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**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Nope, the picture above is not the result of a horrific environmental catastrophe, it's just another fun St. Patrick's Day tradition taking place in Chicago. It takes 40 pounds of dye to turn the Chicago River the whimsical emerald color that appears in the picture above and approximately 45 minutes for the river to run green. Wondering what that dye is made of? So is everyone else. It's a closely guarded secret but the creators of it assure us that it is vegetable based and environmentalists don't seem to be overly concerned about its use.
While you are wishing for a little extra luck today and partaking in all things green, it’s comforting to know that the safety you enjoy at your site is not reliant on luck at all, rather; all the hard work and dedication to a culture of safety that you and your peers have achieved.

Have a happy and safe St. Patrick’s Day.

VPPPA's Illustrated Journey Contest

You've come a long way since your site achieved VPP status; why not document your journey? It takes hard work to initially get into VPP and then even more work to sustain success. Why not represent all your company's hard work through VPPPA's Illustrated Journey Contest?

If you enjoy drawing or painting, or taking pictures and scrapbooking events, VPPPA's Illustrated Journey Contest is for you! No words are necessary, simply use your own artwork and photos. The most creative entry will receive a two-page spread in the summer issue of The Leader; the left side will include the award-winning entry and the right side will include an explanation (600 words) of the artwork and company background. The magazine is circulated to 8,500+ members and shared with thousands of employees across all VPPPA member sites. You can view last year's winning entry here.

The rules and requirements to enter this contest can be found here. Submit your entry, including your name and member ID number, by April 8, 2016, to, membership@vpppa.org, or via dropbox.

Advertise Your Job Openings on VPPPA's Website

Looking to attract EHS professionals deeply committed to safety and health excellence in the workplace? Why not look for other VPPPA members to fill your open safety, health and environmental services job openings? VPPPA's job board is a member-only benefit free to both VPPPA companies wishing to advertise a new position and to members looking to advance their careers. Send open job postings to communications@vpppa.org for assistance finding your next safety leader!

Early Bird National Conference Registration is Open

Save your place for the premier safety and health event of the year by registering today at the discounted rate! Early bird registration is open for the 32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference. Attendees who register by April 25 will enjoy $200 in savings!

Be a part of the discussion with our security experts as they weigh in on the state of security in the workplace. Boost your career and maximize your conference experience.
experience by attending a free, in-depth preconference workshop. Make lasting connections at one of the many networking events. This year's conference offers more than 100 workshops, 80 percent of which are new.

The 32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference will take place August 29 - September 1, 2016 in Kissimmee, FL.

Learn more about the national conference today.

Participate in Awards and Scholarship Programs

Did you know we recognize VPP sites for the contributions they have made to their communities and to the safety and health field? Did you know that the association offers scholarships that are only open to VPPPA members and their families?

Promote participation in the scholarships and awards programs at your site by downloading the one-page scholarship and awards informational flyers to share with your colleagues in break rooms and during meetings. The complete brochures with the rules and requirements can be found here.

Submit your entries by June 3, 2016 to awards@vpppa.org. Winners will be announced at the national conference during a special reception on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016.

Write for The Leader - Nanotechnology

The summer issue of The Leader will focus on Nanotechnology. If you or a colleague can provide an article that discuss the ramifications of the manufacturing process of nanotechnology on worker health, how nanotechnology can be used to improve the quality of the work environment (such as air filtering clothing or other uses), rules and regulations related to nanotechnology, risks and benefits of nanotechnology, etc. we want to hear from you! Contact the Communications Department by May 1 at communications@vpppa.org. Articles will be due for consideration on June 8, 2016.

You may view our 2016 editorial calendar here for more information on upcoming magazine topics.
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