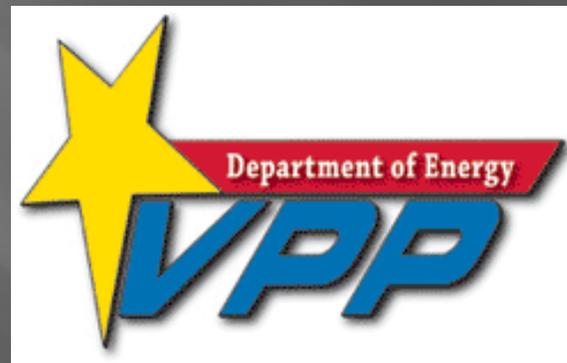
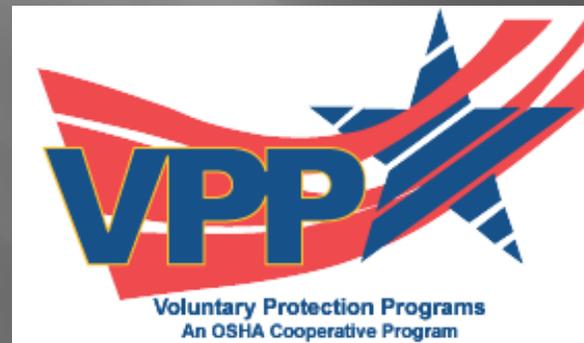
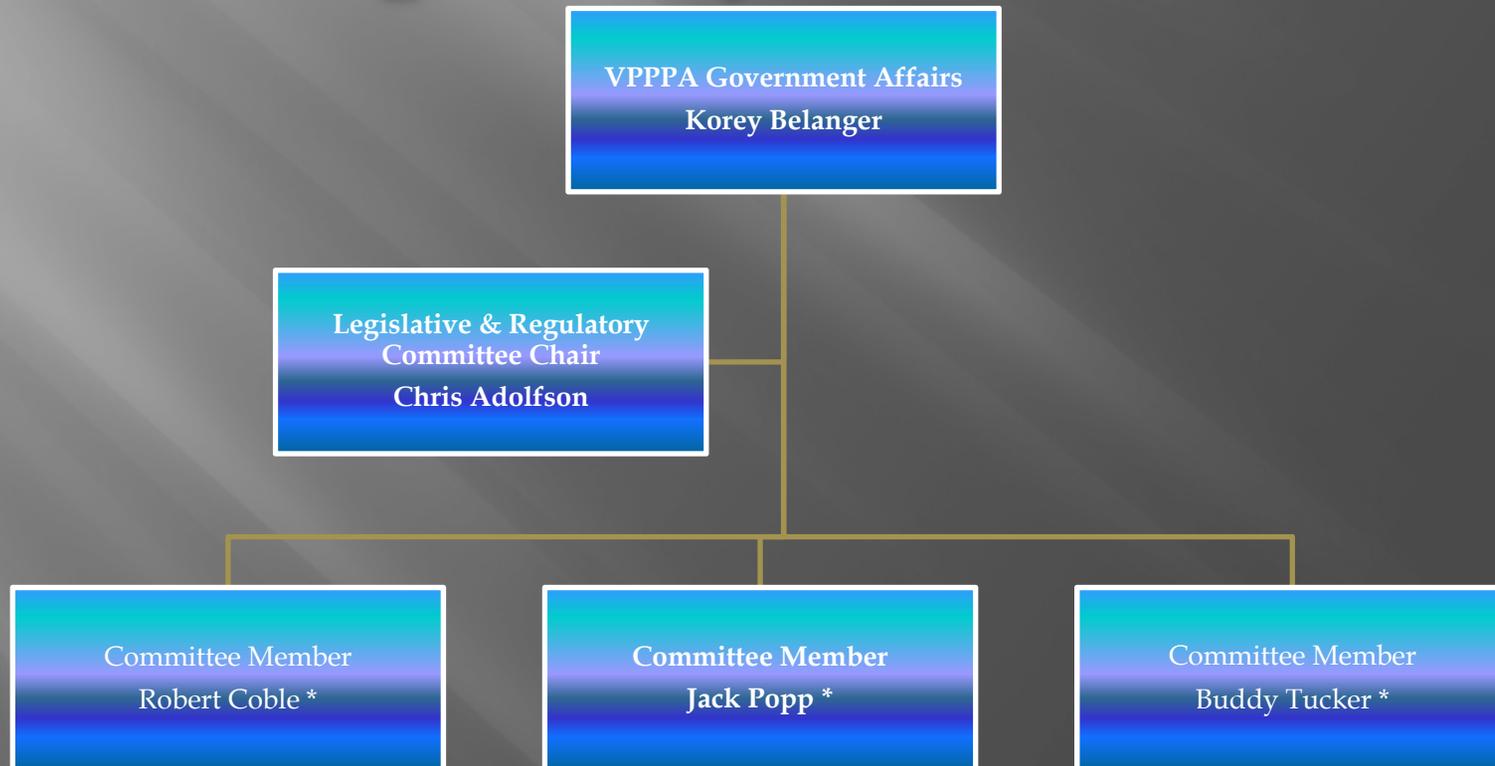


The Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association, Inc. (VPPPA) and Government Affairs



Government Affairs and Legislative and Regulatory Committee



* Denotes active committee member

VPPPA Government Affairs Committee

Mission: To provide education, leadership, guidance and support to the membership of VPPPA regarding legislative and regulatory development and provide input to regulators and legislators upon request in a proactive and cooperative spirit in the areas of safety and health.

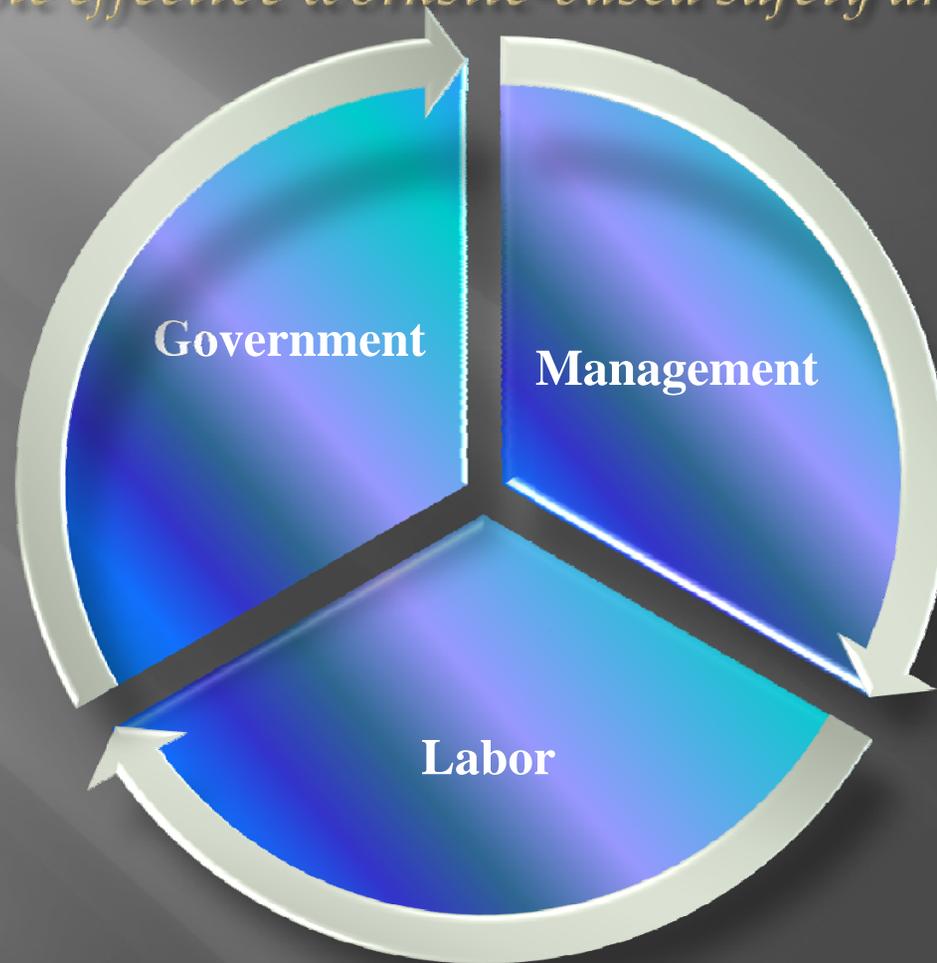
VPPPA Government Affairs Committee (cont'd)

It is important for VPPPA to continue to create awareness and growth for the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). However, compliance with 18 USC 1913 restricts certain activities:

“No part of the money appropriated by any enactment of Congress shall, in the absence of express authorization by Congress, be used directly or indirectly...to influence in any manner a Member of Congress...But this shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments or agencies from communicating to any such Member or official, at his request...”

