

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

**U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Baton Rouge Area Office
And
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Pelican Chapter**

August 11, 2015

I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed

May 3, 2012

B. Evaluation Period

May 3, 2014 to August 11, 2015

C. Overview

The Alliance with the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Pelican Chapter was established to create a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful workplaces. The goals of the Alliance are to be achieved through sharing information, providing guidance, and access to training resources to protect employees' health and safety. Particular focus is to be paid to reducing and preventing exposure to struck-by, falls, caught-in-between and electrical hazards and addressing construction and industrial contractor issues.

ABC is a national trade association with 72 chapters representing 22,000 members representing more than 19,000 construction and industry-related firms. The ABC, Pelican Chapter was incorporated and developed in April 1980, around the need to adequately service the construction industry throughout Louisiana.

The Chapter's Safety Committee is responsible for continually updating the membership on any new or revised standards and regulations, to provide oversight and review on all Pelican Chapter safety training, to promote the ABC National Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) Awards program, and to maintain the Alliance with OSHA. The Pelican Chapter Safety Committee comprises the largest concentration of contractor safety professionals in the region, and through the Alliance has a mission of supporting the industry through outreach efforts.

D. Implementation Team Members

OSHA

Dorinda Folse, Area Director (AD), OSHA, Baton Rouge Area Office

Alexander Novas, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS), OSHA, Baton Rouge Area Office

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Pelican Chapter
Rusty Newman, Chairman, ABC, Pelican Chapter Safety Committee
Shane Pourciau, Vice Chair, ABC, Pelican Chapter Safety Committee

II. Implementation Team Meetings

The Safety Committee members and officers meet monthly to discuss the progress of the Alliance and topical information covering industry's safety and health concerns. The monthly meetings commonly feature a guest speaker on a selected safety and health topic relevant to the group. Alliance activities are planned and coordinated at the monthly meetings. OSHA representation normally provides an update presentation and fields a variety of questions from industry professionals regarding regulatory and compliance issues.

III. Activities and Products

Training and Education

- The ABC, Pelican Chapter Safety Committee held a training seminar on the topics of "Global Harmonization System for Hazard Communication" and "Lockout/Tagout." The seminar was provided free of charge and attended by chapter and non-chapter members and their employees.

Outreach and Communication

- The Baton Rouge Area Office, CAS provided OSHA informational and instructive outreach publications at each committee meeting for member distribution to employees.
- The Baton Rouge Area Office, CAS electronically distributed a daily e-mail that provided internet links to current occupational safety and health related information, news, issues and topics.
- The Baton Rouge Area Office, CAS provided outreach during the Chapter's High School Partnership Program, craft competitions, and career development.
- The Baton Rouge Area Office, CAS provided compliance update information for the Chapter's Southwest Campus safety committee meetings in Westlake, Louisiana.
- The Chapter e-mailed the OSHA's twice monthly newsletter "QuickTakes" to safety committee members upon its release and encourages further distribution.
- The Chapter conducted tours of craft training at adopted high schools, advising faculty of any physical safety concerns identified in the instructional facilities, and occasionally presenting basic industry safety information to high school students.
- The Chapter Safety Committee conducted a Safety evaluation of the ABC, Pelican Craft Training Center each spring and fall semester.
- The Chapter provided outreach assistance to member companies participating in the National ABC, STEP Award Process.

Promoting the National Dialogue on Safety and Health

- The ABC, Pelican Chapter annually recognizes “Workers’ Memorial Day” as a day of remembrance for fallen workers and communicates related information to member employers and industry in the region.
- The ABC, Pelican Chapter supported OSHA’s “National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction” and promoted event training activities to ABC, Pelican Chapter member employers.

