**Voluntary Protection Programs**

**Annual Evaluation of Calendar Year 2022 Injury and Illness Rates**

The Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) promotes effective worksite-based safety and health. In the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management program. Participation in the VPP requires each VPP participant to evaluate annually the effectiveness of their safety and health management programs. The self-evaluation must include assessments of all the VPP elements and sub-elements of the VPP participant’s safety and health management program.

Previously, by February 15th of each year, VPP participants submitted their annual self-evaluation to their Regional VPP Manager. The injury and illness rates from the VPP participant’s annual self-evaluations were then forwarded to the National Office. Currently, OSHA has launched an online annual self-evaluation portal, where VPP participants can log in and submit their data. OSHA reviews and confirms that the data is correct, and then uses the information to update records and statistics, to showcase successes related to implementation of the VPP requirements, and to demonstrate that VPP participants are committed to continuously improving employee safety and health at their worksites.

Below is a summary of the findings from the calendar year 2022 annual evaluation of VPP participants’ injury and illness rates.

**Site-Based Non-Construction VPP Participants**

During calendar year 2022, the VPP participants experienced the following results. On average, rates for site-based non-construction VPP participants are 56 percent below the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) and 62 percent below the BLS Days Away from Work, Restricted Work Activity, or Job Transfer (DART) rate for their respective industries. This data was collected from 1,072 Federal jurisdiction site-based non-construction VPP participants representing more than 306,000 employees.

Other results from the 2022 VPP Annual Evaluation:

* Site-based non-construction VPP participants avoided an estimated 4,482 TCIR injuries when compared to expected results within their respective industries.
* Site-based non-construction VPP participants avoided an estimated 3,295 DART injuries when compared to expected results within their respective industries.
* The 1,067 site-based non-construction VPP Star participants are, on average, 56 percent below the BLS TCIR and 62 percent below the BLS DART for their respective industries.
* The were two site-based non-construction VPP Merit participants.
* The 64 Federal, site-based non-construction VPP participants are, on average, 52 percent below the BLS TCIR and 60 percent below the BLS DART for their respective industries.
* The 293 site-based non-construction VPP participants covered by the Process Safety Management (PSM) standard are, on average, 65 percent below the BLS TCIR and 74 percent below the BLS DART for their respective industries.
* There are 470 site-based non-construction VPP participants that experienced zero recordable injuries and illnesses during 2022.

**Site-Based Construction and Mobile Workforce VPP Participants**

During calendar year 2022, VPP participants experienced the following results. On average, site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP participants are 63 percent below the BLS TCIR rate and 73 percent below the BLS DART rate for their respective industries. This data was collected from 65 Federal jurisdiction site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP participants representing more than 31,000 employees.

Other results from the 2022 VPP Annual Evaluation:

* Site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP participants avoided an estimated 418 TCIR injuries when compared to expected results within their respective industries.
* Site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP participants avoided an estimated 283 DART injuries when compared to expected results within their respective industries.
* The 63 site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP Star participants are, on average, 64 percent below the BLS TCIR and 72 percent below the BLS DART for their respective industries.
* There was 1 site-based construction VPP Merit participant in calendar year 2022.
* There was 1 site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP participant covered by the PSM in calendar year 2022.
* There are 20 site-based construction and mobile workforce VPP participants that experienced zero recordable injuries and illnesses during 2022.