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We hope everyone is having a safe & happy National Safety Month!

Congratulations to Southwest Generation

We are thrilled to report great news from two Southwest Generation sites! Valencia Power is finally an official VPP Zia Star (New Mexico) and the Fountain Valley plant was reapproved as a VPP Star site.



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VPPPA - We Are Better Together

A special thank you goes out to Rueben Wahab from VPPPA's Region VIII for creating this awesome video highlighting VPPPA's membership benefits and services! Check it out below and remember that with **VPPPA - we are better together.**



VPPPA - we are better together.

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Don't Miss Tomorrow's COVID-19 Best Practices Webinar

Did you catch parts one and two of our COVID-19 Best Practices webinars? Be sure to register for the final installment, taking place tomorrow, **June 19 at 10am Eastern.** Tomorrow's session will be hosted by Kyle Kirkpatrick & Jeremy Presnal from Shermco Industries.

[**Register**](#)

Mark your calendar for these upcoming webinars...

- July 8, 1:00pm EST - Fall Protection Program Management
- September 16, 1:00pm EST - Value & Needs for a Fall Protection Program
- November 4, 1:00pm EST - Fall Protection Best Practices & Lessons Learned

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An Interview with Senator Mike Enzi

On February 26-27, VPPPA members gathered on Capitol Hill to educate members of Congress about the importance of workplace safety and health. The VPP Act (S.904) grants VPP its own line item in OSHA's budget. VPP is a small program with a big impact. Currently, the programs are funded through "Compliance Assistance-Federal," alongside other cooperative initiatives. This legislation maintains the existing VPP process and ensures its continued success by codifying it and letting Congress control its funding directly. Safety knows no political party and it is vital to shine a light on successful government initiatives that promote a constructive and productive dialogue between labor, management and regulators.

VPPPA members had the pleasure of interviewing Senator Mike Enzi of Wyoming. He has been an integral force in the push to codify the VPP Act for many years.

[Click here to read the full interview!](#)

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Behavioral Health Q&A Column - June 2020

VPPPA has partnered with experts at MindWise Innovations to present a monthly Q&A article addressing questions that members might be hesitant to ask about. These columns will address your questions about mental health, substance abuse, brain injuries, family issues and more. You can read the [column for June, here.](#)



This month's article, ["June is Men's Mental Health Month"](#) covers the following questions:

- I'm the HR Director at my organization and I'm looking for advice on how to decrease male stigma in the workplace.
- How can I address the racial injustices that have been occurring recently and make sure I'm communicating appropriately to our very diverse group of employees?
- How can I be supportive of the men in my life in terms of their mental health without making them feel uncomfortable?

To submit your own question (your information will not be shared) [fill out this form.](#)

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Free Webinars from the U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor will host four webinars in June and July to discuss how the Department is helping workers and employers by reducing regulatory burdens and making it easier to understand and comply with the law. The webinars will also provide an opportunity for workers, employers, and state and local governments to ask questions and discuss how the Department can expand and improve access to its compliance assistance materials.

Agriculture

Guest Speaker: Wage and Hour Division Administrator Cheryl Stanton
Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT

[Register](#)

Manufacturing and Construction

Guest Speaker: Occupational Safety and Health Administration Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Loren Sweatt

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT

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Food Service, Hospitality, and Retail

Guest Speaker: Employment and Training Administration Deputy Assistant Secretary Amy Simon

Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT

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Health Care and Emergency Responders

Guest Speaker: Employee Benefits Security Administration Acting Assistant Secretary Jeanne Klinefelter Wilson

Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT

[Register](#)

All events will include U.S. Department of Labor Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Jonathan Wolfson. The webinars will be hosted by the Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and its Office of Compliance Initiatives. Attendance is free, but attendees must pre-register online. If you have questions, please contact Marisela Douglass at

douglass.marisela@dol.gov.

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Do You Know A Safety Star?

Do you know a safety star? Be sure to nominate them for VPPPA's Member of the Month Program! All you need to do is fill out the [nomination form](#) and send it to

membership@vpppa.org.



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Give Back to VPPPA When You Online Shop

Need a last minute gift for Father's Day? Be sure to use VPPPA's AmazonSmile account when you shop on Amazon. To use AmazonSmile, simply visit smile.amazon.com and select the Voluntary Protection Programs' Participants Association as your charity.



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COVID-19 OSHA Updates

OSHA has put together a PDF file that digests the information that they have shared over the last several weeks about the resources on OSHA's webpage, and those of several other agencies and organizations. It includes a list of general COVID-19 resources grouped by agency, a section with resources on reopening workplaces, and additional industry-specific COVID-19 resources grouped by industry. To help navigate the growing list, they have also included a table of contents.

[Access the PDF](#)

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Awards & Scholarships Deadlines Extended

VPPPA's scholarships and awards are a great way to get involved in the association. Every year, VPPPA is proud to bestow three annual awards to member sites and individuals who go above and beyond in their efforts to improve safety and health for the workforce. VPPPA also provides four scholarships to VPPPA employees and their children who are pursuing degrees in the safety, health and environmental fields.

New Deadlines

Scholarships: Friday, July 10, 2020

Awards: Friday, August 7, 2020

[***Learn more & apply!***](#)

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Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to

communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages.

Member of the Month

Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website? If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please fill out our [nominations form](#) and email it to membership@vpppa.org.

The June Member of the Month is Paul Schimelpfenig! You can read about Paul, [here](#).

Congratulations, Paul!



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