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PAINTING CONTRACTOR RECEIVES PDCA'S PIPP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PAINTING *Achievement Recognized at National Convention*

(ST. LOUIS – February 2009) The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) selected Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors for their work on the Penstock Painting, New Jersey Pumped Storage Facility as recipient of the 2009 Industrial PIPP: Picture It Painted Professionally Award, which annually brings recognition to the outstanding projects of PDCA's professional painting and decorating contractors.

The award was bestowed earlier this year during the PDCA Awards Program at the association's Paint and Coatings Expo (PACE) mega convention and trade show in New Orleans. "PDCA is honored to be able to recognize Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors for their exceptional work. The awards program is a very special event where members can be honored and recognized by their peers for their craftsmanship", Beth Horan, CPA, PDCA Interim CEO stated.

Penstock is a 1 mile long, 20 foot diameter, above ground pipe through which 1 billion gallons of water rushes daily, generating 400 megawatts of power. Each night the turbines reverse and the water is pumped back up to the upper reservoir for the following day. This plant has been in operation since 1965. The original coating was removed from the exterior in 1985 and an Inorganic Zinc/Chlorinated Rubber system was installed.

A Bonus/Penalty clause was included in the contract. Ten percent of the contracted price was either added or removed based on performance in four areas: Safety, Quality Control, Schedule and Environmental Impact. To combat the problem of protecting workers from falls atop the Penstock, Alpine designed a unique wire rope positioning system. This design required workers to be tied off, with nylon lanyards attached to a full body harness, to both sides of the Penstock by horizontal wire ropes.

Quality Control was a daily routine for their onsite foreman. On this project the manufacturer, applicator and owner worked as a team to make sure no item was overlooked. The workforce on site ranged from 4 men during mobilization and touchups

to more than 18 during times of peak workload. The whole project was scheduled to be substantially complete, not including touchups and demobilization, in 7 weeks. Alpine completed the project in only 6 weeks, including touchups and demobilization. Safety, Quality Control, Scheduling, and Environmental controls were implemented so well that Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors was granted the full 10% Bonus for excellent performance. Project Facts: 117,000 SF of surface area, 30 gallons of Spot Primer, 550 gallons of Full Primer, 500 gallons of Full Finish Coat and 165 gallons of Thinner.

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Today, PDCA represents the interests of over 5,000 owners and top-flight managers from more than 2,500 painting and decorating firms across the U.S. and Canada.

