## Current VPP Sites

3M Company – Aberdeen
3M Company - Brookings
ASI, Inc.
Ball Metal Beverage Container
Battelle Memorial Institute
Bechtel National, Inc.
BlueLinx Corporation
BP America Production Company
Cargill Corn Milling
CF Industries
Chevron – Carter Creek
Chevron – Painter Reservoir
Chevron – Rock Springs
Coors Distributing Company
DAL Global Services - COS
Delta Air Lines - COS
Department of the Army – RMA
EG & G Defense Materials
Firestone Building Products - Aurora
Firestone Building Products – SLC
Frito-Lay West Valley
GE Control Solutions
GE Medical Systems
Georgia-Pacific - Lovell
GM Stewart Construction
Grand Teton Lodge Co.
Hellman & Associates, Inc.
Hendrickson Trailer Suspension
Honeywell Technology Solutions
Hunter Douglas Window Fashions
Integrity Windows & Doors – Fargo
Integrity Windows & Doors – W Fargo
John Deere Seeding Group
Larson Manufacturing
LPR Construction
Marvin Windows and Doors
MillerCoors – Huntley Elevator
MillerCoors – McIntyre Elevator
MillerCoors – Worland Elevator
Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center
Morton Salt
MYR Group – Sturgeon C & I
MYR Group – Sturgeon T & D
Nextera Energy Resources
Oldcastle Precast
Owens-Corning Trumbull Asphalt
PPL Montana - Colstrip
PPL Montana – Corette
PPL Montana - Holter
PPL Montana – Kerr Dam
PPL Montana – Madison/Hebgen
Raytheon
Rocky Mountain Metal Container
SGL Carbon Fibers
Simmons Manufacturing
Simplot Phosphates, LLC
Square D Services
Sundyne Corporation
Tesoro Refining
TetraTech EC, Inc.
Trelleborg Sealing Solutions
Tri-State G & T, Flight Ops
URS Washington Division
USPS – American Fork
USPS – Buena Vista
Western Zirconium
Xanterra Resorts – Yellowstone

Total Current Sites in Region VIII - 67

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# Congratulations to the following Region VIII VPP Worksites!!!

**Firestone Building Products** in Salt Lake City, Utah was officially approved as a new OSHA VPP Star site on October 21, 2009. The site manufactures poly-iso foam roofing insulation.

**Ball Metal Beverage Container Group** in Golden, Colorado was officially recertified as a VPP Star site on May 21, 2010. The site manufactures aluminum beverage cans and ends.

**Firestone Building Products** in Aurora, Colorado was officially recertified as an OSHA VPP Star site on May 21, 2010. Like their sister plant, the site manufactures poly-iso foam roofing insulation.

**Integrity Windows & Doors** of West Fargo, North Dakota was approved as a new VPP Star site on June 21, 2010. The site manufactures custom windows and doors.

**Sundyne Corporation** in Arvada, Colorado was approved as a new VPP Star site on August 2, 2010. The site manufactures industrial pumps and compressors.

**Tri-State G & T, Flight Operations** based in Broomfield, Colorado was approved as a new VPP Star site on August 12, 2010. The site provides corporate flight transportation.

**PPL Montana – Colstrip Steam Electric Station** located in Colstrip, Montana was recertified as a VPP Star site on September 14, 2010. The site produces electricity from coal.

**Morton Salt** in Grantsville, Utah held their VPP Star recertification celebration on September 15, 2010. The site manufactures salt.

**Oldcastle Precast** located in Littleton, Colorado was approved as a new Merit site in OSHA VPP on September 15, 2010. The site manufactures concrete vaults, pipes, culverts, and other products.

**Tesoro Petroleum** located in Mandan, North Dakota was approved as a VPP Star site on September 15, 2010. The site refines crude oil into high-grade fuel products.

**Congratulations to each of the employees and managers at these sites for their commitment to employee safety and health excellence and the principles and values of VPP.**

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Employees and their families prepare for a site tour as part of the VPP Star recertification celebration at Morton Salt in Grantsville, Utah.

Employees and managers at Sundyne Corporation located in Arvada, Colorado celebrate their recognition as a VPP Star site.

The team at Tri-State Generation & Transmission, Corporate Flight Operations located in Broomfield, Colorado celebrates their achievement of VPP Star.

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# VPPPA Regional Conference

The 2010 VPPPA Regional conference, held in May in Lakewood, Colorado was a great success. The conference once again set a record with over 260 attendees who enjoyed a VPP Application Workshop, a Sustaining Star Quality Workshop, a VPP-101 Course, and many other informative sessions. Participants were treated to an absolutely outstanding keynote speech delivered by Denver Broncos legend, and hopefully future pro football Hall of Famer, Mr. Karl Mecklenburg.

