

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

**The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA),
Corpus Christi Area Office
Texas Department of Insurance (OSHCON)
And the
South Texas Exploration and Production Safety Network**

October 15, 2015

I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed

The original alliance was signed October 20, 2004 with the latest re-signing occurring April 15, 2015. 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 2014 – October 2015

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, Utah, and most recently New York and Kansas.

D. Implementation Team Members

OSHA

Marianne McGee, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Corpus Christi Area Office

South Texas Exploration and Production Safety Network

Kurt Paton, Health and Safety Manager, ConocoPhillips, Laredo, Texas and the STEPS President. In addition, all officers and executive committee members of the STEPS network.

OSHCON

Steve Marcyes, OSHCON Program Manager

II. Implementation Team Meetings

- November 19, 2014
- March 18, 2015
- June 17, 2015
- July 16, 2015

In addition to these formal meetings, many meetings and conference calls were held to plan and execute the monthly meetings and various activities of the South Texas STEPS Network as well as the National STEPS Network.

III. Results

The following table summarizes the Alliance’s activities in support of standard goal types and objectives specified in the Alliance agreement.

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.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Speech	OSHA’s Inspection Priorities	O&G REP/LEP	60
Speech	Oil and Gas Fatalities	O&G REP/LEP	60
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.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Speech	The New Reporting Requirements		75
Speech	Aerial Lifts and the OSHA Regulations		75
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.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Product	Participated in writing the tank gauging hazard alert	O&G	20,000
Raising Awareness of OSHA’s Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives Goal 4: Promote the OSHCON program.			

Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Speech	The OSHCON Program		65
Training and Education Goal 1: Deliver effective training for STEPS members regarding various safety and health topics for the industry.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Training	Coordinated training class from the OSHA Ed Center, Accident investigation		100
Training	Conducted training on the Harwood Grant material developed by UTA on fall protection and onsite motorized vehicle safety		120
Training and Education Goal 2: Deliver effective training to promote an understanding of worker's rights, including the complaint process and employer's responsibilities.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Training	The OSHA Inspection Process and Worker Rights		120
Outreach and Communication Goal 1: Speak, exhibit or appear at OSHA, OSHCON, STEPS, or conferences, meetings or other significant events.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Other	Assisted in the development of the Emerging Issues Workgroup		1000
Other	Served on the planning board for the 2014 OSHA Oil and Gas Safety and Health Conference		2200
Other	Served on the NIOSH NORA Council for Upstream Oil and Gas		10,000
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.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached
Product	Participated in writing the tank gauging hazard alert		20,000
Outreach and Communication Goal 3: Work with others to continue the growth of the STEPS Network throughout the nation.			
Activity Type	Activity Name/Summary	OSHA Initiative Supported	Number Reached

		Supported	
Other	Worked with groups forming the new STEPS		200
TOTAL			[57,075]

IV. Upcoming Milestones

The South Texas STEPS Networks plans to continue participating on the planning committee for the 2016 OSHA Oil and Gas Safety and Health Conference as well as on the NIOSH NORA Council.

The Network is currently working with several groups seeking to develop STEPS Networks.

Due to the vast and effective efforts of the STEPS Network it is anticipated the alliance will be renewed in April 2016.

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