

VPPPA Power Generation Group 3rd Qtr call

Welcome from Kelli Heflin

Safety Moment by Alex Miller

Sharp edges of plate type heat exchangers. The sharp edges can cut through even ANSI 9 rated gloves! Useful tip – Add an auto notification in Maximo (or CMMS system) to have proper PPE when working with the plates.

New VPP activity

Vistra has had a recert and 2 new applications submitted

SGE

New SGE's: Zach Kruebbe (Vistra), Dustin Johnson (Valencia/Onward Energy), Michael Circle (Onward Energy)

7 SGE classes scheduled through April 2027

VPP Element by Jason Shaw – Worksite Analysis/Worker Participation

Modernization effects on core element structure

Worker participation – Essential element of any safety and health management system

Workers must be involved in each phase of implementing the SHMS in active, meaningful, constructive ways such as ID of hazards and participating in ad-hoc groups. Encourage diverse employee participation in audits/inspections, accident and incident investigations, training, and to act as safety observers.

Recognize and appreciate the diversity of your workers – Experience level, skill sets, personality, attitudes and motivation.

Great tip – Use the knowledge base shared by the employees in the workplace to address hazards.

More strategies:

Ask employees to develop programs to ID hazards, review procedures, & look at work processes.

Supervisors and front-line workers conduct walks and audits together.

Give workers time and resources to participate.

Lead by example.

Acknowledge participation and provide positive feedback.

Keep activities simple.

Remember –“Workers have much to gain from a successful program, and the most to lose if the program fails.” – OSHA 3885 quote

Best Practices by Jeff Husie (Hopewell Power Plant)

Lockout/Tagout Simulator:

Accelerates development of new employees and continuously develops existing employees.

Addresses limitations of real-world training.

Built into Qual cards, everyone will utilize simulator at some point.

10' x 8', 800 lbs, no more than \$3K

Can change set-up to create new scenarios and challenges.

Tag Creation Station

Engraver to create tags for valves and parts around the plant.

Reusable threaded attachments are durable and reusable!

Randall from Ethos shared pics of a simulator at their plant.

Upcoming Conferences

Region 2 - 09/24/26, Atlantic City, NJ. Hotel block is now open!

Region 7 – 10/19-10/21/26, Des Moines, IA.

VPPPA National – 08/30-09/02/26, Nashville, TN. Still need some volunteers!

Wrap-up

4th qtr meeting – 11/12/26, 14:30-16:00 ET

Keep eyes out for early December planning meeting

