VPP Act Introduced

The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Act was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives today. The legislation codifies the Department of Labor's premier cooperative program, granting it a dedicated source of funding.

Representatives Gene Green (D-TX), Martha Roby (R-AL) and Todd Rokita (R-IN) emphasized the partnership between regulators and businesses, VPP's emphasis on innovation and cost savings for companies and taxpayers, in addition to the programs' legacy of improving safety at workplaces across America.

Hazard Communication Standard Enforcement

If you had a year to create, implement and comply with new Safety Data Sheets (SDS), how would you go about it? In less than two weeks,
Connect with VPPA

Registration Contest Winner

We had over 500 people register at the early bird rate for the national conference. Only one of them was lucky enough to win a $250 gift card!

Congratulations to our registration contest winner, Dennis Pivin from Insituform Technologies.

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Join our National Congressional Outreach Next Month!

On June 10-11, VPP participants from across the country will meet with congressional offices in Washington, D.C.
Washington, D.C., to speak up for VPP and show that safety does not have a political party.

Don't pass up this chance to make your voice heard! We'll provide training and materials for these visits - all you need is your passion for VPP. If you are interested in taking part, contact Charlie Doss at cdoss@vpppa.org by Tuesday, May 26. Please note that these visits follow the National VPPPA Board of Directors meeting on June 9.

Are You Ready to be a Leader?

It's not too late to nominate yourself or a colleague to the VPPPA Board of Directors. If you have strategic ideas to advance VPPPA's mission or have suggestions for what VPPPA should focus on next year, this opportunity is for you! Step up, be a leader and make a difference in VPPPA. Nominate yourself, or a fellow safety leader, to the VPPPA National Board of Directors by June 15.

There are seven open positions. To be elected to the VPPPA National Board of Directors, nominees must be from a Full or Corporate member site in good standing with the association. Click here for a full list of requirements and responsibilities. Please complete and submit the following materials by June 15:

- Nominations form and management commitment letter
- Signed election protocols
- A platform statement of no more than 300 words
- Your head shot (300 DPI or higher)

Send submissions to Sarah Neely, 2015 Nominating Committee Liaison, at sneely@vpppa.org.

Awards and Scholarships Deadline Approaching!

Have you made exceptional contributions to the mission of the VPPPA during the last year? Maybe you've taken the initiative to learn and apply safety and health best practices. Or perhaps you just want to further safety and health education for a family member or friend. We feel you deserve to be praised for your hard-work and
VPPPA offers programs, including awards, scholarships and an achievement program, to recognize the member sites and individuals who make a difference in the safety and health industry.

**Apply now;** winners will be announced at the national conference during a special reception on **Sunday, Aug. 23.**

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### It’s The Law

Every worker has a voice. That's what OSHA’s new "It's the Law" posters emphasize. Featuring the new reporting obligations, the poster was unveiled by OSHA on Workers' Memorial Day. The poster is free and can be downloaded online in **English** and **Spanish**, with print copies to follow. Employers should display the posters in a conspicuous place where workers can easily see it. Previous versions of the poster do not need to be replaced.

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