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**Next Level Safety - Have you registered yet?**

The VPPPA is excited to announce the launch of a brand new virtual conference - **Next Level Safety!**



*April 20-21, 2021*

### **Reasons to Attend:**

- Choose from 24 top-quality educational workshops in 3 tracks: VPP, "New to Safety," OSHA.
- Access to all 24 workshops, including Q&A sessions and presentations, for 30 days.
- Get the latest updates from OSHA: 8 workshops presented

by OSHA representatives.

- Direct dialogue with presenters during a 10-15 minute live Q&A session.

***Registration is open now!***

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### **Become a Sponsor for Next Level Safety**

To learn about sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#).

## **News from OSHA**

### **Welcome OSHA's New Leadership**

- James Frederick, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health
- Amanda Edens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health
- Joseph "Chip" Hughes, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Pandemic and Emergency Response
- Leah Ford, Chief of Staff
- Ann Rosenthal, Senior Advisor

To read bios of the new leadership, click [here](#).



### **Hazard Communication**

OSHA issues proposed rule to update hazard communication standard (HCS) to align with the seventh revision of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

OSHA expects the HCS update will increase worker protections, and reduce the incidence of chemical-related occupational illnesses and injuries by further improving the information on the labels and Safety

Data Sheets for hazardous chemicals.

To read more, click [here](#).

## Injury Reporting

- OSHA has answers to questions about [reporting work-related exposures to COVID-19](#).
- Employers must post their Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses ([Form 300A](#)) from February 1 through April 30.
- Specific employers must [submit the required 2020 injury and illness data](#) by March 2.



## The Winter Leader Magazine

The 2021 Winter issue of the *Leader* magazine focuses on best practices in the safety industry. It includes articles on COVID-19 exposure control, strategic safety communications, performing a combustible dust hazard analysis, manual material handling, and much more.

If you haven't received the magazine yet, you should shortly. Or, you can read it online.



[Read the Leader](#)

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## February Behavioral Health Q&A Column

VPPPA has partnered with the experts at MindWise Innovations to present a monthly article addressing issues and questions that members might be hesitant to ask about.



These columns will address your concerns about mental health, substance abuse, brain injuries, family issues, and more.

The February article discusses the importance of a good night's sleep.

To submit your own question (your information will not be shared), [fill out this form](#).

[Read Blog](#)

## Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week

Mark your calendars! **March 29 - April 2** is **Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week!**

Every year hundreds of employees are injured or die from preventable hazards while working in grain storage and handling. Safety doesn't need to be big to be effective.



This is a FREE, virtual event for those in the grain industry. Visit [www.standup4grainsafety.org](http://www.standup4grainsafety.org) or use **#StandUp4GrainSafety** to search social media for event details and resources available to you!

## Join the VPPPA N.O.W.

Are you a woman in safety looking to network with industry peers? Consider joining the **VPPPA N.O.W. (Network of Women)** group!

This is a private space to come together as women to encourage, pose questions and empower. We are currently over 160 members strong and growing daily! Don't miss the opportunity to network and learn with us.

[Join N.O.W.](#)

## Association Announcements

### **Write for a VPPPA Publication**

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA

publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email [communications@vpppa.org](mailto:communications@vpppa.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Membership News**

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to [communications@vpppa.org](mailto:communications@vpppa.org).

We would love to add your updates to the next **On The Level** newsletter or post it on our social media pages.



**Congratulations to the February VPPPA Member of the Month, Christa Kalcic!**

Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website!

If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please fill out our [nominations form](#).

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