

Pre-Conference Workshops

Skill Builder Workshops

For an additional fee, you can take advantage of one of the eight Skill Builder Workshops offered on Sunday, August 22, 2010. Note varying times below. Pre-registration is required.

VPP Application Workshop® (8:00am-5:00pm)

The VPP Application Workshop® provides hands-on experience in VPP application development. You will be guided through the VPP application process. Hear from industry leaders at VPP worksites on what it takes to develop a complete and successful application. You will learn step-by-step how to put together the major components of an application and how to properly write an application by reviewing samples from applications submitted by VPP Star worksites.

Speakers: TBD

The Human Factor: Improve Safety Performance Using Four Simple Techniques (8:00am-5:00pm)

This workshop will change the way you think about safety. This interactive session is not about safety compliance, rules, procedures or engineering – it's about improving personal safety skills so you can avoid incidents before they occur. You will learn the four most common errors that lead to most injuries and the four states people are usually in when they make these errors but, more importantly, you will learn how to combat these states and errors and more.

Speakers: Gary Higbee, CSP, MBA, President, Higbee & Associates, Johnston, IA

Larry Wilson, Vice President, SafeStart™, A Division of Electrolab Ltd, Belleville, ON

Annual Self Evaluation Process (8:00am-5:00pm)

This course will provide safety managers, safety staff and safety committee members a detailed approach on how to perform an annual self-evaluation. In addition to reviewing an evaluation strategy, the training will include the documents required to be reviewed, interview strategies and practice and how to verify that programs are effective. The training will also cover how to write the annual report, to include rate calculations, goals and objectives and action plan status.

Speaker: Paul Esposito, Vice President, ESIS Global Risk Control Services, Annapolis, MD

Employee Accountability: A Path to Stellar Performance (1:00pm-5:00pm)

Tired of finger pointing and the blame game in your workplace? Want to learn effective methods for holding the workforce accountable for health and safety? This informative session helps you accomplish these objectives by covering the elements of an effective accountability system. The session includes information on how to implement and maintain an effective accountability program, how to improve hazard identification and control and provides insight

into the psychology behind workplace behaviors.

Speakers: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM, VPP/SHARP Program Manager, Oregon OSHA, Medford, OR

Chris Raykovich, Safety Coordinator, Sherwin-Williams, Purdy Portland, Portland, OR

Strengthening Star Quality Workshop (1:00pm-5:00pm)

Your site has achieved Star, now what? This workshop covers four focus areas to give you ideas for continuous improvement: (1) What's New in OSHA: How it Could Affect Your Recertification; (2) Metrics – What Gets Measured Gets Done; (3) Labor and Management: A Partnership for VPP Excellence; and (4) Employee Perception Surveys, Using Them to Improve Your Annual Self-Evaluation. Speakers are listed in order of the topics above.

Speakers: Brad Baptiste, OSHA Region VIII VPP Manager, U.S. DOL, OSHA, Denver, CO

Debbie L. Clingan, SGE, EH&S Manager, MillerCoors (RMMC), Golden, CO

Stephen L. Gauthier, SGE, H&S Elected Rep IUE/CWA Local 201 Gear Plant and Dan Montanaro, H&S Site Leader IH, SGE, General Electric Transportation Aircraft Engines/GE Riverworks Plant, Lynn, MA

Anthony Stoner, SGE, Facility Engineer, Integrity Windows and Doors, Fargo, ND

Reducing "Walking through Life" Injuries through Employee Awareness (1:00pm-5:00pm)

This hazard recognition workshop will increase employee understanding of the types of injuries that can result from working around and/or with safety hazards. Employees will increase their understanding of how to anticipate, recognize, evaluate and control safety hazards. Further, the "safety start" job aid to help employees recognize safety hazards and avoid "walking through life" injuries will be introduced and its use demonstrated in group exercises.

Speakers: John J. Jeskey, Union Safety Representative Director, MSA LLC, Richland, WA

Rocky J. Simmons, Union Safety Representative, MSA LLC, Richland, WA

Ronald H. Wight, Safety Professional, HPM Corporation – MSA, Richland, WA

OSHA Recordkeeping (1:00pm-5:00pm)

OSHA recordkeeping rules are difficult to understand and employers can get into big trouble if they don't interpret them correctly. This presentation will review the OSHA recordkeeping regulations and then focus on the interpretation letters that the Agency has issued in the recent past.

Speakers: Patrick R. Tyson, Esq., Managing Partner, Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP, Atlanta, GA

Neil H. Wasser, Esq., Chairman, Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP, Atlanta, GA



Motion is Money – How Ergonomics Can Affect Efficiency and Productivity (1:00pm-5:00pm)

The workforce is aging at an alarming rate with fewer skilled employees entering the workforce. Today's economy profit margins are thinner than ever. Through research and analysis at CNA, we have gained an immense understanding of human factor and ergonomic exposures, job tasks and workforce limitations that impact productivity, efficiency, and risk factors. This workshop will focus on motion in the work environment, waste, human interface and how to enhance productivity, efficiency and reduce risk factors.

Speaker: Brian Roberts, CSP, CIE, National Director Workers' Compensation and Ergonomics, CNA Insurance Co., Dallas, TX

Free Pre-Conference Workshops

Please be aware that these coincide with the Skill Builder Workshops. These workshops are only intended for DOE or DoD employees respectively. Lunch will not be provided.

Managing Contractor Transition for DOE-VPP Sites (8:00am-5:00pm)

The morning portion of this workshop shares lessons learned from DOE contractors that have gone through site transitions. There is no reason to reinvent the wheel, so come learn from those who have experienced it. In the afternoon, we will have the annual DOE meeting. Plan to attend both the morning session and the annual DOE meeting during the afternoon session.

Speaker: Chris Adolfsen, Business Specialist, Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, ID

DoD VPP Implementation Workshop (1:00pm-5:00pm)

The Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Center of Excellence (CX) will be presenting a DoD VPP Workshop in conjunction with VPPA's conference. The purpose of the workshop is to allow DoD sites pursuing OSHA VPP Star recognition an opportunity to learn more about implementing VPP and to hear from individuals who are currently reaping the benefits of applying VPP concepts and principles in their organizations.

Speakers: TBD