VPP - A Cooperative Partnership

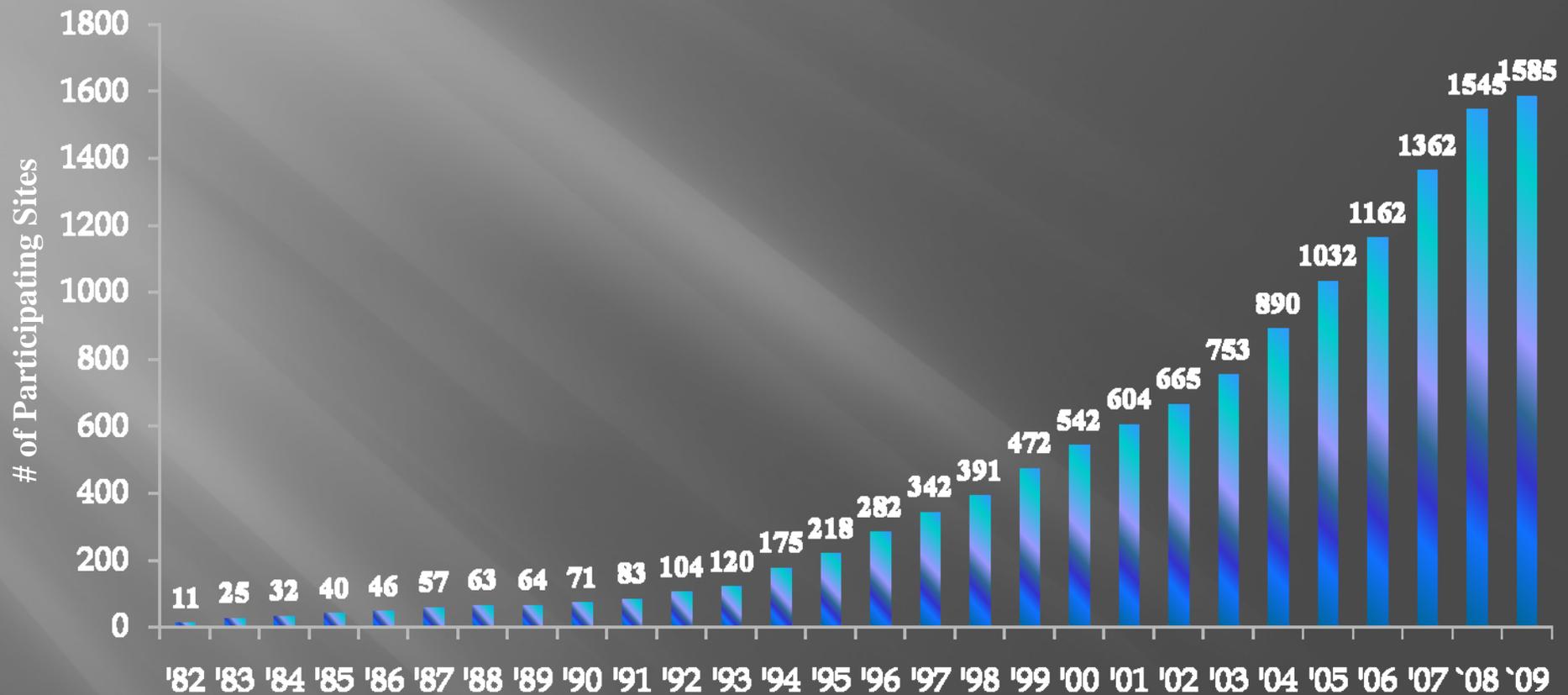
"To promote effective worksite-based safety and health"



