

## Improving Contractor Safety

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Safety has always been the number one priority for all railroads. We want to make sure that all co-workers go home safely every day. This philosophy also holds true for railroad contractors as well.

At Union Pacific, we are strengthening our approach to contractor safety and finding that it pays dividends for our business as well as the contractors'. In UP's Site Remediation area, we have found that each contractor is safety conscious and has excellent safety records. Each vendor readily shares safety performance information within their own company as a means of increasing awareness and of continual improvement. But generally, that was where the sharing ended. We asked why. If sharing safety information could help improve safety performance, why limit ourselves? Why not share the information across the entire program?

With that goal in mind, Union Pacific is developing a system to integrate safety observations of all Site Remediation contractors. Using this system, contractors use a common database. Through the database, safety notifications or updates can then be sent to all vendors when an issue occurs. Additionally, the information can be reviewed to identify safety trends - by company, by activity, by location, or by weather event. All information can then provide additional proactive insights for use by all to improve safety performance.

This presentation will outline the approach, share details on the database, and open a dialogue on further opportunities to improve safety.

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