

## VCNA Prairie Receives IAAP Innovative Safety & Health Leadership Award

The IAAP's Safety Committee members developed the Innovative Safety & Health Leadership award with the expectation it will highlight practices by one company thereby providing others with an innovative example they may use at their own operations. The Committee grants this award to a company, workplace team, or individual demonstrating superior or exemplary contributions in safety & health leadership that engage employees with the understanding of what is needed to build and sustain an injury free workplace through their innovative and collective efforts.

VCNA Prairie's eDocs Fastfield program has increased employee involvement with hazard identification and risk assessment as they use an app on a phone or tablet to fill out and submit near miss reports, SLAMs conducted by hourly employees, and work observations by supervisors.

Often, reports are filled out by groups of employees working together on a task which generates a safety discussion about the job at hand. The app gives employees the option to take a photo of unusual situations which can be referenced later and shared with other employees. Electronic reports are instantly sent to the yard manger and the safety representative to review and offer feedback quickly.



Jennifer Pavlich will illustrate how the app works and the steps VCNA Prairie has taken to implement this innovative approach to safety at next year's Aggregate Miner Safety Conference. It could help your company too.



Jennifer Pavlich (VCNA Prairie) accepted the award from Jason Schlee, IAAP Safety Committee Chairman, during convention

Since implementation in 2016, data and trends are being analyzed showing common hazards and issues that may require more training and helps generate discussion topics for toolbox talks.

Because the app is easy to use, the safety culture has strengthened, supervisors and employees are more engaged than ever before and are continually reminded of potential hazards.