Benefits of VPP

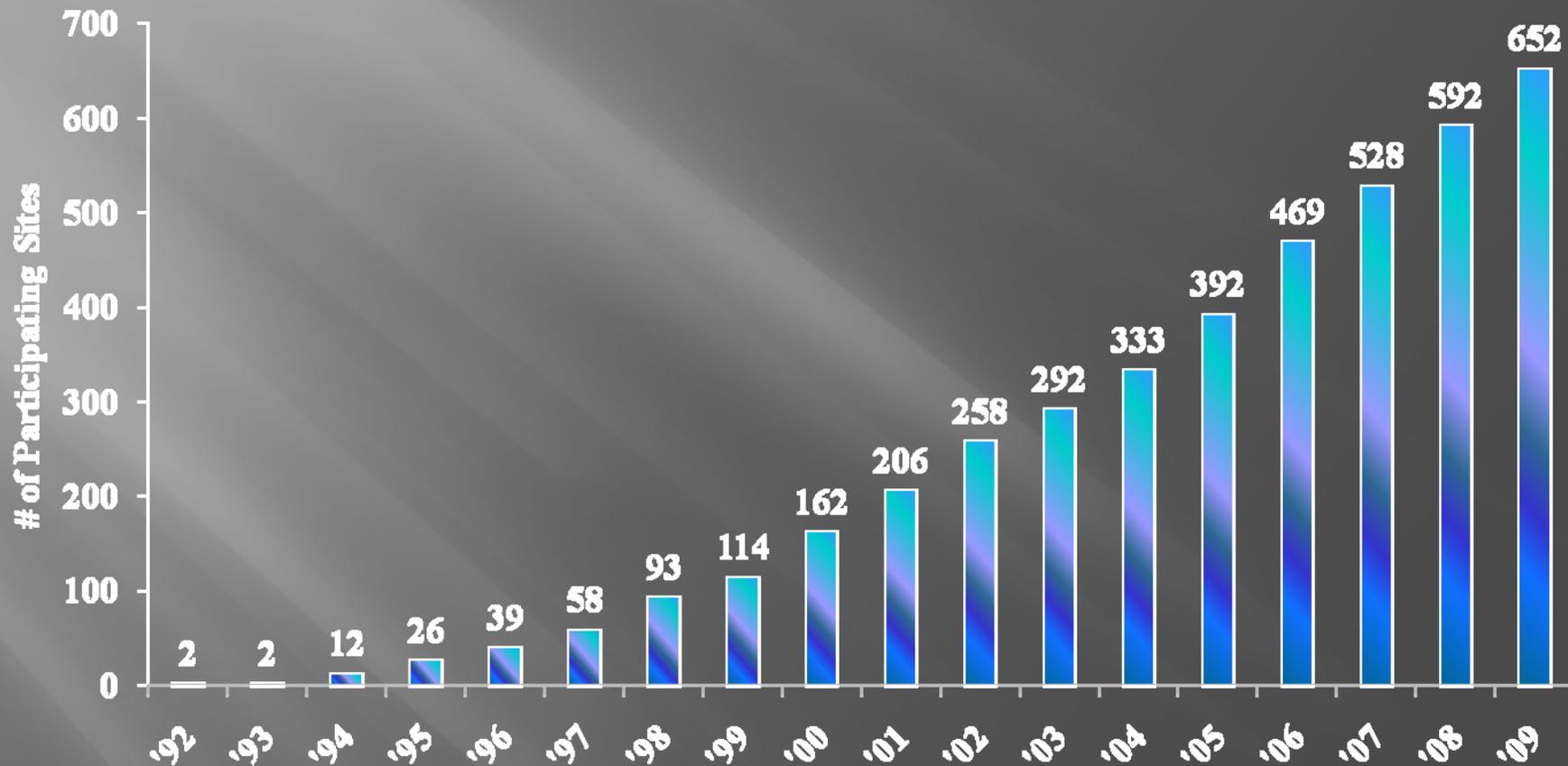


Growth of Federal VPP Sites



Source: OSHA, Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs 05/31/09

Growth of VPP State Plan States

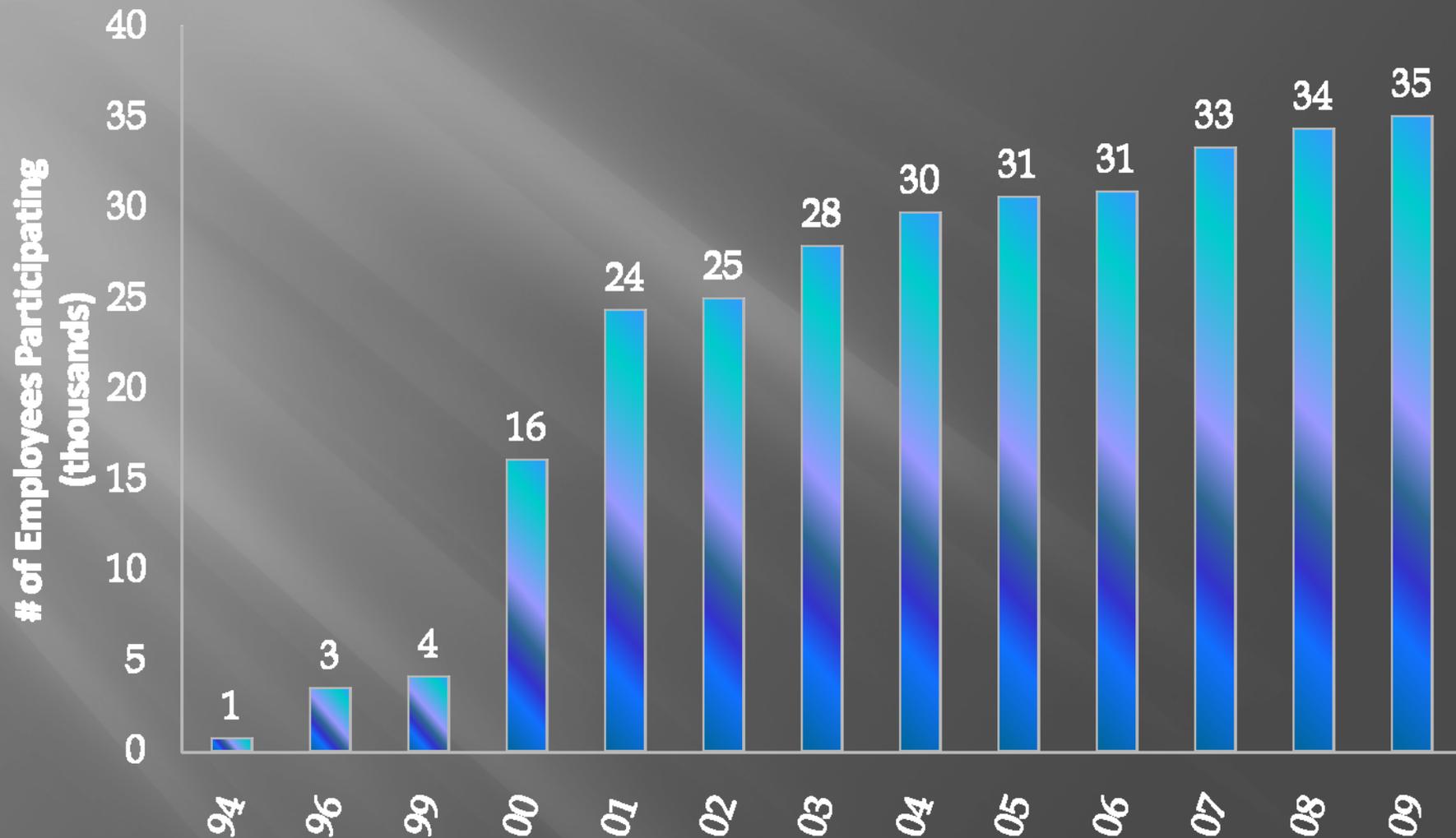


Government Affairs

8/31/2009

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Growth of DOE-VPP



VPP
**A Model for
Better
Government**

**VPP sites serve as
models in
development of
standards and assist
other companies in
VPP development**

**VPP promotes
innovation and
expansion of
cooperative programs**

**VPP fosters a
cooperative learning
environment**

**VPP assists OSHA
with developing
standards and
implementing
training programs**

VPP Participants' Association (VPPPA) – Our Mission



- ▣ To be a leader in health and safety excellence through cooperation among communities, workers, industries and governments.
 - To help guide worksites through the VPP process and/or help worksites maintain VPP status
 - To provide best practices for the workplace
 - To create a cooperative environment between labor and management
 - To provide networking and educational opportunities for members

VPP Milestones

- ▣ 1989 - SHMS Guidelines
- ▣ 1994 - SGE Program Launched
- ▣ 1997 - VPP for Federal Agencies
- ▣ 1998 - VPP Launches Demo for Construction
- ▣ 1999 - VPP Flag circles the globe aboard Columbia
- ▣ 2002 - VPPPA & Chapters take root in every Region
- ▣ 2002 - VPP Flag flies in Afghanistan
- ▣ 2003 - OSHA recognizes 1,000 participant
- ▣ 2004 - 3 C's Pilot Launched; All State Plans offer VPP
- ▣ 2006 - DoD selects VPP as SHMS model
- ▣ 2008 - Northern Ireland launches VPP-type Program; 2,000th VPP participant

