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## VPPPA Wins 3 APEX Awards

We are so thrilled to announce that the 32nd Annual Awards for Publications Excellence (APEX Awards), released their 2020 winners, and **VPPPA was chosen for three awards**. APEX Awards are based on excellence in graphic design, editorial content and the ability to achieve overall communications excellence. APEX Grand Awards honor the outstanding works in each main category, while APEX Awards of Excellence recognize exceptional entries in each of the

individual categories.

VPPPA was a Grand Award Winner for Design & Illustration for the Autumn 2019 issue of the *Leader* magazine, the Association's quarterly publication. VPPPA also received an Award of Excellence recognition in the category Magazines, Journals, & Tabloids - Most Improved, for the *Leader*. Rounding up the three awards was another Award of Excellence Recognition in the Social Media Blog Content Category for the [VPPPA Blog](#).



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## VPPPA's Virtual Annual Meeting of the Membership

Since we can't gather in person at the annual Safety+ Symposium, we are doing things a little bit differently this year. We will be hosting a livestream of VPPPA's Annual Meeting of the Membership on our [YouTube](#) channel, and we are counting on our members to join us.

**Date:** August 11, 2020

**Time:** 1pm Eastern Time

**Location:** YouTube Livestream

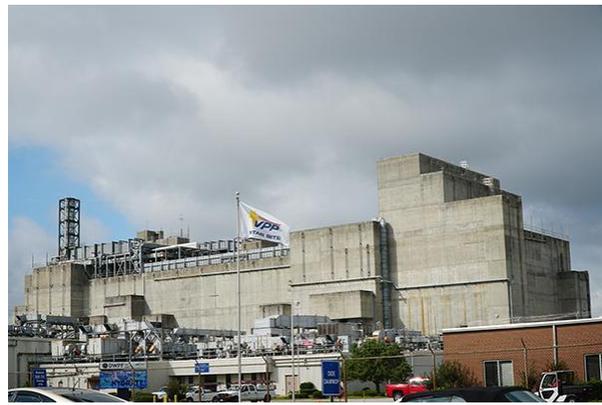


**[RSVP for the event!](#)**

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## Congratulations to These Continued VPP Star Sites

Congratulations to the U.S. Department of Energy - Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, NM, **and** Savannah River Remediation in Aiken, SC, on their VPP Star reapprovals!



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## Virginia Passes First-In-Nation OSHA Standard for COVID-19

In a split vote, the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board (which includes author Courtney Malveaux) passed first-in-the-nation standards to address COVID-19 in workplaces. Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH), the state's version of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), now will enforce a standard that mandates - and in some instances exceeds - guidance issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and OSHA. The new standard covers most private employers in Virginia, as well as all state and local employees.

In addition to CDC and OSHA guidelines, the standard includes provisions that require employers to:

- Provide flexible sick leave policies, telework and staggered shifts when feasible;
- Provide both handwashing stations and hand sanitizer when feasible;
- Assess risk levels of employers and suppliers before entry;
- Notify the Virginia Department of Health of positive COVID-19 tests;
- Notify VOSH of three or more positive COVID-19 tests within a two-week period;
- Assess hazard levels of all job tasks;
- Provide COVID-19 training of all employees within 30 days (except for low-hazard places of employment);
- Prepare infectious disease preparedness and response plans within 60 days;
- Post or present agency-prepared COVID-19 information to all employees; and
- Maintain air handling systems in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards.

**To read the entire article, [click here.](#)**

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## Behavioral Health Q&A Column - July 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 July, here.](#)



This month's article discusses substance abuse and relapse during quarantine. Including:

1. What risk factors have led to increased drug and alcohol use during quarantine?
2. How can you manage risk for substance misuse and prevent relapse during COVID?

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

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## Nominate An Awesome Co-Worker for Member of the Month

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](mailto:membership@vpppa.org).



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## Recognize Safe + Sound Week - August 10-16, 2020

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

### **Why Participate?**

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started, energize an existing one, or provide a chance to recognize your safety successes.

### **Who Participates?**

All organizations looking for an opportunity to recognize their commitment to safety are welcome to participate. Last year, more than 3,300 businesses helped to raise awareness about workers' health and safety!



[\*\*\*Click here to learn more and sign up to participate.\*\*\*](#)

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## COVID-19 OSHA Updates - July

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. The most recent update was made on **July 2, 2020**. You can also find a variety of COVID-19 resources [here](#).

[\*\*Access the PDF\*\*](#)

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## Still Time to Apply for VPPPA Awards

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. This year we have extended the submission deadline to **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:membership@vpppa.org).

**The July Member of the Month is Kelli Heflin! You can read about Kelli, [here](#).**

Congratulations, Kelli!



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