

ASSURANCE OF COMMITMENT

Union Statement.

If the site is unionized, the authorized collective bargaining agent(s) must sign a statement of support for the DOE-VPP application. The statement is included in the application before DOE comes on site.

Management Statement.

The assurance statements required in the application must include the following:

1. We are committed to doing our best to provide outstanding safety and health protection to our employees through management systems and employee involvement.
2. We are also committed to the achievement and maintenance of the Star Program requirements and to the goals and objectives of the DOE Voluntary Protection Programs.
3. We agree to provide the information listed below for DOE-VPP review on site. We agree to retain these records until DOE communicates its decision regarding initial DOE-VPP participation. We will likewise retain comparable records for the period of DOE-VPP participation covered by each subsequent evaluation until DOE communicates its decision regarding continued approval.
 - a. Written safety and health program.
 - b. Copies of the log of injuries and illnesses and the OSHA 101 or the DOE 5484.X.
 - c. Injury and illnesses records for subcontractor workers in areas controlled by the participant contractor.
 - d. Monitoring, sampling, and analysis records (where applicable).
 - e. Medical records (which will be held confidential).
 - f. Training records.
 - g. Agreement between management and the collective bargaining agent(s) concerning the functions of the safety committee and its organization, where applicable.
 - h. Minutes of each committee, where applicable.
 - i. Committee inspection records, where applicable
 - j. Management inspection and accident investigation records.
 - k. Records of notification of unsafe or unhealthful conditions received from employees and action taken, taking into account appropriate privacy concerns.
 - l. Annual internal health and safety program evaluation reports.
4. In agreeing to make this information available to DOE, we understand that any materials we feel are classified, confidential, or revealing of trade secrets will be viewed by DOE on site to avoid placing those materials in government files that are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests.
5. We agree to correct all hazards identified through any assessments, investigations, reports, or maintenance in a timely manner.
6. We agree that control of hazards will be implemented in the following order:
 - a. Process and/or material substitution
 - b. Engineering controls
 - c. Administrative controls
 - (1) Work rules
 - (2) Operating Procedures
7. We will provide the results of self-audits, appraisals, assessments, and accident/incident investigations to our employees upon request.
8. Any employee who has safety-related duties or who calls attention to safety-related items will be protected from any reprisal or harassment resulting from these duties.
9. By February 15 of each year, we will provide DOE our annual injury incidence and lost workday case rates, hours worked, and estimated average employment for the past calendar year.

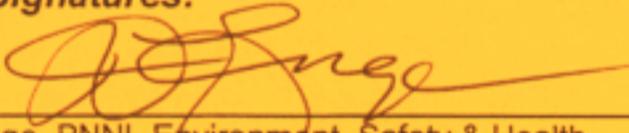
- 10. By an agreed-upon date, we will provide DOE our safety and health program evaluation.
- 11. We will notify employees about participation in DOE-VPP, their right to register a complaint with DOE, and their right to obtain self-inspection and accident investigation results upon request.

Withdrawal.

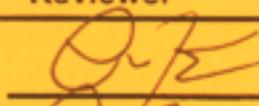
We understand that we may withdraw our participation at any time for any reason, should we so desire.

Applicant agrees that the required information is included and is correct to the best of their knowledge.

Applicant Signatures:

 Roby D. Enge, PNNL Environment, Safety & Health	9/28/00 Date
 Vern J. Madson, PNNL DOE-VPP Steering Committee Union Co-Chair	9.28.00 Date
 Todd R. Hart, PNNL DOE-VPP Steering Committee Research Co-Chair	9/28/00 Date

Reviewer Signature Block

	Reviewer	Agree	Disagree	Date
Assistant Manager, Technology		X		12/27/00
Operations Office <i>Keith Klitz</i>		X		12/27/00
Headquarters DOE-VPP Office				