



Focusing on the Standards

by Guy Benson

Paul Paget used to enforce the law. Now he coaches and mentors to ensure compliance of the safety standards as a Senior Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Specialist for Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., in Midland, Texas.

A former law enforcement officer, Paul left that as a full-time career in 2005 and began working in oilfield safety. When he started, he worked for a small Training/Environmental company.

Paul's desire to earn his CSHO began with his best friend, one of the company's owners. That friend got his CSHO safety training through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).



Paul explains, "My friend started me on this road in 2006 and through numerous challenges, I emerged with a dual CSHO - first in General Industry and more recently in Construction." "TEEX was a good asset in growing my knowledge and creating industry contacts as a resource of information."

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At Plains All American Pipeline, Paul emphasizes that safety is a driving value. “We value safety and that’s how it’s pushed forward. It’s dealing with the employee one on one.” Paul continues, “Because I’ve been taking training through TEEEX like forever, I’d like to think I can offer some guidance. When someone comes up with an idea, I can redirect them to OSHA standards and minimum requirements and how in some areas we can be better or where we should be meeting the minimum.”

He sums it up this way, “We look at the OSHA rules, regulations and standards and we see how they apply to your day-to-day work life.”



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