2007 VPP Annual Program Data (National)

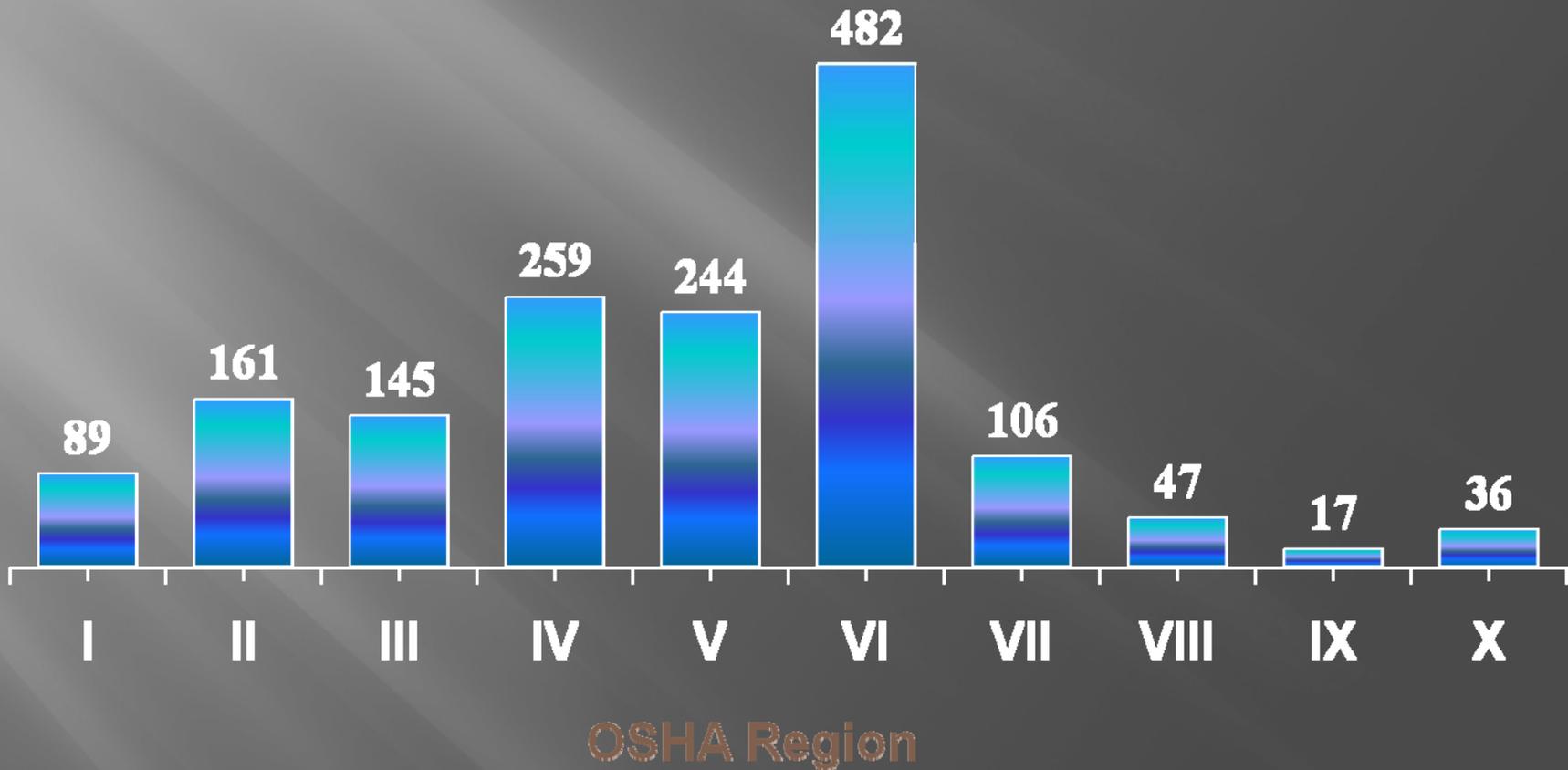
- ▣ VPP continues to demonstrate results in reducing injuries & illnesses
- ▣ 1,345 VPP participants saved more than \$300 million by avoiding DART in one year
- ▣ Federal Agencies in VPP saved the gov't more than \$59 million by avoiding DART injuries.

*The National avg. recordable rate per injury is \$61,000.

