



Annual Alliance Report

**Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (VOSH)
DC NECA & IBEW Local Union 26 Alliance**

2025 Overview

The Alliance between the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) program, the National Electrical Contractors Association (DC NECA), and IBEW Local Union 26 continues to support the shared goal of reducing workplace injuries through collaboration, training, and outreach. This partnership focuses on electrical hazard awareness, safety training, and strengthening industry knowledge to promote safer workplaces.

Key Accomplishments (2025)

Electrical Safety Workshop Development & Delivery

A significant milestone for the Alliance this year was the development and delivery of an electrical safety workshop through a collaborative effort between DC NECA, IBEW Local 26, and VOSH.

- October 21: Workshop presented at the VOSH Institute for Learning and Outreach (VILO) to external stakeholders, enhancing industry-wide awareness of electrical hazards and safe work practices.
- October 22: Workshop repeated for internal VOSH staff, strengthening internal subject matter expertise and consistency in enforcement and outreach efforts.

This initiative directly supports the Alliance's objective of creating comprehensive and engaging training materials tailored to varied audiences.

Collaborative Training & Engagement

Alliance partners demonstrated continued commitment to shared learning and cross-organizational collaboration by participating in each other's training and events:

- VOSH staff attended DC NECA monthly meetings and training sessions, fostering stronger relationships and knowledge exchange.
- DC NECA representatives participated in the VILO Trench Safety Summit, contributing industry expertise and supporting broader safety initiatives.

These engagements reinforce the Alliance's emphasis on subject matter expertise and cooperative training opportunities.

Alliance Board Engagement

The Alliance Board convened multiple times throughout the year to:

- Review progress toward Alliance goals
- Share updates on outreach and training activities
- Identify emerging safety topics and priorities

Regular meetings ensured alignment with the Alliance agreement and maintained momentum toward achieving program objectives.

Impact

Through coordinated outreach, training, and stakeholder engagement, the Alliance has:

- Expanded access to high-quality electrical safety training
 - Strengthened collaboration between regulatory and industry partners
 - Enhanced both external stakeholder awareness and internal VOSH expertise
 - Supported the development of a more proactive safety culture across the electrical industry
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Plans for the Upcoming Year

The Alliance will continue to build on this year's successes with the following planned initiatives:

- Develop and deliver a new workshop in 2026, with a potential focus on data center hazards, an emerging area of risk in the electrical industry
- Continue quarterly Alliance Board meetings to guide strategy and evaluate progress
- Expand collaborative training opportunities between VOSH, DC NECA, and IBEW Local 26
- Pursue additional outreach and engagement efforts to reach broader stakeholder audiences

Conclusion

The ongoing partnership between VOSH, DC NECA, and IBEW Local Union 26 remains a strong example of how collaboration can drive meaningful improvements in workplace safety. The Alliance looks forward to continued success and new opportunities to advance electrical safety and health across the industry.