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Power Generation VPP Call

Date / time 11/16/2023 1:30 PM | *Meeting facilitated by* Alex Miller

1. Roll call via chat function
2. Alex Miller - Welcome and acknowledgement
3. Safety Moment: FR/AR PPE – Darrell Bauman, Energy Keepers, Inc.
 - a. Know what rating/type of PPE you have
 - b. Labels on products
 - c. Cleaning
 - d. Care
 - e. Best Practices
4. New VPP Updates:
 - a. Greg Wilhelm, Luminant - Ontelaunee:
 - i. November reapproval confirmation as a Star site.
 - b. Scott Christensen, Tanaska
 - i. West Moreland facility received the Governor’s safety award.
 - c. John O’Rourke, Kleen Energy
 - i. Middletown, CT facility completed initial onsite audit and is to be recommended for Star.
5. 2022 BLS Injury/Illness Rate Information
 - a. <https://www.bls.gov/iif/nonfatal-injuries-and-illnesses-tables/table-1-injury-and-illness-rates-by-industry-2022-national.htm>

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| | Utilities | 22 | 1.7 1.1 |
| | Utilities | 221 | 1.7 1.1 |
| | Electric power generation, transmission and distribution | 2211 | 1.7 1.0 |
| b. | Electric power generation | 22111 | 1.0 0.7 |
| | Fossil fuel electric power generation | 221112 | 1.2 0.8 |
| | Biomass electric power generation | 221117 | 4.6 1.8 |
| | Electric power transmission, control, and distribution | 22112 | 2.1 1.3 |
| | Natural gas distribution | 2212 | 1.7 1.2 |

Trending down.

6. VPP Element: Management Leadership & Employee Engagement: Ray Delfing – Waste Innovations



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- a. Culture very important. Organizational culture is the way companies do things and safety culture is included within organizational culture.
 - b. WINSafe reporting tool used as an engagement by employees to proactively report hazards and opportunities for improvement at the workplace.
 - c. Objectives of this system are to engage and empower employees to work safely, engage and involves supervisors to provide feedback to employees on a continuous basis, and to reward and recognize positive safety performance.
 - d. WINSafe notebook hard copies or digital application are used by employees as a tool to record hazards and improvements, reports are reviewed and validated, mitigations or improvements are made, and feedback loop closed with employees. Documentation is statistically analyzed and trends observed.
 - e. Celebration and rewards program for participation.
7. Committee Updates:
- a. Mike Circle – Q4 sent out – National conference details, ergonomics risk factors, Region 2 & 8 SGE opportunities. We are looking for featured sites, employees, or individuals for future articles. Please reach out if anyone has any stories to share!
 - i. Recommended to include SGE class schedule
 - ii. Listing of SGE opportunities are appreciated
 - b. QEW Team update – Alex Miller:
 - i. The qualified Electrical worker program is 90% complete. Anticipate distribution in early 2024. Goal is for document to be used as a general framework for QEW program including: responsibilities and authority, QEW program structure, risk assessment, electrical safe work practices, PPE, competency evaluations – task based, and training requirements.
8. Benchmarking
- a. Auditing (VPP & site) benchmarking questionnaire to be deployed in Q1 2024 – Lead Kelli Heflin
 - b. Drone safety benchmarking project to kickoff Q1 2024 – Lead John Condry
9. Open Discussion
- a. Lone worker solutions/challenges – Blackline safety device, fall detection devices, apps with check in functions/alerts. Passive alarm technologies including badge use for access and operator rounds, use of facial recognition devices.
 - b. Brad B. – Lone worker/remote worker – very important to have a lone worker process in place. Drone hazards when used in the work environment – great to see our group recognizing and addressing these hazards. These are being looked at on VPP applications when applicable.
 - c. Take aways from group to make changes for next year:
 - i. Darrell – Online surveys during meetings/live polling to drive engagement.



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- ii. Brad – more information about our members progress pursuing VPP, site mentoring report outs, would like to make inroads into renewables (wind/solar).
 - 1. Suggestion to target mobile construction working on building solar and wind projects. Upstart energy companies. Inviting companies to observe evaluations to encourage participation as mentoring and outreach opportunities.

10. Next meeting – December 7th, 2023 - 2024 Planning Meeting