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Join OSHA and VPPPA during Trench Safety Month for the next Safe +

Sound Partner Seminar Series: Trench Safety and VPP. The session will cover eliminating workplace hazards related to 1pm ET trenching/excavation operations and best practices used by current VPP sites.





#### Safety+ Workshops are Live!

We are excited to announce that workshop descriptions for the 2023 Safety+ Symposium are available online! Get ready to join us for an array of informative and engaging workshops that will help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to take your career to the next level. Explore workshop offerings and plan your onsite agenda now...Learn More.



## **News from OSHA**

**OSHA Launches National Beat** the Heat Contest



OSHA has launched a nationwide competition aimed to raise awareness of the dangers and hazards of heat exposure in both indoor and outdoor workplaces. Contest submissions are open to OSHA stakeholders in all industries. To participate, stakeholders are invited to create and submit an awareness tool or resource that aids in increasing worker and employer knowledge about hazardous heat in the workplace. All submissions must be received no later than June 9, 2023.

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OSHA to Host Meeting on VPP Modernization



OSHA will host a stakeholder meeting in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, June 15, from 10am to 4:30pm EDT, to address the enhancement and expansion of its Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). OSHA aims to gather feedback from stakeholders, including those with no prior involvement in VPP facilities, to assess the program's performance and explore ways to improve it. Interested individuals must register in advance to attend in-person or virtually before Thursday, June 1.



# **VPP Site-Based Labor Representation Survey**



VPPPA is gathering data to reflect the impact of the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) on worker safety and health, and your input is needed! This short survey will help identify the breadth of labor representation on VPP sites nationwide and aid in promoting VPP involvement to industry.

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## **VPPPA National Board of Directors Nominations**

Are you ready to join your fellow members in creating the future of VPPPA?

Nominations are now being accepted for VPPPA's Board of Directors through July 14, 2023. A total of seven seats are up for election during the Annual Meeting of the Membership, to be held September 17 as part of VPPPA's 2023 Safety+ Symposium.

Nominees are required to complete the 2023 VPPPA National Board of Directors' Nomination Form and submit the required commitment letters and documents; these will be reviewed by VPPPA's Nominations Committee. All qualified candidates will be notified on or before August 4.

VPPPA is also seeking qualified volunteers to serve on various committees throughout the year. VPPPA committees help implement the board of directors' vision for advancing health and safety excellence through development of networking events, professional development opportunities and best practices to promote the association and VPP to potential members.

Committee service is open to all VPPPA members in good standing; members serve one-year terms and may serve on multiple committees simultaneously. For more information, or to register your interest, please complete VPPPA's Committee Member Volunteer Application.

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## **VPPPA** Regional Events

Safety doesn't stop at borders. VPPPA Regions offer a safety and health network next to home.

Review upcoming events in your region: -May 22-25: Region VI VPPPA Safety Conference -June 7: Region VIII VPPPA Best Practices Day -June 14-15: Region V VPPPA Safety Conference -June 19-21: Region VII VPPPA Safety **Conference** 

-Aug. 22-24: Region I VPPPA Safety Conference

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### **NIOSH Safe-in-Sound Awards**

Does your company have a successful hearing loss prevention program? Nominations for the 2023 Safe-in-Sound Excellence Awards, presented by <u>NIOSH</u>, <u>NHCA</u>, and <u>CAOCH</u> are now open. Those selected will be recognized for their role in improving working conditions in the United States. The deadline for nominations is August 18, 2023.



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### Writing Opportunities

We are currently accepting articles for our award-winning blog and quarterly Leader magazine. OHS professionals, from all levels and industries, are welcome to submit features for consideration.



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#### America's Safest Companies

EHS Today's Safety Leadership Conference and VPPPA's Safety+ Symposium are co-locating in Orlando, FL! SLC 2023 will feature America's Safest Companies Awards, which VPPPA members and Safety+ 2023 attendees are encouraged to apply for. The application deadline has been extended and is now open until Friday, May 26. Apply today!



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#### **VPP** Online

Looking for a way to organize your safety initiatives and drive year-round continuous improvement? That's exactly why VPPPA and AuditSoft launched VPP Online. Learn more and get a live demo today!

VPP ONLINE

For information on subscriptions and account setup, contact Dave Miller.

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#### Safe + Sound Week 2023

Save the date! Safe + Sound Week 2023 will be held August 7-13. VPPPA is proud to work alongside OSHA and fellow organizers yearround on this campaign that aims to encourage every workplace to have a safety and health program.



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## Safety Star of the Quarter

#### Congratulations, Larry Webb!

The VPPPA Safety Star of the Quarter is a program to honor and recognize an employee's achievements in safety performance and professionalism. Help us showcase an exceptional VPPPA member by <u>submitting a</u> nomination today.



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Learn More About Larry

