AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
STATE OF WYOMING, DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES,
WYOMING WORKERS’ SAFETY (WYOMING OSHA)
AND
WYOMING OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY SAFETY ALLIANCE

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Workers’ Safety [Wyoming OSHA] and the Wyoming Oil and Gas Industry Safety Alliance [WOGISA] recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster a safer and more healthful American workplace. Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA hereby agree to form an alliance to provide Wyoming oil and gas industry partners with information, guidance, and access to resources that will work to promote a culture of safety, particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to the hazards in the oil and gas industry.

Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA will work together to achieve the following education goals:

- Develop training and education programs regarding specific hazard recognition and prevention associated within the Wyoming oil and gas energy industry. The programs will aim to improve relationships, consistency, education, and training for employees, managers, and supervisors in the oil and gas industry.

- Create a forum for employers and employees to work together in resolving workplace safety and health issues. Encourage individual employee participation from operators and both large and small, service providers.

- Deliver, arrange for, or assist in the delivery of the OSHA 10 Hour Construction and OSHA 10 Hour General Industry course, and other applicable training for employees of the Wyoming oil and gas industry. Furthering their education will aid in decreasing the amount and severity of injuries.

Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- Promote and encourage WOGISA member participation in Wyoming OSHA’s cooperative programs such as Consultation Services, Employer Voluntary Technical Assistance Program (EV1AP), Wyoming OSHA Challenge Program, Cowboy Voluntary Protection Program (CVPP), and the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

- Encourage WOGISA members and industry partners to build relationships with Wyoming OSHA main and field offices to address health and safety issues.

- Promote and encourage the participation of employees, managers, and supervisors in WOGISA committees and programs to enhance communication; assist with identification of training and education needs; develop and coordinate applicable training; and share relevant safety information.

- Share information among Wyoming OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding WOGISA members’ best practices or effective approaches. Publicize results through

- Present, exhibit, or appear at conferences or events sponsored by Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA.

Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA will work together to achieve the following goals related to promoting statewide dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- Raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to workplace safety and health whenever WOGISA leaders address industry groups.

- Develop and disseminate case studies illustrating the business value of safety and health and publicize the results. Collaborate in these efforts with the Wyoming State Epidemiologist.

- Convene and/or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, and stakeholder meetings on construction and industrial safety, including the four major hazards (transportation, struck-by, caught between, falls) affecting the oil and gas industry. The intent is to promote the development of innovative solutions in the workplace and to provide input on safety and health issues.

This Alliance with Wyoming OSHA provides alliance members an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship for purposes such as training, education, outreach, and communication, all while promoting a culture of safety. Similar Alliances in other states have proven to be a valuable tool for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, Wyoming OSHA is not endorsing any of that party’s products or services; nor does Wyoming OSHA enter into this Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party’s products or services.

Both organizations will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years. Either signatory may terminate this agreement for any reason at any time provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.

Signed this 15th day of June, 2011

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