safety award even more remarkable, the Freedom Mine was the national runner-up for the same award in 2003 with a total of 831,261 employee hours worked without a lost time injury. From July, 2002, until January, 2005, Freedom Mine employees worked 2,110,006 hours without a lost time accident.

The North American Coal Corporation (Headquarters: Dallas, Texas), a subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc. (NC-NYSE), mines and markets lignite coal primarily as fuel for power generation and provides selected value added mining services for other natural resources companies. The Company operates six (6) surface lignite mining operations in Texas, North Dakota, Louisiana, and Mississippi and also provides dragline mining services for limerock quarries in Florida.

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