IV. Results

The ABC, Pelican Chapter Members continue to have access to a greater amount of outreach information and publications and are made aware of the continued efforts of OSHA to reach at-risk industries by sharing current events, safety alerts and best practices.

| Type of Activity | Number of Individuals Reached or Trained | Topic(s) |
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| August 2014, Meeting | 15 | Review of a near miss incident and discussion on the upcoming fall semester. |
| September 2014, Meeting | 15 | Review of a near miss incident. Discussed STEP Awards. |
| October 2014, Meeting | 17 | Discussed OSHA recordkeeping and topics for the Spring Seminar. |
| October 2014, Event | 914 | Careers in Construction |
| November 2014, Meeting | 10 | Spring Seminar planning. Discussed school attendance. |
| December 2014, Meeting | 13 | Discussed recent OSHA regulations, reviewed a near miss incident, and discussed acceptance of ABC, Tops Tech program. |
| December 2014, Event | 65 | Provided Safety Judges, Oversight and First-Aid Stand-By for ABC Craft Competition. |
| January 2015, Meeting | 18 | Education and Manpower update. Discussed Global Harmonization System (GHS). |
| January 2015, Training | 40 | BRAO-CAS, OSHA Overview presentation for Construction Site Safety Technician training course. |
| February 2015, Meeting | 18 | Information and preparation for the Falls in Construction Stand-Down in May. |
| February 2015, Meeting; Pelican Chapter, Southwest Campus, Westlake, LA | 30 | Heat Stress, Fall Campaign, Recordkeeping. |

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| March 2015, Event | 118 | Provided Safety Judges, Oversight and First-Aid Stand-By for the High School Craft Competition. |
| March 2015, Meeting | 14 | Discussed OSHA “QuickTakes” information. High School Craft Competition. |
| April 2015, Meeting; Pelican Chapter, Southwest Campus, Westlake, LA | 16 | Heat Stress, Falls in Construction Stand-Down, Focus Four, Recordkeeping. |
| March 2015, Event | 32 | Companies completing and submitting self-evaluation against STEP Award criteria for recognition. |
| March 2015, Event | 100 | BRAO-CAS, outreach at Future Farmers of America, career development event. |
| March 2015, Event | 100 | BRAO-CAS, outreach for State Craft Competition. |
| April 2015, Meeting | 14 | Information on the Falls in Construction Stand-Down and STEP Awards. |
| May 2015, Meeting | 14 | Falls in Construction Stand-Down activities and training. Planning for the Spring Seminar, GHS and Lockout/Tagout. |
| May 2015, Event/Training | 47 | Spring Seminar, Global Harmonization System and Lock-Out/Tag-Out. |
| May 2015, Training | 9 | OSHA Training Institute instructors utilized the ABC facility to conduct a scaffolding course for compliance officers. |
| July 2015, Meeting | 15 | Confined Space in Construction final rule. Area Director Dorinda Folse presented certificates of appreciation to Chapter staff and contractors for their efforts on the Spring Seminar. |
| July 2015, Meeting; Pelican Chapter, Southwest Campus, Westlake, LA | 25 | Confined Space in Construction, Heat Stress, GHS, Focus Four, VPP. |
| August 2015, Meeting | 14 | Heat Stress. Record heat of over 94 degrees for 30 days in a row. |

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| | Number of Individuals Reached or Trained | |
| TOTAL | 1,673 | |

V. Upcoming Milestones

The Alliance plans to continue to strive to meet the goals for the next evaluation year and renewal of the Alliance.

- Continue Monthly Safety Committee Meetings.
- Continue To Provide Outreach to Regional High School Craft Programs.
- Consider a method of capturing the number of safety contacts and the number of students contacted for a more accurate annual report.
- Continue to provide ABC Training Facility Safety Evaluation each semester.
- Increase STEP Award Participation through promotion and outreach.
- Conduct a Safety Seminar on new emerging trends, focus four, fall protection or other safety topic.
- List major planned activities, products and issues that the Alliance plans to work on during the next reporting period.
- Renew OSHA Alliance with the Baton Rouge Area Office.

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