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OSHA Strengthens SGE Program

In a July 30, 2015, update to the [guiding document](#) for the Special Government Employee (SGE) program, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) expanded the role of SGEs in VPP evaluations, allowing the agency to make greater use of VPP company expertise.

Under the new guidelines, SGEs may assist with the review of new VPP applications and existing sites' annual self-evaluations. Another key change is that employees at Department of Defense (DoD) VPP sites may now become SGEs. DoD utilizes VPP at dozens of sites to ensure mission



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readiness by reducing injuries and illnesses.

Mike Maddox, chairman of VPPPA, stressed the potential impact of these changes. "One of the key tenets of VPP is outreach. Through the SGE program, our members provide time and expertise to OSHA at no cost to the taxpayer. These improvements will expand the reach of VPP, ensuring that more workers are able to return home safe and sound to their families every day. We will continue to work with the administration, Congress and our membership to find ways to allow VPP to grow and thrive."

For more information, visit OSHA's [website](#).

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Take Part in the Conference Contests!

Think about all of the time you spend on your phone throughout the day. Why not take a minute of that time and tweet at us?! We're holding a [Twitter](#) contest during the national conference, Aug. 24-27! The person who tweets the most about the conference using "[#VPPPA31](#)" will win a gift card! Your tweets can be about any of part of the conference: Which interesting workshops did you attend? What did you learn from the keynote speaker? What connections did you make with other attendees or exhibitors?



We're also introducing a new contest. The best part is, all you have to do is **take a selfie**...with a VPPPA Board Member! The more selfies you take, the better your odds of winning are! However, each selfie you take must be with a different board member. Every time you take a selfie and post it to either VPPPA's Facebook or Twitter page, your name will be entered for a chance to win one of three Amazon gift cards.

Some opportune times to take selfies are directly after the Opening General Session or the Annual Meeting of the Membership, during receptions, at Casino Night or when you're hanging around the registration areas, as board members will be readily available. The list and pictures of the board members can be found [here](#) and can be viewed on the mobile app under the "conference information" icon.

Winners will be notified via Twitter on Monday, Aug. 31. If you have any questions, contact the Membership Department at (703) 761-1146 or membership@vpppa.org.

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Onsite Registration

Did you miss online registration? You can still register onsite at the conference Aug. 24-27. Save time and fill out the [registration form](#) beforehand, then bring it to the registration desk.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference! We've worked hard all year to make this a memorable experience for everyone involved. Trust us when we say you will not be disappointed! See you in Grapevine!



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Do you utilize best practices that allow workers to stay healthier on-the-job? Have you developed training or technology that prepares workers to properly handle hazardous chemicals or other environmental hazards? Then share it with other members of VPPPA!

The next issue of *The Leader* will focus on environmental and health issues at worksites. If you or someone you work with would like to contribute an article for the next issue of *The Leader*, send the article to the Communications department at communications@vpppa.org.



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