



Power Generation VPP meeting minutes

Q1 Meeting 2/15/2024

1. Roll call
2. Alex Miller / Kelli Heflin – Q1 welcome comments
3. Safety Moment- Grafton Page, Lake Road-Vistra
 - a. Winter Ice Walk Inspections (best practice)
 - b. In the winter season after morning meetings walk the plant.
 - c. The management team joins ops for the walkdown.
 - d. Looking at walking paths and any areas with snow that also have footprints could be a great indication of an area that needs to be cleared better
 - e. Python safety has chart for dropped objects and force, something to keep in mind with ice accumulation.

Impact Force of a Dropped Object

Measured in pounds per square inch



Drop Height (feet)	Weight of Dropped Object (pounds)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
300	434	867	1,301	1,735	2,168	2,608	3,036	3,469	3,903	4,337
200	354	708	1,062	1,416	1,771	2,125	2,479	2,833	3,187	3,541
150	307	613	920	1,227	1,533	1,840	2,147	2,453	2,760	3,067
100	250	501	751	1,002	1,252	1,502	1,753	2,003	2,253	2,504
50	177	354	531	708	885	1,062	1,239	1,416	1,593	1,771
20	112	224	336	448	560	672	784	896	1,008	1,120
10	79	158	238	317	396	475	554	633	713	792
6	61	123	184	245	307	368	429	491	552	613

PYTHON safety

Fall Protection for Tools™

4. National Work Zone Awareness week
 - a. April 15-19th
 - b. Campaign to urge safe driving through highway work zones more information can be found here <https://www.nwzaw.org/>
5. New VPP Updates
 - a. New Applications
 - i. Berkshire power company in Massachusetts submitted Jan 2024!
 - ii. 2 new Onward sites (one in Maryland one in South Carolina) will be beginning their journey with a Q4 target!
 - iii. Vistra Lake Road facility working on an application!
 - b. VPP Reapprovals

- i. Region 1 no back log for reapprovals, not yet scheduling new applications
 - ii. Region 2 caught up with re approval back log, started accepting new applications.
 - iii. Region 3 has cleared back log for re approval.
 - iv. Region 8 has no back log for re approvals! Accepting new applications (any new sites in the region feel free to reach out to Brad Baptiste OSHA)
- 6. SGE Updates
 - a. SGE's must submit their signed confidential financial disclosure reports every year by February 15th (special reminder please update your emails with national office in case of name or company changes that way they can help send out reminder emails for disclosure reports)
 - b. 12 SGE training classes scheduled through September more info found here: <https://www.osha.gov/sge/sge-training>
 - c. SGE opportunities can be found here or in PGVPP newsletter
 - i. More information can be found here: <https://www.osha.gov/sge/onsite>
 - ii. Region 2 opportunities: <https://www.vppparegion2.org/sgeopportunities>
 - iii. Reminder you can learn a lot and help share your knowledge with industries outside of the power industry.
 - d. For general information in SGE program <https://www.osha.gov/sge>
- 7. VPP Element-Worksite Analysis- Alex Miller
 - a. What is success? Great communication, ability to stop jobs, etc...
 - b. Heinrich's accident pyramid
 - i. Led to extensive focus on hazard analysis and safety practices.
 - ii. Supports hindsight bias and lagging indicators.
 - iii. Successful in lowering rates of injury and fatalities but not to 0.
 - c. Complexity
 - i. Murphys Law-Whatever can go wrong will go wrong.
 - ii. Our work is complex, we put up defenses but are they enough to capture every possible scenario?
 - d. Hazard analysis
 - i. Starts with work planning.
 - ii. What permitting is required?
 - iii. How do we communicate.
 - iv. Do we use work permitting.
 - v. STCKY (Stuff That Could Kill You) If your job includes these things consider having a deeper conversation before starting work (LOTO, lifting and rigging, excavation trenching, energized electrical work, transfer of chemicals)
 - e. Contractor Management
 - i. It isn't us vs. them. We are the key to their success and they are the key to our success.
 - ii. Don't skimp or skip traditional tools from day to day when contractors are involved.
 - iii. Challenge contractors to think outside of the box.
 - iv. Communicate! Listen to and value input from contractors.

- v. Value get it right vs get it done.
 - vi. Stop work triggers, what are they? Does everyone feel comfortable using this tool?
 - vii. As important as stopping work is when do we restart work? Is everyone clear are all the questions answered?
 - viii. Consider pushing the limits of good and reach excellence by inquiring further a good example being industrial hygiene in regard to work contractors may be completing.
8. Committee Updates
- a. Q1 2024 delivered, if you did not receive it reach out to Michael Circle at Michael.circle@onwardenergy.com
 - b. Any ideas tips or newsletters you would like to share are welcomed!
 - c. QEW update
 - i. Program has been finalized.
 - ii. There are some formatting issues preventing release but those should be overcome very soon.
9. Benchmarking
- a. SGE program participation and any metrics being managed or reported.
 - b. Looking to have a survey in place by Q2 meeting.
10. Open Discussion
- a. Reminder National VPPA safety conference will be held in Region 8 first time in program history!!
 - b. The newsletter has some good information on the power plant demolition regarding documenting and management of hazards
11. Next Meeting
- a. May 16th 2024
 - b. Please send any suggestions or offers to volunteer to alexander.miller@vistracorp.com or Kelli.Heflin@onwardenergy.com