There were many award recipients at the Regional Conference including:

**Mr. John Balzer**, U.S. Army – recipient of the Bervin Hall Memorial Award for leadership and commitment to employee safety and health

**Mr. Charles V. Soderquist**, Sturgeon Electric – recognized at the Region VIII Special Government Employee of the Year

Mentor of the Year – **Battelle Memorial Institute** and **EG & G** in Tooele, Utah for outstanding commitment to the VPPPA mentoring program

The following VPP sites were recognized as **"Zeroes Heroes"** for experiencing no OSHA Recordable injuries at their site in 2009:

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| PPL Montana, Corette | TetraTech | URS |
| PPL Montana, Kerr Dam | Delta Air Lines | DAL Global Services |
| PPL Montana, Holter | CF Industries | U.S. Army, RMA |
| PPL Montana, Madison | MillerCoors, Huntley | Owens-Corning |
| MillerCoors, Worland | Hellman & Associates | MillerCoors, McIntyre |
| Square-D Services Group | U.S.P.S., Buena Vista | Georgia-Pacific, Lovell |

Next year's Region VIII VPPPA Conference will be held at the DoubleTree in the Denver Tech Center May 3-5, 2011. Pre-conference workshops will include a VPP Applications Workshop and VPP-101 course. Register early!!!

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## VPPPA National Conference

The VPPPA National Conference was held in Orlando, Florida in late August. 2,800 attendees enjoyed an array of informative sessions focused on the achievement of workplace safety and health excellence. Region VIII was very well represented with over 130 attendees, including a large contingent from Hill Air Force Base in Utah. As always, the Region VIII lapel pins, with their flashing lights, were the most popular collectible at the conference.

Region VIII personnel also presented multiple sessions at the conference. Sessions were presented by personnel from Sturgeon Electric, URS and Battelle, Scott's Liquid Gold, Simmons Manufacturing, Integrity Windows, Morton Salt, and OSHA. It is great to see Region VIII VPP participants so actively involved.

**Ms. Kelli Heflin**, Region VIII VPPPA Chair and National VPPPA Board Secretary from Scott's Liquid Gold, was very prominently involved in the conference. Her energetic leadership helps keep the conference running smoothly.

Our colleagues from Morton Salt were recognized as a VPP Corporate participant at the national conference. Morton Salt is one of only eight organizations participating in the OSHA VPP Corporate program.

We are very proud to announce that **Mr. Charles V. Soderquist,** from Sturgeon Electric, was recognized as co-recipient of the National Special Government Employee (SGE) of the Year. His acceptance speech was a very heartfelt and memorable presentation. As an SGE, Mr. Soderquist performed VPP audits, provided mentoring, performed outreach, delivered training, and was involved in OSHA partnerships with labor and industry. Congratulations to Chuck for this well-deserved and very prestigious recognition.

The 2011 National VPPPA Conference will be held in early September in New Orleans, Louisiana. Hope to see you there.

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## SGE Class

Region VIII is planning to host our next Special Government Employee (SGE) class in Denver, Colorado June 7-9, 2011. The class will be hosted by Coors Distributing Company at their site, which has been recognized as a VPP Merit participant.

This three day class is free to qualified, pre-registered attendees. The class is designed to help the students clearly understand the VPP model, and how to use the model to evaluate workplaces during the VPP audit process. The class is designed to be informative, interactive, and fun.

Attendees will also find the information presented during the class to be useful when performing VPP self-evaluations, gap analyses, mentoring efforts, outreach, and VPP application development.

The SGE program is not limited to Safety, Health, and Environmental professionals. Line employees, supervisors, maintenance and support personnel, managers, and others may qualify for participation as an SGE.

To learn more go to:

https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/vpp/sge.html

## Structured Networking

I have received multiple inquiries from VPP sites wanting to learn more about the structured networking activities taking place in Region VIII, and I wanted to take this opportunity to explain this activity.

VPP sites operate under a challenging expectation for continual improvement in their safety and health management programs. Coming up with new ideas on your own can often be difficult.

Structured networking is a system where representatives from a VPP site will arrange to meet with or visit another VPP site to share best practices, take a site tour, and learn through observation. The participating sites reciprocate with each other based on their own schedules and needs.

Some sites arrange for quarterly visits, others bi-annually, and some just once per year. Most participants find these opportunities to be very informative and useful, and by scheduling them regularly they stay on track with their developmental objectives.

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## A Message From Your Regional VPP Manager

I am very pleased to inform you that VPP remains a very strong program in OSHA and in Region VIII.

At the National VPPPA Conference OSHA personnel from around the country who are associated with VPP had an opportunity to meet together along with Assistant Secretary Dr. David Michaels and Mr. Steve Witt, Director of the Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs. We heard a clear and consistent message that the VPP is a valuable program supported by the Agency, and I came away very encouraged for the future of VPP.

Currently, ten new sites in Region VIII have submitted applications and are either awaiting an audit or for final application approval. This is a significant level of new VPP activity for our relatively small region, and we are planning for over twenty recertification audits in the coming fiscal year.

I thank you for your commitment to safety and health excellence and look forward to assisting you.

## Your VPPPA Board

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