



# Power Generation VPP meeting minutes

Q2 Meeting 5/16/2024

1. Roll call
2. Alex Miller / Kelli Heflin – Q2 welcome comments
3. Safety Moment- Marc Sullivan, Vistra Corp. – “Following Up”
  - a. Following corrective actions through to correction or implementation.
  - b. Get solutions from front line and management for buy in.
  - c. Use implementation strategies including tracking sheets, maintenance software, document activities.
4. New VPP Updates
  - a. Mentoring program getting back on track – Let regional VPP contact or Kelli know if you want to participate.
  - b. Applications/Reapprovals
    - 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.
5. SGE Updates
  - a. One new SGE from Vistra, Two new SGEs from Onward.
  - b. 11 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>
  - d. For general information in SGE program <https://www.osha.gov/sge>
6. VPP Element—Joseph Sviatko, Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station
  - a. Methods that meet multiple Element/sub element requirements.
  - b. Many element requirements overlap
  - c. Identify processes, strategies, or activities that leverage to meet multiple requirements.
  - d. Example: Safety Rodeo
    - i. Visual inspection of area for any safety concerns.
    - ii. All personnel participate
    - iii. Findings documented, tracked to completion.
  - e. This activity hits multiple areas of the VPP elements:
    - i. Employee Involvement
    - ii. Tracking of hazard correction
    - iii. Worksite analysis
    - iv. Hazard reporting system
    - v. Management Leadership

7. Drone Safety 101 John Condry, SGE Vistra Corp
  - a. Utilizing drones is keeping workers safe by removing them from a process and saving money by reducing the need for scaffolding or third-party involvement for inspections.
  - b. Be sure to include drone activities on VPP Assessments
  - c. Drone Regs – 14 CFR part 107 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
  - d. To fly drones need to learn the rules, become FAA certified drone pilot, Register drone with FAA.
  - e. Must make flight plan, check weather, check air space for restrictions using Aloft Air Control, make required requests to fly in restricted air space.
  - f. Insurance considerations.
8. Committee Updates
  - a. Q2 2024 newsletter delivered, if you did not receive it reach out to Michael Circle at [Michael.circle@onwardenergy.com](mailto:Michael.circle@onwardenergy.com)
  - b. Any ideas, topics, or presentations you would like to share are welcomed!
9. QEW update
  - a. Program has been finalized. Posted on website and sent to mailing list.
10. Benchmarking
  - a. SGE program - participation and any metrics being managed or reported.
  - b. Auditing – Questionnaire development.
11. Open Discussion
  - a. Ladder question about new ladders to be installed to access new work platforms. Referring to SME within OSHA.
12. Next Meeting
  - a. August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - b. Please send any suggestions or offers to volunteer to [alexander.miller@vistracorp.com](mailto:alexander.miller@vistracorp.com) or [Kelli.Heflin@onwardenergy.com](mailto:Kelli.Heflin@onwardenergy.com)