

**ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT for
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**West Texas Safety Training Center
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I. Alliance Background

Date Signed: *Originally signed on April 23, 2007; revision signed on June 11, 2007 and alliance renewed on September 12, 2013.*

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.

II. Implementation Team Members:

*Phil Young
Sheila Schulmeyer*

III. Contributors

*Vicki Watkins
John Higgins*

IV. Evaluation Period: *October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013*

V. Implementation Team Meetings: *5/22/2013 (Lubbock CAS also audited The H2S class).*

VI. Events and Products

For the period 10/1/20112 - 9/30/2013, the West Texas Safety Training Center has to provide a high volume of safety training to the oil and gas

industry workers. This increase in safety training activities continues to be driven by the increased activity in the oil and gas sector of the Permian Basin.

West Texas Safety Training started working with a major Permian Basin oil company to develop electrical training for qualified electrical workers who perform electrical troubleshooting tasks on their equipment. The development stage of the project has recently been completed and the initial assessment of electrical skills will be started in December, 2013. This program will continue for several months. The oil company estimates that 750 electrical workers will complete this training.

The West Texas Safety Training Center has continued our active participation with the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils (ARSC). During much of 2013, WTSTC was a leader in developing the following reciprocal training courses.

- *Benzene*
- *Confined Space Awareness*
- *Line of Fire*
- *Hazard Communication*
- *Globally Harmonization System*
- *Electrical Safety for the Non-Qualified Worker*
- *Lockout Tagout*
- *Elevated Work*

VII. Training and Education

During the period 10/1/2012 - 9/30/2013, WTSTC continues to see strong demand for:

- a) *Respirator Fit Testing*
- b) *Hydrogen Sulfide Training*
- c) *Basic Orientation Plus® classes*
- d) *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 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 Basic Orientation Plus® reciprocal contractor safety awareness training program was 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 refinery or plant worksite.*
- *The components or modules, as they are called, of the Basic Orientation Plus® program are as follows:*
 - a. *Hazard Communication (HazCom) and Chemical Safety*
 - b. *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)*
 - c. *Respiratory Protection*
 - d. *Hearing Conservation*
 - e. *Electrical Safety Related Work Practices for Non-Qualified Workers*
 - f. *Elevated Work*
 - g. *Process Safety Management (PSM)*
 - h. *Excavation, Trenching & Shoring*
 - i. *Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)*
 - j. *General Rules & Emergency Response*

VIII. Results

The table below provides the total number of training units that WTSTC provided during the 2011, 2012, 2013 fiscal years. WTSTC defines a training unit as a completed test or completed service administered by WTSTC.

2011	101,907 Training Units
2012	106,502 Training Units
2013	105,130 Training Units

IX. Safety Advancement

2013 is in the sixth year of our WTSTC Dr. Max Comer Scholarship(s). We continue to provide \$500 scholarships to individuals that are pursuing an Associates Degree in Safety Management at Odessa College.

Scholarship recipients are selected by a WTSTC committee consisting of oil company representatives and contractor representatives.