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#### Introducing Safety+

VPPPA has unveiled a new name for our 2017 annual event in New Orleans, LA! The new name, Safety+, reflects the evolving identity of the association as a resource for all safety and health professionals including non-VPP-centric companies working towards safety and health excellence. The change represents the successful transition of the association as the premier global safety and health organization rather than a place that is only for companies who are VPP. We can't wait to see everyone in August!

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### OSHA's Recommended Practices for Anti-Retaliation Programs

A new set of recommendations from OSHA aims to help employers develop effective anti-retaliation programs that allow workers to voice concerns without fear of repercussions. Employers may use the recommendations to create a new program or improve an existing one. They also may adapt the recommendations to their organizations depending on the industry, number of employees and other factors. The [Recommended Practices for Anti-Retaliation Programs](#) contains five main elements of an effective anti-retaliation program:

- Management leadership, commitment and accountability
- A system for listening to and resolving employees' safety and compliance concerns
- A system for receiving and responding to reports of retaliation

- Anti-retaliation training for employees and managers
- Program oversight

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## Send Opportunities to the VPPPA Job Board

Find the most qualified candidates by promoting open safety and health positions on our newly launched [VPPPA Job Board!](#) This is a free member benefit! To submit a job opening, send the following information to [communications@vpppa.org](mailto:communications@vpppa.org):

- Job title
- Company name
- Location
- Description/requirements of the position
- Expiration date for the posting
- How to apply

The job board can be viewed by anyone who visits [www.vpppa.org](http://www.vpppa.org) and we will regularly promote the job board on our social media pages.

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## Don't Forget to Submit Your Workshop Proposals

There are only a few weeks left to submit your workshop proposals for Safety+, An Integrated Safety & Health Management Systems Symposium! Share your expertise and personal stories with conference attendees - submit your workshop proposals [here](#).

### **Deadlines and Dates:**

Proposal Deadline: February 10, 2017

Proposal Review: February-March, 2017

Speaker Notifications: End of March, 2017

Conference Dates: August 29-September 1, 2017

You can find more information [here](#) or email [conference@vpppa.org](mailto:conference@vpppa.org) with any questions.

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