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WVDP conducts Safety Day



Participants learn a variety of safety-related information through an interactive activity that tests the knowledge of employee teams, while creating friendly competition.

WEST VALLEY – The Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and **CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley**, its cleanup contractor at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, recently conducted their annual Safety Day. This year’s event included heavy equipment demonstrations, safety education activities, team-building activities and information stations on health and nutrition. **CHBWV** uses Safety Day to take some time to refresh employees on various safety topics and reinforce their strong safety culture.

The site also used this event to congratulate employees for their efforts in further improving safety at the site. Last year, **WVDP** employees received a Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program Star of Excellence plaque for exceeding minimum safety rates and having an overall robust safety program. The site also received their recertification as a VPP Site. In addition to VPP recertification, **WVDP** employees celebrated working over 800,000 work hours without a lost time accident.

Cheryl Wozniak, **CHBWV** Industrial Safety Manager, coordinated the event for all employees and also congratulated them for their VPP and safe work achievements.

“As the new Industrial Safety Manager, I’d like to thank you for all your hard work in helping us to achieve our safety goals. Your involvement and proactive approach to safety continues to promote a

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safety culture that is continuously improving the work environment and reducing risks. Together, we help each other stay safe and healthy.”

CHBWV President Jason Casper commended employees during this year’s Safety Day.

“We have an excellent safety culture. That’s attributed to your perseverance and dedication to each other and our cleanup efforts. Our team continues to demonstrate that safety is at the forefront every day as we work in and around challenging and high-risk areas. I am proud to congratulate all of you on a job well done.”

The **WVDP** continuously strives to maintain excellence in safety through its programs and practices. The VPP Star Certification is a significant honor and is a remarkable sign of employee commitment to safety. Additionally, the **WVDP** was the first to receive a VPP Legacy of Stars award from EM. The DOE VPP Legacy of Stars award distinguishes a company that has excelled in outreach and mentoring and has demonstrated sustained excellence in worker safety and health. The award is given to sites that have earned the VPP Star of Excellence for three consecutive years.



Safety Day participants observe waste operations and the heavy-duty equipment that’s used to load and transport containers off-site for disposal.

-Springville Journal Staff