

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

**U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
El Paso Area Office
And the
West Texas Safety Training Center**

November 12, 2014

I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed:

April 23, 2007; June 11, 2007 - Resigned on September 12, 2013.

B. Evaluation Period:

October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

C. Overview

Alliance between the United States Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and The West Texas Safety Training Center was established as a collaborative relationship to foster a safety and more healthful workplace for Americans working in the oil, gas, construction, chemical and refining industries. The goal of the Alliance is to save lives, particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to hazards such as falls from elevations, struck-by and caught-in-between objects, and electrocution.

D. Implementation Team Members:

OSHA

Joann J. Figueroa, Area Director (AD), El Paso Area Office

Abraham Arzola, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS), El Paso Area Office

West Texas Safety Training Center

Phil Young, WTSTC President/CEO

Vicki Watkins, WTSTC Vice President

John Higgins, Chief Human Resources Officer – Saulsbury Industries

Cookie McKee, ARSC Executive Director

II. Implementation Team Meetings:

- CAS Arzola scheduled and attended an Alliance meeting with Mrs. Vicki Watkins from the West Texas Safety Training Center on April 8, 2014. The participants discussed services provided and CAS Arzola conducted a tour of the facility.
- CAS Arzola scheduled and attended an Alliance meeting with Mr. Phil Young from the West Texas Safety Training Center on October 14, 2014, and the participants discussed the training needs in the Oil & Gas industry.

III. Results

The table below provides the total number of training units that WTSTC provided during the 2014 fiscal year. WTSTC defines a training unit as a completed test or completed service administered by WTSTC.

Type of Activity (Conference, Training, Print and Electronic Distribution, etc.)	Number of Individuals Reached or Trained
Safety & Health Training	103,670 units

Events and Products

During 2014, WTSTC was very active on several International Association of Drilling Contractor (IADC) committees. Their participation included work on the following committees.

- Workforce Attraction Development Initiative committee
- Safeland USA Instructor Qualifications subcommittee
- Health, Safety, & Environment Committee

During the 3rd quarter of 2014, WTSTC initiated the process of assuming the administration of the Permian Basin Apprenticeship Training Program. This program provides apprenticeship training for the following crafts.

- Residential Electrical
- Industrial Electrical
- Journeyman Electrical
- Instrumentation Technician

These programs are registered and accredited by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training under DOL REG Number TX-014-040002. The program uses the curriculum established by the National Center for Continuing Education and Research (NCCER).

Training and Education

During the period 10/01/2013 - 9/30/2014, WTSTC experienced a strong demand for the following training/services:

- a) Respirator Fit Testing
- b) Hydrogen Sulfide Training
- c) NFPA 70E (Qualified Electrical Worker)
- d) Incident Energy and Arc Flash Safety
- e) Basic Orientation Plus® classes
- f) SafeLand USA Orientation classes

Outreach and Communication

- WTSTC is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
- WTSTC is a charter member of the Permian Basin chapter of the STEPS organization.
- WTSTC participates in the Permian Basin Chapter of the Association of Energy Services Contractors (AESC).
- WTSTC is a member of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC). WTSTC participates on the Workforce Development Committee and the Safeland USA instructor development sub-committee.
- WTSTC is a member of the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils. This organization has members located in different areas of the USA where Petrochemical facilities are operated. WTSTC currently serves on the ARSC Executive Committee.

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

The West Texas Safety Training Center is a founding member of the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils (ARSC) and currently sits on its Executive Committee. ARSC members have 45 safety councils located in petrochemical/refinery areas. The mission of the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils (ARSC) is to provide consistent and cost effective reciprocal safety education that conforms to regulatory standards and industry accepted practices. During the 2013 calendar year, ARSC members produced 333,756 reciprocal training units within the organization. The success of ARSC is determined by safety training organizations committed to the sharing of resources, expertise and best practices. To ensure program integrity by association members, program audits, program reviews, and administration audits are conducted on a scheduled basis. Failure to adhere to the Association's policies and procedures can result in severe penalties including dismissal from the organization. The most popular ARSC course is Basic Orientation Plus®. This course is a reciprocal contractor safety awareness training program that is designed to meet the classroom training requirements of the standards listed in the Code of Federal Regulations as enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) in the components it covers. The actual methods of compliance with these standards will depend on the rules, regulations and procedures in effect at each specific worksite.

The components of the Basic Orientation Plus® program are as follows:

- a. Hazard Communication (HazCom) and Chemical Safety
- b. HazCom/Global Harmonization System
- c. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- d. Respiratory Protection
- e. Hearing Conservation
- f. Electrical Safety Related Work Practices for Non-Qualified Workers
- g. Elevated Work
- h. Process Safety Management (PSM)
- i. Excavation, Trenching & Shoring
- j. Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)
- k. General Rules & Emergency Response

IV. Safety Milestone

2014 is in the seventh year of our WTSTC Dr. Max Comer Scholarship(s). We continue to provide \$500 scholarships to individuals that are pursuing an Associate Degree in Safety Management at Odessa College. Scholarship recipients are selected by a WTSTC committee consisting of oil company representatives and contractor representatives.