# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM



The OSHA On-site team recommended MCLB Albany be

# Recertified as a VPP Star Worksite

## **HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?**

When the OSHA team arrived on Monday, 12 Feb 18, they received a warm welcome by the Command and briefed by MCLB Albany employees and the Union on their perspective of our safety program.

On Tuesday, 13 Feb 18, the OSHA team reviewed our safety program documentation, annual audits, inspections, mishap reporting, injury logs, etc. and said our organization and presentation of the documentation for the evaluation was excellent.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the OSHA team conducted 15 formal employee interviews and 30 informal interviews. The team mentioned MCLB has a powerful safety culture and strong sense of family that works together and looks out for each other's safety.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the team visited all of our worksites and found four minor discrepancies that were corrected on the spot. The team made several positive recommendations to improve our safety program.



#### **POSITIVE REMARKS**

Some best practices and positive remarks made by the OSHA team include:

- VPP Passport which contains information about VPP, Commanding Officers Policies and sample interview questions.
- JHAs attached at the point of use, which ensures employees, have a physical safety reminder each time they approach the equipment.
- Rotation of weekly safety inspection to ensure a fresh set of eyes for each audit.

### **SUSTAINMENT**

It is so important to sustain a safety culture we worked hard to build. When new employees are assigned to our command, we need to work together and teach them how we do business.

It took the hard work of everyone in the Command to achieve this recommendation. It is exciting to say you work at a



**VPP STAR WORKSITE!** 







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