



NOVEMBER 2022

Upcoming Virtual Events

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1pm ET

December Labor Summit: Radiation - Industrial Hazard or What?
Join Don Slaugh, Senior Health Physicist with the Central Plateau Cleanup Company, as he covers the fundamentals of radiation, including what it is and where it can be found, both in the workplace and at home. Don will also discuss the normalization of radiation hazards against everyday industrial hazards, and potential benefits.

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1pm ET

Speeding Up Safety Success Webinar: Sponsored by SafeStart
Regardless of where you're at on your VPP journey, continuous improvements in safety systems often require behavioral change from workers—and changing people's behavior is hard. Join Peter Batrowny, Implementation Specialist with SafeStart, for a 1-hour discussion on stronger human factors management.

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1pm ET

Identifying the Signs of Substance Use Webinar
Substance use and abuse impacts the workforce every day as an unseen safety problem. Join Joe McGuire, Executive Director of the National Drug & Alcohol Screening Association (NDASA), as he details how to recognize and respond to this issue, as well as its significance to health and safety professionals like you.

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VPPPA is currently accepting workshop proposals for the 2023 Safety+ Symposium at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida, September 18-20.

This year's focus is on hands-on, highly interactive, and in-depth presentations. Our core content tracks include, but are not limited to:

- Worksite Analysis
- Management Leadership & Employee Involvement
- Safety & Health Training
- Hazard Prevention & Control

VPPPA looks forward to reviewing all submissions for the 2023 Safety+ Symposium. All proposals must be received by January 20, 2023.

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News from OSHA

Safety Stand Down Week



South Carolina OSHA is celebrating 50 years with a statewide call to employers to provide at least 50 minutes of additional safety training for their employees during Safety Stand Down Week December 5-9, 2022. Free, virtual training sessions will be offered by SC OSHA daily at noon throughout the week.

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OSHA Information Session



Are you passionate about traveling to different places, meeting new people, and receiving on-the-job training? If yes, reserve your virtual seat to join OSHA on Wednesday, November 30. Participants will learn about open roles, hear directly from current employees, and gain insight on the agency's mission.

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Did you know that you can complete your upcoming VPP Annual Self-Evaluation (ASE) in almost half the time it usually takes? VPPPA and AuditSoft launched VPP Online to give you the tools you always wished you had for self-assessment audits.

Not a VPP site? No problem—VPP Online can be used by any company or site that is committed to strengthening their EHS&S program. Whether your site has just started looking into VPP, or you are not pursuing VPP but want a central location to collaborate with colleagues on gathering safety program data that can be exported into a professional report, VPP Online may be right for you.

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MSHA Mine Inspector Apprenticeship Program



The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is accepting applications for their newly created mine inspector apprenticeship program. Motivated professionals committed to ensuring the health and safety of our nation's miners are encouraged to apply.

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Region III VPPPA Scholarship

Applications for Region III's 2023 Larry Shaffer Scholarship Fund is now open. VPPPA Region III members and family (child, grandchild, spouse) of full member sites in good standing are encouraged to apply. Completed applications are due no later than March 1, 2023.



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Writing Opportunities

We are currently accepting articles for our [award-winning blog](#). OHS professionals, from all levels and industries, are welcome to submit features for consideration.



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Safety Star of the Quarter

Congratulations, Tyler Snow!

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 [submitting a nomination today](#).



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