

ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORT
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
and
SPPAPR
September 15, 2007

I. Alliance Background

Date Signed

June 24, 2005

Date Renewed

August 25, 2006.

Overview

The main goal of the Alliance is to provide the SPPAPR members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety. This by focusing particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to safety and health hazards such as falls, confined spaces, indoor air quality, noise exposure, workplace violence and ergonomics, and assist members and non-members implement effective accident prevention management systems.

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Evaluation Period

June 30, 2006 through August 25, 2007

II. Implementation Team Meetings

- 11/2/2006- PRAO, in person meeting
- 2/26/2007- PRAO, in person meeting
- 6/5/2007-PRAO, in person meeting

In addition to these meetings, SPPAPR implementation team members and the OSHA representatives were in constant communication, specifically to coordinate the participation of SPPAPR in the NORA Town Hall meeting held in PR in December 2006, and a seminar presented by OSHA during the Annual SPPAPR Meeting held in May 2007.

III. Events and Products

Training and Education

Goals:

- Develop and deliver training and education programs on falls, confined spaces, indoor air quality, noise exposure, workplace violence and ergonomics.
- Develop and deliver training and education programs concerning comprehensive accident prevention management systems, which will focus on the fundamental root causes of accidents.

Events:

The OSHA and SPPAPR Alliance implementation team began developing a Accident Prevention Course, based particularly in root cause analysis tools and techniques. The 1-day course will be held on January 30, 2008.

1. September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2006 – A 30-hr Construction Course was offered to 63 participants.
2. May 3 and 4, 2007 – SPPAPR held its Annual Meeting where sessions were delivered to the participants in topics such as Human Behavioral Techniques, Respiratory Protection, Hazard Communication, Indoor Air Quality, Ergonomics, Mobbing and Workplace Violence, and Ethics and the Health Professional. 72 members attended the meeting.

3. March 17, 2006 – A Cranes and Steel Erection Training was specifically developed for the construction industry in PR, with emphasis in the prevention of accidents, and offered to 75 safety professionals.

- Products

N/A

Outreach and Communication

SPPAPR maintains its webpage, www.sppapr.org, which includes links to the OSHA and SPPAPR Alliance agreement and renewal agreement and news releases. During the reporting period, information about Alliance-related training, seminars and outreach initiatives were added to the page. In addition, the webpage has links to information on the PR-OSHA State Program bi-monthly seminars as well as occupational safety and health training and seminars from universities and educational institutions located in PR.

Goals

- Work with OSHA to provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information (e.g. printed material, electronic media, electronic tools and OSHA's and SPPAPR's Web Pages) to employers and employees as well.
- Speak, exhibit, and appear at OSHA's, SPPAPR's and other local conferences, such as Government Agencies and the SPPAPR Annual Conference.
- Promote and encourage the SPPAPR members or worksites participation in OSHA's cooperative programs such as compliance assistance, the Voluntary Protection Program, Consultation, and its Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.
- Encourage SPPAPR members to build relationships with OSHA's Regional and Area Offices to address health and safety issues, including the professional practice of occupational safety and health in Puerto Rico.

Events:

1. May 3, 4 2007- At the SPPAPR Annual Meeting, representatives from SPPAPR and OSHA provided information about the alliance

and its benefits. In addition, the activity included a trade show with exhibitors from companies that specialized in PPE, IH monitoring and detection equipment, and IAQ equipment, among others.

2. Through its webpage, SPPAPR provides a quarterly publication, '*Tu Sociedad Informa*,' which includes articles and updated information about safety and health issues.
3. Members of SPPAPR routinely participate as AOTC instructors for the OSHA Courses 500, 501, 510, 511 and 521.
4. SPPAPR continued to participate in radio programs, providing current information on topics such as PPE awareness, Behavior Based Safety, Process Safety Management, Excavations and Trenching, Legal Aspects on Safety and Health, Safety and Health Insurance Aspects (CFSE), Electrical Safety Standard Final Rule, Hearing Conservation, the recently issued Puerto Rico Law No. 85 for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), Noise in the Construction Industry, and Fire Prevention New Standard.

Products

N/A

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

Goals:

- Raise awareness of and demonstrate own commitment to workplace safety and health whenever the SPPAPR leaders address groups.
- Participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings on hazards such as falls, confined spaces, indoor air quality, noise exposure, workplace violence and ergonomics and accident management systems to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace.

Events:

1. SPPAPR participated in the NORA Town Hall meeting held in December 2006 in San Juan, PR by NIOSH and CDC through the Puerto Rico Federal Safety and Health Council. The topic presented was specific to the importance of developing IH professionals with expertise in the analytical process and knowledge of the latest health assessments techniques, and the

qualitative and quantitative monitoring and screening tools, to better protect workers exposed to contaminants.

Products

N/A

IV. Results

Type of Activity (Conference, Training, Print and Electronic Distribution, etc.)	Number of Individuals Reached or Trained
Annual Meeting & Conference	72
30 Hrs. Construction Training	63
Cranes and Steel Erection Training	75
Radio Programs (from May 2007 to present)	13,500/monthly = 54,000
Quarterly bulletin Tu Sociedad Informa	275
Web Page Electronic Information	573
OSHA Course 510*	102
OSHA Course 511*	103
OSHA Course 500*	73
OSHA Course 501*	32
UPR Medical Science Campus - Hexavalente Chrome	552
TOTAL	55,920

* SPPAPR members as instructors for Atlantic OSHA Training Center.

V. Upcoming Milestones

1. Accident Prevention seminar focused on root cause analysis tools and techniques - January 30, 2008.
2. December 2 – SPPAPR will start promoting a contest among the students currently enrolled in bachelor, master graduate and S&H certificate programs about safety and health issues where they will write an essay on hazard prevention. The main goal is to create a safety and health culture among young students. SPPAPR Participants are required to submit the essays by February 2008 and awards will be presented to the winners during the 2008 SPPAPR Annual Meeting
3. Renew alliance in September 2008.