

## **ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT**

### **The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) And the South Texas Exploration and Production Safety Network**

**March 14, 2014**

#### **I. Alliance Background**

##### **A. Date Signed**

The original alliance was signed October 20, 2004 with the latest re-signing occurring April 17, 2013. During the re-signing of this alliance in 2011 the Texas Department of Insurance OSHA Consultation Program (OSHCON) was added as a signatory.

##### **B. Evaluation Period**

October 2012 – October 2013

##### **C. Overview**

The STEPS alliance was formed to establish a collaborative relationship between the oil and gas onshore exploration and production industry and the OSHA Corpus Christi Area Office (CCAO) to improve the safety performance in South Texas. Through the years the alliance has expanded its effect beyond South Texas and Region VI and has fostered the formation of similar networks in Oklahoma, West Texas, East Texas, Fort Worth, Houston, South Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas, Wyoming, Illinois, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Dakota, Montana, California, and Utah.

##### **D. Implementation Team Members**

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## II. Implementation Team Meetings

- November 21, 2012
- January 23, 2013
- April 17, 2013
- August 21, 2013

In addition to these formal meetings, many meetings and conference calls were held to plan and execute the various activities of the STEPS Network including the Respirable Crystalline Silica Workgroup, silica hazard awareness video, the 2012 and 2014 OSHA Oil and Gas Safety and Health Conference, and the Regional and National Stand Downs.

## III. Results

The following table summarizes the Alliance's activities in support of the goals in the Alliance agreement.

| <b>Raising Awareness of OSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives Goal 1: Share information on OSHA's National/Regional/Local Emphasis Programs, regulatory agenda and rulemaking process.</b>                                                                 |                                                 |                                  |                       |
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| <b>Activity Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Activity Name/Summary</b>                    | <b>OSHA Initiative Supported</b> | <b>Number Reached</b> |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | OSHA's Inspection Priorities                    | O&G REP/REP                      | 100                   |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Proposed Silica standard                        | Silica                           | 250                   |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Oil and Gas Fatalities                          | O&G REP/LEP                      | 100                   |
| <b>Raising Awareness of OSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives Goal 2: Share information on safety and health laws and standards including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers.</b>                                                    |                                                 |                                  |                       |
| <b>Activity Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Activity Name/Summary</b>                    | <b>OSHA Initiative Supported</b> | <b>Number Reached</b> |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Heat Stress and the Oilfield                    | Heat                             | 110                   |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The OSHA Inspection Process                     |                                  | 120                   |
| <b>Raising Awareness of OSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives Goal 3: Convene or participate in stakeholder meetings on safety and health hazards to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.</b> |                                                 |                                  |                       |
| <b>Activity Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Activity Name/Summary</b>                    | <b>OSHA Initiative Supported</b> | <b>Number Reached</b> |
| Product                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Participated in writing the Silica Hazard Alert | Silica                           |                       |

| Product                                                                                                                                                                           | Minimizing silica exposure during hydraulic fracturing                                           | Silica                    |                |
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| Other                                                                                                                                                                             | Assisted in the development of the Respirable Crystalline Silica Workgroup                       | Silica                    | 1000           |
| <b>Raising Awareness of OSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives Goal 4: Promote the OSHCON program.</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                  |                           |                |
| Activity Type                                                                                                                                                                     | Activity Name/Summary                                                                            | OSHA Initiative Supported | Number Reached |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                            | The OSHCON Program                                                                               |                           | 200            |
| <b>Training and Education Goal 1: Deliver effective training for STEPS members regarding various safety and health topics for the industry.</b>                                   |                                                                                                  |                           |                |
| Activity Type                                                                                                                                                                     | Activity Name/Summary                                                                            | OSHA Initiative Supported | Number Reached |
| Training                                                                                                                                                                          | Coordinated training class from the OSHA Ed Center, Lockout/Tagout and confined space entry      |                           | 200            |
| Training                                                                                                                                                                          | Electrical hazards                                                                               |                           | 100            |
| Training                                                                                                                                                                          | OSHA recordkeeping                                                                               |                           | 110            |
| Training                                                                                                                                                                          | GHS                                                                                              |                           | 100            |
| <b>Training and Education Goal 2: Deliver effective training to promote an understanding of worker's rights, including the complaint process and employer's responsibilities.</b> |                                                                                                  |                           |                |
| Activity Type                                                                                                                                                                     | Activity Name/Summary                                                                            | OSHA Initiative Supported | Number Reached |
| Training                                                                                                                                                                          | The OSHA Inspection Process and Worker Rights                                                    |                           | 200            |
| <b>Outreach and Communication Goal 1: Speak, exhibit or appear at OSHA, OSHCON, STEPS, or conferences, meetings or other significant events.</b>                                  |                                                                                                  |                           |                |
| Activity Type                                                                                                                                                                     | Activity Name/Summary                                                                            | OSHA Initiative Supported | Number Reached |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                             | Assisted in the development of the Respirable Crystalline Silica Workgroup                       |                           | 1000           |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                             | Served on the planning board for the 2012 and 2014 OSHA Oil and Gas Safety and Health Conference |                           | 2000           |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                             | Assisted in planning the Regional Oil and Gas Safety Stand Down (January 2013)                   |                           | 36,643         |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                             | Assisted in planning the National Oil and Gas Safety Stand Down (November 2013)                  |                           | 10,000         |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                             | Served on the NIOSH NORA Council for Upstream Oil and Gas                                        |                           |                |

| <b>Outreach and Communication Goal 2: Share information among OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding best practices or effective approaches through training programs, workshops, seminars and lectures.</b> |                                                                                          |                                  |                       |
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| <b>Activity Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Activity Name/Summary</b>                                                             | <b>OSHA Initiative Supported</b> | <b>Number Reached</b> |
| Product                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contributed to the production of the Silica Hazards video use at the National Stand Down |                                  | 10,000                |
| Product                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contributed to the production of the fatality video used for the National Stand down     |                                  | 10,000                |
| Product                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Participated in writing the Silica Hazard Alert                                          |                                  |                       |
| Product                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Minimizing silica exposure during hydraulic fracturing                                   |                                  |                       |
| Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Participated in state wide driving safety kickoff meeting (Give Safety a Hand)           |                                  |                       |
| <b>Outreach and Communication Goal 3: Work with others to continue the growth of the STEPS Network throughout the nation.</b>                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |                                  |                       |
| <b>Activity Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Activity Name/Summary</b>                                                             | <b>OSHA Initiative Supported</b> | <b>Number Reached</b> |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Worked with groups forming the Northeast New Mexico STEPs and the Eagle Ford STEPS       |                                  | 1,000                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                          |                                  | <b>[52,113]</b>       |

#### **IV. Upcoming Milestones**

The South Texas STEPS Networks plans to continue participating on the planning committee for the 2014 OSHA Oil and Gas Safety and Health Conference as well as on the NIOSH NORA Council.

The National Stand Down is scheduled to wrap up February 28, 2014 with the results being published in May or June 2014.

The Network is currently supporting the development of STEPS Networks in California, Kansas and New York.

Due to the vast and effective efforts of the STEPS Network it is anticipated the alliance will be renewed in April 2015.

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