



## Chris LeBourdais Appointed Plant Safety Manager at MGPI's Pekin, Illinois Facility



**ATCHISON, Kan., February 14, 2008**—Chris LeBourdais has been named plant safety manager at MGP Ingredients, Inc. (MGPI)'s Pekin, Ill. facility. In addition to overseeing the facility's safety program, LeBourdais will also serve a supporting role in all areas of environmental, health, safety, and worker's compensation, as well as performing a key part in ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 implementation and development.

"Chris LeBourdais brings to MGP Ingredients invaluable expertise," said Robert Taphorn, director of environmental, health and safety. "He has a wealth of knowledge as well as experience in all facets of safety and emergency response. With his background he will be able to hit the ground running to take the safety program to the next level that MGPI is expecting."

LeBourdais most recently served as environmental, health and safety team member at 3M Corporation. In this capacity, his responsibilities included developing policies and procedures, performing routine audits and providing training.

From 1996 to 2004, LeBourdais was employed by Dow Corning Corporation. He began there as a senior research and development technician and complex emergency response team leader in Midland, Mich. He later served for one year as manufacturing operations associate and site fire brigade leadership team member in Auburn, Mich., and three years as safety and loss prevention officer, developing and implementing safety, security and environmental policies and procedures, as well as assisting in the compliance of the Midland site's ISO 14001 EMS RC certification. Between 1992 and 1996, LeBourdais was pallet manufacturing specialist and safety coordinator for Hugo Brothers Pallet Manufacturing, Inc., Kawkawlin, Mich.

LeBourdais is a graduate of Colorado State University, Fort Collins, where he received a bachelor's degree in technology education and training with emphasis on fire service management and training in 2004. He is a member of the National Association of Safety Professionals and International Federation of Protection Officers, as well as the National Registry of Workers Compensation Specialists.