



Dawson Geophysical Company has been recognized by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Worker's Compensation (TDI-DWC) for its outstanding safety program. Dawson has been presented with the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) award.

The SHARP award recognizes employers for exemplary safety management programs with low incidence rates of work-related injuries and illnesses after participation in the TDI-DWC Occupational Safety and Health Consultation (OSHCON) program.

For Dawson Geophysical the process to work toward SHARP status approval just seemed to be the next step in the improvement of the Dawson Health, Safety, Security and Environmental Management System (the System). The System requires an audit by a third party on a scheduled basis. The System had been audited by a consultant according to IAGC (International Association of Geophysical Contractors) standards and twice against the UK based OGP (Oil & Gas Producers) standards. The Company identified the OSHA OSHCON SHARP program while looking for a consultant qualified to audit the System against OSHA standards. In order to gain SHARP status, OSHCON was invited to come in as part of Dawson's open door policy and take part in the third-party auditing process. The Dawson field operation's support facility underwent a 14 month full-service OSHCON consultation process, which involved correction of all hazards identified by the consultation and DART (Days Away Restricted Time) and TCR (Total Case Rate) injury and illness incidence rates below the national average for the industry. On November 11, 2009 the Dawson Field Office and Maintenance Facility located at 2501 Commerce Drive in Midland, Texas earned the certification.

Dawson has now begun the next step and is working toward the OSHA Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Certification which is a three year process that promotes effective worksite-based safety and health. In the VPP, the Company and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system.