
**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
STATE OF WYOMING, DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES –OSHA DIVISION
AND
WYOMING OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY SAFETY ALLIANCE**

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services – OSHA Division [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 Wyoming workplace. Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA hereby agree to continue an alliance to provide Wyoming oil and gas industry partners with education, information, guidance, and access to resources that will work toward fostering a culture of safety in the workplace. A prime focus of the alliance is to reduce and prevent exposure to the hazards in the oil and gas industry. Because of the success of the initial Alliance, Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA agree to update and renew this Agreement.

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

- To develop training and education programs regarding specific hazard recognition and prevention associated within the Wyoming oil and gas industry. The programs will aim to improve relationships and enhance education, and training, and ensure consistency for employees, managers, and supervisors in the oil and gas industry.
- To create a forum for employers and employees to work together in resolving workplace safety and health issues. Encourage individual employee participation from owners/operators as well as large and small service providers
- To promote, organize, and assist in the delivery of the OSHA 10/30 Hour Construction, and OSHA 10/30 Hour General Industry courses, and other applicable training for employees of the Wyoming oil and gas industry. Furthering the education of oil and gas employees will aid in decreasing the frequency and severity of incidents and injuries, and assist in achieving a goal of zero workplace fatalities.

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

- To promote and encourage WOGISA member participation in Wyoming OSHA's Consultation Services and employer recognition programs such as Employer Voluntary Technical Assistance Program (EVTAP), Wyoming OSHA Challenge Program, Cowboy Voluntary Protection Program (CVPP), and the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).
- To encourage WOGISA members and industry partners to build relationships with the personnel of the Wyoming OSHA Division to address health and safety issues.
- To promote and encourage the participation of owners, employees, managers, and supervisors in WOGISA committees.
- To promote and encourage participation in programs to enhance communication, assist in the identification of training and education needs, develop and coordinate applicable training, and share relevant safety information.
- To share information with industry safety and health professionals regarding WOGISA members' best practices or effective approaches. These results will be publicized through newsletters, bulletins, and

websites, such as www.wyomingworkforce.org (Wyoming OSHA) and www.wyomingsafety.org (WOGISA).

- To 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:

- To raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to workplace safety and health whenever perspective leaders of either entity address industry groups.
- To develop and disseminate workplace case studies, statistics and trends illustrating the business value of safety and health to the membership. Also, collaborate in these efforts with the Wyoming State Epidemiologist.
- To 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 of the meetings is to promote the development of innovative solutions in the workplace and to provide input on safety and health issues.


This renewed Alliance between Wyoming OSHA and WOGISA continues to provide WOGISA members an opportunity to participate in voluntary cooperative relationships for purposes such as training, education, outreach, and communication, 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.

The State of Wyoming, and Wyoming OSHA do not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this agreement, and each fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with respect to any action based on or occurring as a result of this Agreement.

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 21th day of JUNE, 2017.



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Honorable Governor of Wyoming, Matthew H. Mead