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PNNL to host DOE-VPP Audit Team for Three Year On-Site Review August 16-19

For the past three years, PNNL has had the honor of being a DOE-VPP STAR Site, thanks to each of you here at PNNL. Your safety efforts, performance and attitude are key to our success. Once again, it is time to prove that we are worthy of this honor.

August 16-19 a team of six DOE-VPP representatives will be at PNNL to re-certify us as a VPP STAR site. DOE will be examining: 1) the effectiveness of our worker safety and health programs, and 2) the involvement and empowerment of our staff members related to safety and health matters.

What You Need to Know

The DOE assessment will primarily focus on interviews with staff members. The assessment team may ask you about your perception of safety at the laboratory. Their focus will be on: (3L239)

- ♦ the hazards that you work with
- ♦ the controls used to mitigate the hazards of your work
- ♦ what you do if you have a question or concern regarding the safety of your work.

If you have questions about safety, you should discuss them with your supervisor or your Safety and Health Representative (see the Contact list in SBMS to find your assigned representative).

As always, we urge you to keep striving for continual improvement.

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PNNL welcomes the DOE-VPP audit team for the On-Site Review

Why is VPP STAR Status Important?

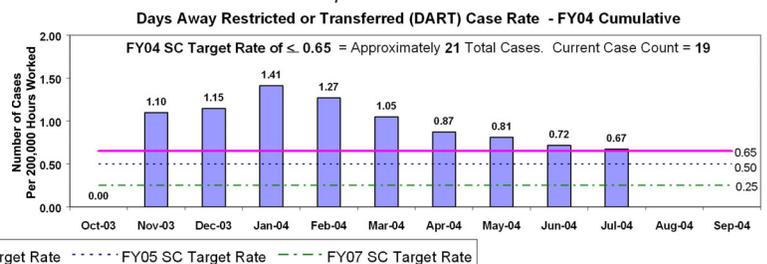
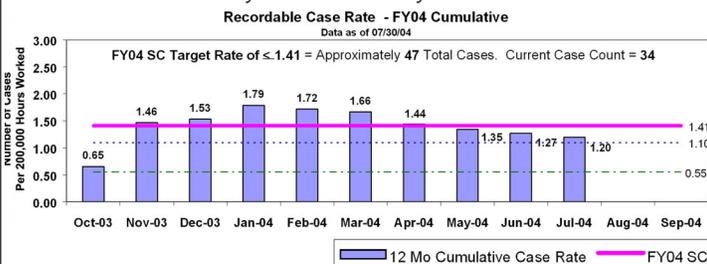
VPP recognition allows PNNL to benchmark itself to the best safety performers in the industry. Through VPP STAR status recognition, we know that we are doing a good job of developing, deploying, and implementing programs to protect our staff members. VPP focuses on worker involvement, which is known to be the best way to achieve outstanding safety performance. By maintaining VPP STAR (3K078) status we are assured that we have a safe place to work and that our work is being performed safely.

PNNL's Commitment to VPP and to Your Safety and Health

- ♦ VPP STAR Status awarded June 2001
- ♦ Annual All-Staff surveys regarding safety and health
- ♦ Monthly [Porcelain Press newsletter](#) reviewing safety and health issues
- ♦ [Annual self-evaluation of VPP Program](#)
- ♦ Nine [Blood Pressure Monitors](#) now on-site for use by employees
- ♦ 25 [Automated External Defibrillators](#) (AEDs) now on site for quick response to cardiac events
- ♦ [VPP website](#) highlighting current projects and useful links to safety information
- ♦ Contributions to [Lessons Learned/Best Practices](#)
- ♦ Participant in Hanford Safety & Health Expo
- ♦ Sponsor of new [PREVENT](#) initiative to prevent injuries and accidents at work and home
- ♦ Participant in [regional and national VPP conferences](#)
- ♦ Supported by [management](#)
- ♦ Led by employees (3M325)
- ♦ Labwide celebration of safety at [annual all-staff picnics](#)

PNNL Safety Performance - Data as of 7/30/04

Monthly case counts may fluctuate due to re-classifications that are made when additional/updated information is received.



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