



"IEC and OSHA have paved the way for improved safety in our industry by providing electrical workers with information and solutions for the major causes of accidents and fatalities in the industry. This also reduces lost time and reduces insurance costs."

John Masarick,
Manager of Codes Standards and Safety,
Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc.

"The SPI/OSHA Alliance is a worthy example of what industry and government can achieve when working together. This is particularly important when the issue at hand is something as critical as the safety of our nation's 1.5 million plastics workers. We are very pleased with the products of the Alliance, and look forward to our continued collaboration to address worker safety issues in the U.S. plastics industry."

Susan R. Howe,
Senior Technical Director,
Worker & Product Safety,
Society for the Plastics Industry, Inc.

"Our Alliance with OSHA has proven to be beneficial on several different levels. One, it has allowed for the airlines and OSHA to work together on real world approaches to the unique issues faced by our industry. Two, it combines the resources and energy of all of the signatories to drive safety solutions to complex issues."

Jim Swartz,
Director of Corporate Safety,
Delta Air Lines, Inc.

"While we believed the Alliance would be beneficial, forming an Alliance with OSHA has been even more valuable than we anticipated. It's been a great conduit for us to share our ideas, expertise and insights on keeping workers safe. While we've always had a cooperative working relationship with OSHA, the Alliance has allowed us to lift our relationship to a new level of trust and understanding."

Mark Spence,
Manager, Health and Safety Regulatory Affairs,
The Dow Chemical Company



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ALLIANCE PROGRAM

In March 2002, OSHA created its newest cooperative effort, the Alliance Program. It enables organizations committed to safety and health to collaborate with OSHA to prevent injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the workplace. OSHA and Alliance Program participants work together to reach out to, educate, and lead the nation's employers and their employees in advancing workplace safety and health. Groups that can form an Alliance with OSHA include employers, employees, labor unions, trade or professional groups, educational institutions, and government agencies.

BENEFITS

Through signing the goal-oriented written agreements, OSHA and the participating organizations will:

- Build trusting, cooperative relationships with the Agency.
- Network with others committed to workplace safety and health.
- Leverage resources to maximize worker safety and health protection.
- Gain recognition as proactive leaders in safety and health.

PARTICIPANTS

Some of the participating organizations include:

- American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
- American Industrial Hygiene Association
- American Society of Safety Engineers
- American Meat Institute
- National Association of Home Builders
- Graphic Arts Coalition
- Washington Group International

GOALS

Alliances support OSHA's Strategic Management Plan by addressing the plan's occupational trends, emerging issues, and Agency priorities, and by focusing on one or more of the following goals:

- Training and Education
- Outreach and Communication
- Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

REQUIREMENTS

Formal program requirements for Alliances are few and do not include an enforcement component. However, OSHA and participating organizations must define and meet short-term and long-term goals.

IMPLEMENTATION

Representatives from OSHA and participating organizations will create Implementation Teams to develop strategies and implement programs or processes for meeting the defined goals.

PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES

Current Alliances have developed a number of products and undertaken many activities, including:

- Interactive, Web-based training tools on occupational safety and health topics, such as an eTool for baggage handling.
- Safety and Health Topics pages, including the plastics industry and construction management.
- Training, seminars, or sessions at conferences, meetings and other venues by OSHA staff and Alliance Program participants.

DURATION

An Alliance is signed for two years.

INFORMATION

For national Alliances, contact OSHA's Office of Outreach Services and Alliances at 202-693-2340. For regional or local Alliances, contact the OSHA Regional Office in your area. For more information, visit OSHA's website at www.osha.gov.

This informational brochure provides a general overview of a particular OSHA cooperative program. It does not alter or determine compliance responsibilities in OSHA's standards or the *Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970*. Because interpretations and enforcement policy may change over time, you should consult current OSHA administrative interpretations and decisions by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and the Courts for additional guidance on OSHA compliance requirements.

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