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MTA Metro-North Railroad Commended for Safety Record

A national railroad industry group has selected MTA Metro-North Railroad as "Most Improved" in terms of safety among railroads its size. The prize, one of the most prestigious in the industry, was announced Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

The E. H. Harriman Memorial Awards Institute, under the auspices of the Association of American Railroads, awarded Metro-North a "Certificate of Commendation" for its reduction in employee injuries from 2007 to 2008.

"We are especially gratified that the hard work and dedication of our employees is being recognized by a group of our peers," said Metro-North President Howard Permut. "Safety is our Priority One and we will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to achieve a work place free from injury. We will not be satisfied until we achieve zero injuries."

Metro-North, which employs 5,900 people, achieved a 30 percent decrease in lost-time injuries from 2007 to 2008. Federal Railroad Administration "reportable" injuries (injuries that require medical attention beyond first-aid) dropped 33% during the same period. In absolute terms, lost-time injuries decreased from 71 to 51 and FRA reportable injuries dropped from 179 to 122.

The awards selections were made by the board of directors of the Harriman Institute, which is comprised of the chairman of the Association of American Railroads, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, the administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, the president of the National Industrial Transportation League and the executive director of the Railway Supply Institute.