



Happy July 4th!
Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.

IN THE NEWS

[OSHA Helps Protect Against the Heat](#)



OSHA offers many tools on their website on how to advise employers on how to help their employees stay cool in the heat. OSHA offers a heat safety tool app that you can download to your Android or iPhone. PHASE Associates can conduct heat stress surveys to identify heat stress conditions and use a WBGT meter to monitor potential heat stress risk factors. Please contact [PHASE Associates](#) for more information.

[OSHA amended its Injury and Illness Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements](#)

The web page added an update icon by Electronic Submissions of Records. It states, "OSHA is not accepting electronic submissions of injury and illness logs at this time, and intends to propose extending the July 1, 2017 date by which certain employers are required to submit the information from their completed 2016 Form 300A electronically. Updates will be posted to this webpage when they are available." Contact [PHASE Associates](#) for additional help with this OSHA requirement.

[OSHA to hold public meeting to solicit suggestions for strengthening the Voluntary Protection Programs](#)

OSHA will hold a stakeholder meeting July 17, 2017, in Washington,

D.C., to discuss the future direction of the agency's Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). The discussion will include comments and suggestions from the public on potential avenues for action. To register for the meeting you must RSVP by July 10 at [VPP Stakeholder Meeting Registration](#). If you cannot attend in person, you can review a docket and sent comments by September 15, 2017 by [clicking here](#). The docket closes Sept. 15, 2017.



The budget for federal assistance efforts is expected to would increase and it appears that 100 VPP site approvals or renewals can be expected in fiscal year 2018.

A prime benefactor of the boosts would be the [Voluntary Protection Programs](#), an effort encouraging employers to implement safety and health programs and bring their injury and illness rates below industry averages as a continuous improvement process. In exchange for meeting VPP goals, OSHA exempts VPP sites from programmed inspections. The workplaces continue to be subject to accident and complaint inspections.

[PHASE Associates](#) has the expertise and experience to have successfully provided support for initial and renewal OSHA VPP approval certification. [Contact us](#) for more information about making your company VPP compliant.

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