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# Contractor Safety Forum

**Donnie George**  
**Chairperson**

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# Agenda

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- **Logistics**
- **Safety Moment**
- **Focus Group Reports**
- **VPP – Rhonda Mann, USA**
- **VPPA Regional Conference**
- **Supervisor Safety Web Page (SSWP) Application - Teresa Durette, HEI**
- **Customer Survey – John Isom, CST**
- **General Discussions**
- **Conclude**

# Recalls

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- Dole Cole Slaw
- **Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc. has issued a recall of its Dole Cole Slaw due to the possibility of Salmonella contamination. The packaging bears a label BEST IF USED BY 02-05-01. The product was distributed in Texas, Florida, and twenty-seven other states. Laboratory analysis confirmed the microorganism Salmonella. Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience symptoms similar to a bad case of the flu.**
- **If you have this product with this code date, discard it or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund or substitute product. Consumers with questions may contact the Dole Consumer Information Center at 1-800-356-3111.**
  - **Black & Decker 12-Inch Miter Saw**
- **Black & Decker has initiated a recall of 6,400 of their Industry & Construction brand 12-inch miter saws (Models 3660 TY1, 3680 TY1). The saw blades can detach if a bolt were to become loose. The model numbers are located on the charcoal gray housing on nameplate on top of the housing. Date codes of 9201 and 9340 stamped on the end caps also identify the saws. Stop using the saws, and contact Black & Decker at 888-771-4540 for a free repair kit.**

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- **Dewalt Industrial 12-Inch Miter Saws**
- **The DEWALT Industrial Tool Company have announced a recall of their 12-inch Miter Saws for the same reason as the Black & Decker recall above: the saw blades can come loose. This recall affects 112,000 miter saws (Models DW704 TY1, DW705 TY1). The saws are yellow and black. Contact DeWalt for a repair kit at 888-771-4540 (yes, that's the same number as the Black & Decker number).**
  - **Project HomeSafe Gun Locks**
- **The National Shooting Sports Foundation is recalling 400,000 Project HomeSafe gun locks because the locks can be opened without a key under certain circumstances. The locks are red cables with red vinyl labels which read “Project” and “HomeSafe” with “Made in China” and “30mm” on the lock’s bottom. Law enforcement agencies, including the City of Houston, distributed the locks for free nationwide during a campaign from September 1999 to October 2000. Approximately 21,000 locks were distributed in Texas, including Houston. If you have one of these locks, call Project HomeSafe at 800-726-6444 for a free replacement or check out the Project HomeSafe website.**
- **Master Lock had recalled 752,000 of its gun locks July 2000 for a similar reason. Models affected were 90, 90DSPT, 90KADSPT, 90TSPT, 90DS&W, 90KADS&W or 90TS&W.**

# OSHA VPP

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- **(VPP) recognize worksites that have achieved and are maintaining excellence in worker safety and health protection through cooperation among government, industry, and labor. The VPP is composed of three different programs:**
- **MERIT - recognizes sites that have good safety and health programs, but must take additional steps to reach Star quality;**
- **STAR - recognizes sites that have distinguished themselves with the highest level of safety and health excellence;**
- **DEMONSTRATION - recognizes worksites that have Star quality safety and health programs, but require demonstration and/or testing of experimental approaches that differ from current Star requirements.**
- **A site that applies to the VPP must submit a written application that addresses the major elements of the program: management commitment and meaningful employee involvement in safety and health at the site; worksite analysis for hazards; hazard prevention and control; and employee safety and health training. An onsite review by OSHA officials to evaluate the workplace safety and health program and to interview employees at the facility is the final stage of the application process.**

# About VPPPA

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- The VPPPA, a nonprofit organization, is a leader in safety, health, and environmental excellence through cooperative efforts among labor, management, and government. As part of its efforts to share the benefits of cooperative programs, the VPPPA works closely with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), OSHA state plan states, the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the development and implementation of cooperative programs within the agencies, and also provides expertise to these groups in the form of comments and stakeholder feedback on agency rulemakings and policies. The Association also provides comments and testimony to members of Congress regarding legislative bills on health and safety issues.
- The VPPPA, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is a leader in safety, health, and environmental excellence through cooperative efforts among employees, management, and government. VPPPA members include more than 600 companies and worksites that are involved in or in the process of applying to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) or the Department of Energy's VPP, and government agencies that are developing or implementing cooperative recognition programs.
- *"The VPPPA is helping to reshape the future character of American government into a partnership of, by, and for responsible citizens. It is about working in partnership with common goals instead of working as adversaries."*  
- Vice President Al Gore.

# VPPA

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- **The Region IV Board of Directors is currently in the process of planning the next Regional Conference, to be held in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 26, and 27, 2001 at the Hilton Atlanta and Towers. Reservations can be made by calling (404)659-2000. Be sure to mention VPP to get the contracted rate and make reservations early as there are no rooms available after our block is sold out. For information call Keith Romines at 941-742-3314.**

# Ergonomics Update

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- **The standard's fate may be in jeopardy as lawsuits filed by the United Steelworkers, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Society for Human Resource Management, the National Beer Wholesalers Association, the National Coalition on Ergonomics, the Union of Needle Trades, and the AFL-CIO may put the law on hold, or even overturn it by court decision. During his last press conference as OSHA chief, Charles Jeffress said that the outcome of the ergonomics standard would probably be decided in court, despite support for it from many in labor and management.**
- **In any event, companies should continue to take proactive steps to ensure that employees are provided with the proper ergonomic measures. Companies should also work to develop a corporate-wide ergonomics program. (A draft Functional Policy and Procedure has been written by USA and regular coordination with other USA sites (KSC and Huntsville) is taking place). Stay tuned for more late-breaking news.**