

Changing OSHA's Impact

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The New Assistant Secretary

- Ed Foulke, Jr appointed the new Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA
- OSHA must refocus its efforts in the coming years
- Fewer resources will be available





His Challenge to OSHA

- Has tasked OSHA with reducing fatalities by 50% of current levels
 - Believes that reducing fatalities will affect all other levels of the safety pyramid-thus injuries and illnesses should decline as well
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The Challenge

- Each Region was asked to profile the types of employers experiencing fatalities and develop a plan to address fatalities using all of the area office assets available
 - This plan would include an enforcement strategy, outreach proposal, and use of cooperative programs (partnerships, alliances and consultation)
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The Challenge

- Additionally each area office was tasked with analysis of its fatality statistics and determine patterns (a type industry or a type of hazard)
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Region VI Analysis

- Five industries
 - Petro-Chemical
 - Oil and Gas Drilling and Servicing
 - Heavy Construction
 - Logging
 - Maritime/ Longshoring
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Oil and Gas Industry

- Region VI Fatalities for 2000-2005
 - 170
 - Region VI Fatalities for 2005
 - 33
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Regional Emphasis Program

- Addressing Fatalities in the Oil and Gas Industry (SIC 1381, 1382, 1389)
 - Enforcement
 - Outreach





Enforcement Efforts

- Divide jurisdiction into ≥ 6 sectors
 - Sites identified through CSHO observation
 - Comprehensive inspection will be conducted if:
 - Rig not inspected within sector within 45 days
 - Rig owner/operator has \leq four inspections within sector within 90 days
 - Exempts 1381 and 1382 with ≤ 10 ees nationwide
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Enforcement Efforts

Scope of inspection will be comprehensive

- Explosion / fire
 - Fall
 - Struck-by
 - Caught- in between
 - Electrocution
 - Noise
 - Lead
 - Silica
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Outreach Efforts

- Partnerships
 - Alliances
 - VPP
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Partnerships

- Objective is to eliminate risk of death and serious injury
 - Companies will have one year to meet the requirements of model safety and health program
 - In exchange, partners will be removed from scheduled inspections for 3 years
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Partnership elements

- Management letter of commitment
 - S&H programs
 - Employee involvement
 - S&H committee
 - S&H training
 - S&H professional
 - S&H audits
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Partnership elements

- Hazard tracking system
 - Lockout / Tag out
 - Contractor safety program
 - Incident investigation
 - Injury analysis
 - S&H program review
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Alliances

- Used for dissemination of information
 - Development of curriculum and delivery of training for workers, managers and safety professionals
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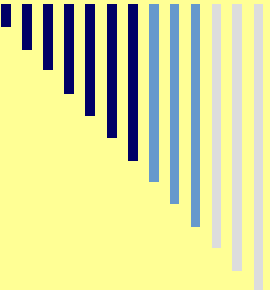
Outreach and Networking

- OSHA/AESC National Alliance
 - Reduce hand and back injuries
 - AESC/Fort Worth OSHA office
 - Grants for oil and gas industry
 - TEEEX
 - High Plains Technology Center (OK)
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High Plains Technology Center

- Operates on a grant from OSHA
- Official Mid-Continent training site for Oil & Gas
- Major Focus = **Safety**
- Works with
 - AESC
 - IADC
 - ETC





Floor hand training for drilling and servicing





Roustabout, Pumper, Technical Intern Training





STEPS Network

South Texas Exploration Safety Network

- In the beginning....
 - Made industry contact through ASSE.
 - Sent a letter requesting a meeting.
(September 2003)
 - 75 individuals from 45 companies attended.
 - What could be done to reduce fatalities?
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STEPS Network

- Identified obstacles to providing a safe workplace
 - Inconsistent emphasis on safety and health.
 - Not enough sharing of information.
 - Misunderstanding of OSHA requirements.



Overcoming the obstacles

- How could we get everyone to work together?
- Develop a network to share information!





STEPS Network was born

- Monthly meetings have been held since October 2003.
- The South Texas Exploration and Production Safety (STEPS) Network adopted a charter and bylaws in June and July 2004 and elected officers in August 2004



The STEPS Alliance

- The goal of the alliance is to reduce and prevent exposure to hazards in oil and gas exploration, production, and product transmission.
- Arrange for hazard recognition training.
- Speak, exhibit, and appear at industry conferences.
- Share best practices.
- Raise awareness of safety and health in the industry.



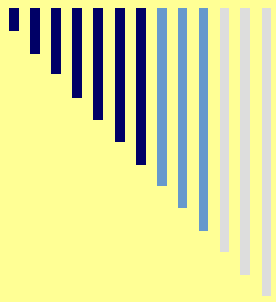
Benefits of STEPS

- ❑ Sharing of best practices. (SAFE Hands / Dropped Objects)
- ❑ Sharing of lessons learned.
- ❑ Sharing equipment. (NORM detector and meter loop)
- ❑ Increased awareness of safety in the field.



Benefits of STEPS

- ❑ Direct competitors co-sponsoring STEPS meeting.
- ❑ Contact with over 600 individuals representing almost 200 companies.
- ❑ One alliance partner achieved VPP Star and several others have expressed an interest.



Questions?
