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Power Generation VPP Call

Date / time 2/16/2023 12:30 PM | *Meeting facilitated by* Kelli Heflin & Alex Miller

1. **Roll call via chat function**
2. Kelli H - Welcome and acknowledgement
3. Safety Moment: Know the right glove for the job – Dustin Johnson – Onward Energy, Valencia
 - a. Many different options selecting the right type for the hazard at hand is key
4. New VPP Updates:
 - a. Brad B (OSHA):
 - i. Rubber goods reminders on testing, both pre-use and per schedule (i.e. gloves bi-annually with appropriate dates marked)
 - ii. News for the day - Alex and Kelli have been pursuing an alliance with OSHA for the PGVPP group, we are moving forward in Region VIII. The official signing ceremony March 10th at 1 pm at the Onward Energy offices in Denver. The Alliance is going to continue the work of educating people to be safer on the job and continue focus on QEW going forward 2023
 1. Alex - thanks to everyone who participates in this group
 2. Kelli - this group did work hard to pursue this and special thanks to Brad and Meghan for helping us jump through the hoops. We did try nationally first and they weren't too interested
 - b. Mike Joyce – Dighton Power - Completed another 5 year onsite recommended for Star status, have been participating since 2005 – Congratulations!
 - c. Paul Hanna - Black Hills - Two recertification audits coming up – Cheyenne Prairie Generation Station, and Pueblo AP Generating Station - Good luck Black Hills!
 - d. Hud Griffith - Onward Energy, Valencia - Looking at mid-May – Good luck Onward Energy!
 - e. Terence Chapman - Klamath Energy, Klamath Falls, OR - First week of May for first 5 year recertification, been participating since 2011 – Good luck Klamath Energy!
 - f. Robert Schumacher – Kendall Powe Plant, Minooka, IL - Got our Star status December 13th 2022, looking at our first recertification this year (COVID timeline bump) - Good luck
 - g. Robert Brynes (Win-Waste, NY) – Had our recertification and were recommended to continued start status first week of December, **Participating in the program for 25 years, CONGRATULATIONS!!!**
 - h. Brad B.
 - i. We are looking forward to the sites recertification. NWE is looking to submit another application this year. We have opportunity in Region VIII please contact us if you know of any



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sites interested in VPP, we want to work with those sites on applying. We have four new CAS's and are well staffed to knock that out.

5. VPP Element: Hazard Prevention and Control: Hud Griffith – Onward Energy
 - a. Review hierarchy of control (Eliminate, Engineering (no unsafe act), Training, PPE, Written Policies and Procedures, Record keeping, constant analysis)
 - b. PM's - Faulty equipment is avoidable, weekly maintenance, tailboard sessions
 - c. Occupational preventative healthcare - respiratory hazards, noise exposure, vision impairment, skin exposure, hand, finger or injuries
 - d. EAP - Annual training, review the procedure
 - e. Disciplinary and Positive Action Plan
 - f. Discussion and Example:
 - i. Kelli H. - wildfire drills
 - ii. Chris M. (NWE)- Labeling - Talking with the field folks, listening for key statements with regards to hazard recognition.
 - iii. Alex M. – Remember our tailboards, this provides crew a great platform to prepare
 1. Hud – Good point on tailboards and meetings – great opportunity for asking if there were any hazards recognized.
 - iv. Brad B. - In relation to housekeeping and storage (the back 40) housekeeping issues. Many items become rusted and exposed to elements. We call this house creeping - save stuff and then it starts overflowing. Be careful when storing and keep a good control of items.
 - v. Paul H. - Constantly involved with platform updating, nice job to Hud. Performed a drill in Pueblo with aqueous ammonia through their supplier (they are the supplier because they are so safe). First drill resulted in several new controls to remove hazards. [Snappy Joe Valves](#) (many different types out there – link will take you to a vendor) on the truck that stops incidental release. Deluge system as ammonia is attracted to water.
6. Committee Updates:
 - a. Mike Circle - Q1 sent out - good article, SGE opportunities in each region. We are looking for featured sites, employees, or individuals for future articles. Please reach out if anyone has any stories to share!
 - b. Brad B. - Thank you for writing the press release - great Job Mike – not often that Brad's group does not have recommendations!
 - c. QEW Team update:
 - i. Meeting scheduled at the end of this month and reporting out at the end of each quarter. Any questions please reach out to Kelli and Alex.
7. Benchmarking
 - a. December meeting resulted in several ideas - Auditing and Training practices



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8. Open Discussion

- a. Richard Brown (OSHA) – (shared CISA that was sent out) There has been many acts of sabotage on the grid, there are many products for hardening those products (substations, transformers, etc...).
- b. Kelli H. - lots of new OSHA folks on the call and thanks for joining
- c. Lance Naef (OSHA) - thanks for the invite and inclusion
- d. Jim Messer (MT OSHA CSA) - thanks everyone for everything and happy to be here
- e. Region VIII Conference:
 - i. We are not having a conference due to some financial issues. We were looking for ways to engage and have a sharing session. Kelli is planning a region VIII networking day. Looking at June 7th at the Church Ranch Event Center in Westminster, CO.
 - ii. **Please email Kelli for presentation and/or sponsorship**
 - iii. Going to try and do a smaller event in each state for Region VIII
- f. Richard Brown - Region II and III are having a combined event

9. Next meeting – May 18th, 2023