VPP Sites By Region

Federal Only

As of 6/30/09

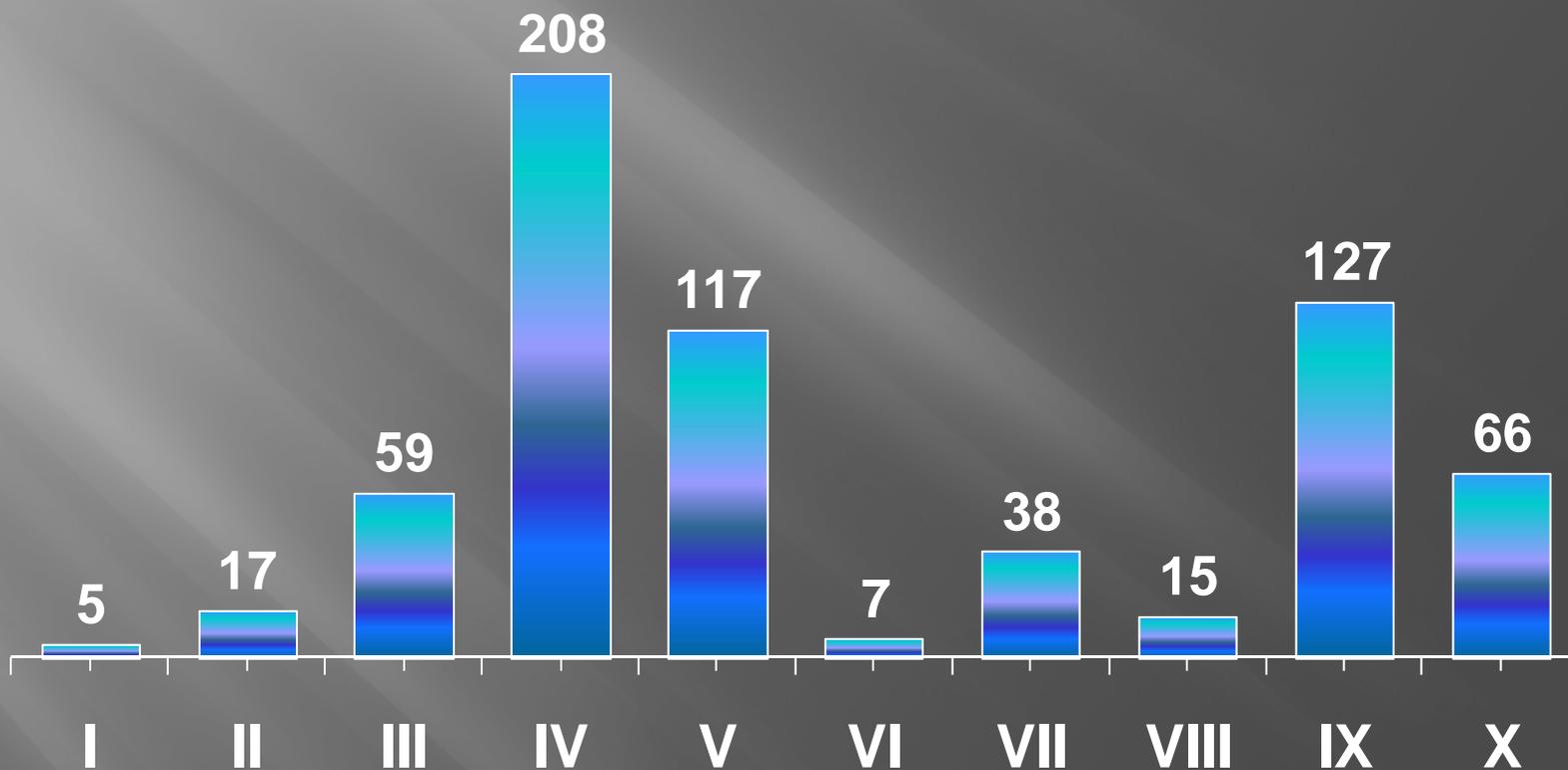


Source: OSHA, Office of Partnerships & Recognition

VPP Sites By Region

State Plan States Only

As of 6/30/09



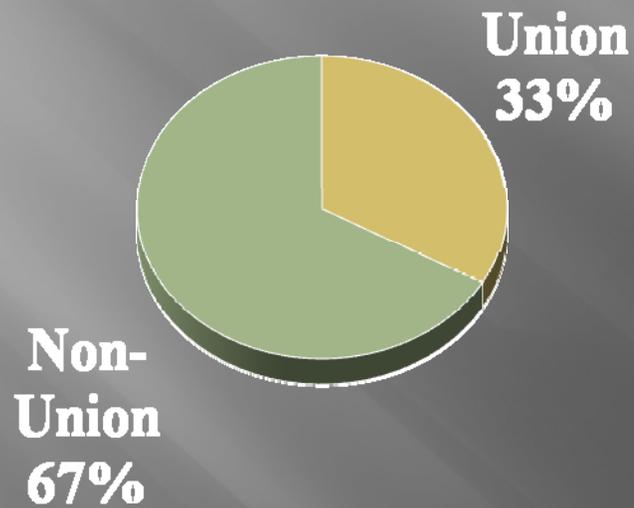
OSHA Region

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Union & Non-Union VPP Sites

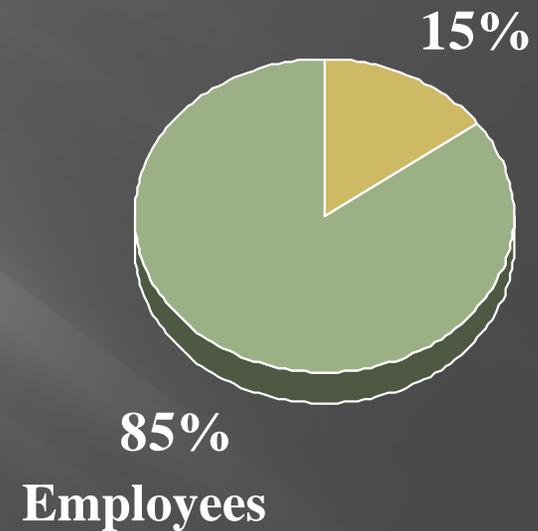
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Sites

Contractors



Employees

Source: OSHA, Office Partnerships & Recognition

2008 VPP Annual Program Data (Region 2)

- ▣ BLS TCIR % Below Industry Avg. -56%
- ▣ BLS DART % Below Industry Avg. -57%

*BLS - Bureau of Labor Statistics

*TCIR - Total Case Incident Rate

*DART - Days Away Restricted Transferred

2008 VPP Annual Program Data (at Paulsboro Refinery)

- ▣ Total TCIR Experienced **2**
- ▣ Total TCIR Industry Rate **9**
- ▣ Below Industry Rate **-44%**

*TCIR – Total Case Incident Rate

- ▣ Dollars Saved **\$305,000**



What VPPPA and Government Affairs Can Do

- ▣ Monitor Congress in order to inform and educate VPPPA members of congressional activities
- ▣ Provide resources for members to contact their local, state and federal representatives
- ▣ Respond to government and member requests
- ▣ Work cooperatively with OSHA, DOE and other agencies/departments, committees, coalitions and associations

What You Can Do

- ▣ Communicate with your elected officials: call, write or visit
 - Legislators want to hear from their constituents
 - Gain new perspectives on how the legislative and regulatory processes interact with the safety and health industry

On a not-so-busy day, a Congressional staffer receives approximately:

- 10 Letters
- 20 Phone Calls
- 10 Visits
- 10 Faxes
- 20 E-mails
- Total:350 Per Week

Making the Contact

Step 1

Decide which elected officials you need to contact and share your thoughts on current events and government policy. Below is the link to e-mail and postal addresses and phone numbers for key elected officials.

www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml

- ▣ [President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden](#) – Send questions, comments, concerns, or well-wishes to the President or his staff.
- ▣ [U.S. Senators](#) – Search for your senators by name, state or congressional class; and visit their websites.
