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**Jim St. John  
RECEIVES NACE COATING INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION**

HOUSTON, TEXAS...NACE International, The Corrosion Society, announces that on 02/18/2005, Jim St John was certified as a NACE Certified Coating Inspector. Jim successfully completed three intensive weeklong training courses in addition to a two-hour, oral peer-reviewed exam.

The NACE International Coating Inspector Training & Certification Program is the only certification program that provides a standard of training for coating inspectors and improved inspection of coating application work that is recognized worldwide. Thousands of government agency and corporate specifications call for NACE Certification.

Since the program's inception in 1983, more than 10,000 individuals have been recognized at different levels of coating inspector training and certification. Presently, there are 1,900 individuals worldwide who enjoy premier recognition as a NACE Certified Coating Inspector.

In the presentation of technical material used in the program, frequent references are made to specific standards on topics such as test methods, inspection procedures, materials requirements, recommended practices, and performance criteria. Because the coating inspector will encounter a variety of specifications, the program incorporates standards from domestic and international standard making organizations. The Coating Inspector Program is intended to present technology reflective of the standards as well as current industry practices.

Each session of the Coating Inspector Program involves a combination of lecture, demonstration, hands-on training both in class and at an off-site industrial facility. Case studies, practice labs, and practice quizzes are also included. Multiple qualified instructors present the sessions, which conclude with both written and practical exams.

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