

RECOGNIZING MODELS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH EXCELLENCE ★

VPPPA MISSION ★

To be a leader in health and safety excellence through cooperation among communities, workers, industries and governments.



The VPPPA Annual Awards recognize those VPPPA member sites and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to the mission of VPPPA during the previous year.

These pioneers in safety and health have shared their knowledge of safe practices with others or developed new techniques to create a safer, healthier work environment.

Award winners will be recognized at Safety+, August 28 - August 31, 2018 in Nashville, TN. Winners will receive a commemorative award and gain visibility in VPPPA publications. In addition, a letter of distinction will be sent to key individuals, including the winner's CEO, plant manager and officials from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), the Department of Energy (DOE) or state plans.

AWARD CATEGORIES

VPPPA awards individuals, sites or companies in each of the following categories. Candidates may be nominated for more than one category as long as they have separate and distinct applications and supporting materials for each award category. Candidates are eligible to win in more than one category.

//OUTREACH Extending services or assistance beyond current or usual limits

VPP OUTREACH AWARD

The purpose of the VPP Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Ambassadors." This award recognizes those who achieve an outstanding level of outreach activity and encourage others to share their knowledge. Reaching out to communicate and persuade others of the benefits of pursuing OSHA, DOE or state-plan VPP approval is an important part of the mission of VPPPA. Another part of the mission is to persuade other government regulatory agencies to adopt similar programs. The VPP Outreach Award is for an individual, worksite or company that has done an extraordinary amount of work in these areas.

SAFETY AND HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD

The purpose of the Safety and Health Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Models," who reach out to share the safety, health, technical and management expertise developed at their sites. The award is for an individual, worksite or company that has achieved an outstanding level of outreach in the safety and health arena, not directly encompassing VPP.

//INNOVATION The introduction of something new

VPP INNOVATION AWARD

The purpose of the VPP Innovation Award is to provide recognition for an individual, worksite or company that has developed and successfully implemented an innovation, encouraged others to try new approaches and emphasized the value of creativity and flexibility in the resolution of worker safety and health problems. The innovation may be program-related or of a technical nature.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee(s) must be a VPPPA member site or an employee of a Full, Associate, Corporate, Agency or Non-Profit Organization member site of VPPPA in good standing.

2014 SAFETY & HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD RECIPIENT

"Being recognized for the VPPPA Outreach Award validates the hard work and dedication from all the workforce at Washington River Protection Solutions LLC. (WRPS). Employees are the driving force behind the level of outreach provided to fellow VPP companies and those striving to earn this prestigious designation. Outreach would not have been possible without management support and the tireless innovations and ideas from our employees who consistently improve our safety program and the programs across the nation."

— Clint Wolfley,
Safety and Health Manager,
Washington River Protection Solutions,
LLC., Richland, WA

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR OUTREACH AWARDS

The VPPPA Awards Committee will make its judgment based on the following criteria:

EFFORT INVOLVED

The committee will look at a variety of aspects of efforts, including the commitment of resources (such as staff time, travel and/or dollars invested); or for a group award, the variety of people (such as hourly workers, plant managers and corporate officers) involved.

IMPACT

VPP Outreach Award

The committee will consider the impact of the previous year's outreach efforts on VPP in terms of the number of people, locations, companies and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relationship of the nominee with the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor or completely different industry) and whether this was a single outreach effort or part of a series. VPPPA will also consider evidence of results such as VPP application problems solved, VPP Application Workshop® attendance generated, VPP applications submitted and VPP approvals.

Safety and Health Outreach Award

The committee will consider the impact of the outreach efforts during the previous year in terms of the number of people, locations, companies and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relationship of the nominee with the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor or completely different industry) and any known problems solved by the outreach and demonstrated results.

ORIGINALITY

The committee will consider whether any unique approaches or mechanisms were used in the outreach that could be utilized by other VPPPA members.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INNOVATION AWARD

The VPPPA Awards Committee will make its judgment based on the following criteria:

DEGREE OF INNOVATION

The committee will judge how significant the change is compared to approaches already in use across the country. The innovation may be technical protection or control of a hazard, a management system or a combination of the two. It should be a first of its kind.

IMPACT AT THE NOMINEE'S SITE

The committee will be interested in the difference the innovation has made at the site in the previous year. The impact need not necessarily be quantified, such as reduction of injuries or workers' compensation costs, but may include an increase of worker acceptance of needed protection. The nominator would be expected to give evidence of this impact.

IMPACT ON OTHERS, NATIONALLY OR GLOBALLY

The committee will be interested in the innovation's impact on other companies where it has been adopted and OSHA's opinion of the innovation. This may be measured by the number of visits to the nominee's site to see and discuss the innovation, requests to make visits to other sites or meetings to explain the innovation, requests for interviews or articles concerning the innovation by the media, use of the innovation by other sites and any evidence of impact known to these other sites as a result.

2013 VPP OUTREACH AWARD RECIPIENT

"While competitive by nature, we are most proud of the way we turned that 'competitiveness' into 'collaborativeness' by sharing our experiences and working together to improve everyone's safety on site. We created a VPP web page that is accessible site wide, making it easier to share information across companies. Safety is everyone's number one priority."

— RJ Debevec,
Hanford Site VPP Champions Committee
Member, Mission Support Alliance, LLC,
Richland, WA

2015 VPP INNOVATION AWARD RECIPIENT

"We're honored to receive an award that recognizes the tank farm team's dedication to identifying innovative solutions that help us perform hazardous work safely and efficiently on an everyday basis. It's an excellent example of how committed our employees are to keeping each other safe."

— Mark Lindholm,
Acting WRPS President and Project
Manager, Washington River
Protection Solutions, Richland, WA

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All nominations must be received by June 1, 2018.