- ▣ [U.S. Representatives](#) – Find contact information for your U.S. representative by typing in your zip code.
- ▣ [State Governors](#) – Select your state to access e-mail, telephone and postal contact information for your governor.
- ▣ [State Legislators](#) – Search for state legislators and topical legislative information, by U.S. states and territories.

Making Contact (cont'd)

Step 2

Send an e-mail. Check the Web site for an e-mail address and send your note directly. Check your spelling and facts. You lose credibility when you make mistakes. And if you refer to a specific piece of legislation, use the bill number.

Step 3

Call. You can look up the direct dial number for your elected official or call (202) 224-3121. That's the number for the U.S. Capitol switchboard and they can connect you.

Making Contact (cont'd)

Step 4

Use snail mail. Find the contact information for your elected official from the USA.gov Web site and send a letter. Many members feel this carries more weight than an email since it involves more time and effort. Always identify yourself, as anonymous letters or emails will be ignored, so provide your name, address, organization and a phone number where you can be reached. Write in your own words, as form letters are more likely to be ignored too.

Step 5

Schedule a meeting if needed. Contact your elected official's office and ask for an appointment. You may not get to see your elected official, but face time with an aide can be just as productive. If you aren't near Washington, contact your elected official's home office nearest you. It also has a full staff of people assigned to helping constituents like you.

What You Can Do

By communicating with members of Congress or local representatives to explain how state or federal government policies impact occupational safety and health at your workplace, you become a vital link between Washington, DC, and your town, and between statistics and reality.

Contact Information

If you need any additional information or have any questions on how to become an advocate, please contact:

- ▣ Korey Belanger, Government Affairs Coordinator,
GovernmentAffairs@vppppa.org
- ▣ Chris Adolfson, Legislative & Regulatory Chair,
Crystal.adolfson@inl.gov
- ▣ Find your respective regional representative or state coordinator:
 - ▣ www.house.gov
 - ▣ www.senate.gov