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2019 Steel Fabricated Product Award Winners

Winners were announced in April for the 2019 Steel Product/Project of the Year Awards. The announcement took place during the online Business Meeting. Awards were given in 13 categories.

[Photos and descriptions of the 2019 winners and entries are posted on STI/SPFA's website.](#)

Winners of the Steel Water Pipe awards were previously announced at the pipe section meeting in January 2020. The entries utilized a total of more than 160,000 tons of steel. Winners were voted upon by members of the association based on four criteria:

- Promotional value: Promotes the value of steel fabrication
- Uniqueness of product/project: Shows originality and versatility
- Design and engineering: Excels in technical aspects
- Aesthetics: Has visual appeal

[Read about the winners and find more information...](#)

Update on STI/SPFA Education

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have rescheduled several STI Cathodic Protection (CP) and SP001 classes originally scheduled for 2020.

With an abundance of caution, it has been our priority

COVID Resources for STI/SPFA Members

STI/SPFA has added COVID resources to the Members Only section of the website. In April, STI/SPFA hosted a COVID-19 Town Hall Webinar. A recording of that presentation is available on the webpage, as well as links to guidance from CDC and OSHA. [Visit the Members Only section of the website...](#)

New Safety & Health Consultant for STI/SPFA Members

Beginning June 1st, Paul Oliver has been contracted as STI/SPFA's Safety & Health Consultant. Paul most recently served as the Senior Vice President, Global HSE for CB&I before retiring in May 2018. He has more than forty-five years of diverse professional experience managing occupational safety, health, environmental, and security programs. As a member benefit, he can be contacted with questions you may have about Safety & Health in your business. Paul can be contacted at pauloliver2015@yahoo.com, or by phone at (832) 246-2250.

STI/SPFA Hosts Online Business Meeting & Awards Presentation

Due to COVID-19, the in-person Annual Meeting

to create a safe and healthy environment for our attendees and instructors. We continue to maintain close contact with the class sites to monitor the situation, including state regulations.

[For details and an updated CP class schedule, please visit the CP class page.](#)

[For details and an updated SP001 class schedule, please visit the SP001 class page.](#)

If you have questions about any of these courses or recertification, please contact Tiffany Multra, Technical Education & Certifications Coordinator, at tmultra@steeltank.com.

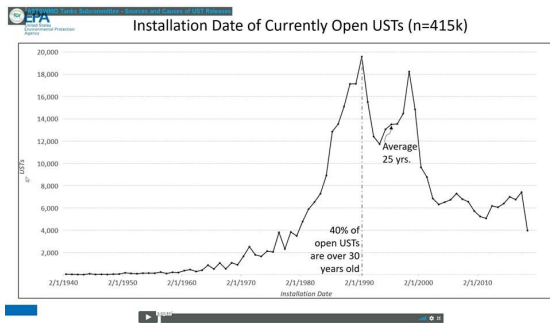
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ASTSWMO Presentation- Sources & Causes of UST Releases

Members of the four ASTSWMO Task Forces, led by the LUST Task Force, held a webinar for EPA and States on the sources and causes of UST releases on April 23, 2020. A couple of topics to note in this webinar:

Alex Hall (EPA ORD) discussed his analysis of the EPA National Database for UST and LUST. His analysis included a review of specific States' data looking at causes of releases, tank construction, tank age, and some broad national trends

Chris Marks (AZ DEQ) will discuss corrosion and degradation that has been observed internally and externally in UST systems in relationship to source and cause.



[View the presentation here...](#)

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USDA Webinar on HBIIP Grant Funding

The Renewable Fuels Association presented a webinar on the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) grant program on May 22nd. The USDA designed the HBIIP to increase availability of higher blends of ethanol, such as E15 and biodiesel (B20).

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Emerging Leaders Conference Postponed

slated to take place in early April had to be canceled. On April 30th, STI/SPFA hosted an online Business Meeting & Awards Presentation. This meeting included STI/SPFA updates and announced the winners of the 2019 Steel Fabricated Product Awards and recipients of the 2019 Safety Awards, as well as Top Gallonage Producers for 2019.

[You can view a recording of the presentation, or a PDF of the slides in the Members Only section of the website.](#)

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2019 Safety Awards

The 2019 Safety Awards were presented during the online Business Meeting.

Awards include the Safety Diamond Club Award, Safety Award of Excellence, and the Safety Award of Achievement. The three award categories are described below:

Safety Diamond Club Award

The Safety Diamond Club Award is presented to any Fabricator or Affiliate Member who experienced the appropriate amount of man-hours or time worked without an OSHA recordable incident for five consecutive years.

Safety Award of Excellence

Recognizing member companies whose employees have experienced a ZERO (0.00) OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate for the previous calendar year.

Safety Award of Achievement

Recognizing Member companies that experienced a minimum 10% reduction in the OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate, with no fatalities, during the 2019 calendar year, as compared with the average Total Recordable Incident Rate for the three previous years.

[A list of recipients can be found here...](#)

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Update Regarding the 2021 STI/SPFA Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held January 23-26th at the Fairmont El San Juan Hotel in Carolina, Puerto Rico. The safety and health of our members is invaluable, therefore STI/SPFA has been in contact with the Fairmont to see what changes they have implemented at the hotel due to COVID-19.

The Fairmont's response is that their high standard of hygiene and cleanliness has always been a priority but the COVID-19 pandemic demands that they elevate those standards even further; therefore, they have launched the ALLSAFE label, which represents some of the most stringent cleaning standards & operational procedures in the hospitality industry. [A list of operational procedures currently mandated by the Fairmont San Juan Hotel can be found here.](#)

All standards will be reviewed and re-evaluated regularly to ensure relevance and maximum efficacy,

The Emerging Leaders Conference planned for October 2020 has been postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19. Last year's sold-out event included leadership and industry speakers, a plant tour of Kennedy Tank & Manufacturing Co., Inc. and an evening networking event. Work had already started on the 2020 event, and STI/SPFA staff and members who participate in planning are disappointed, but believe this is the best decision in such an uncertain environment.

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Field Erected Tank Section to Present Course at API Conference

The STI/SPFA Field Erected Tank Section will be giving a one-day Field Erected Storage Tank Fundamentals Course (for API 650 industrial tanks) at the API Tank Conference on October 13th in Nashville, TN.

[More information can be found here...](#)

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Steel Pipe Section Meeting to Be Held Virtually

The STI/SPFA Steel Pipe Section will hold a virtual section meeting on Friday, June 12th in lieu of the in-person meeting normally held in conjunction with the AWWA ACE Conference and the SWPMTAC technical standards review meeting. If you would like to receive details about the virtual meeting please contact David Reed at dreed@steeltank.com.

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Attention Shop Fabricated Licensees

- UL is now performing virtual inspections via online mechanisms to perform their regular inspections. Facilities need to have a real time mechanism to participate in these inspections (i.e. Zoom, Skype, Android phone, Goto Meeting, Teams) and must have wireless access to their entire shop that could be subject to inspection. STI members should be ready to respond to a request.
- The Generator base tank standard is being updated to allow tanks up to 103" tall. If you have questions about this standard, please contact Joe Mentzer, Standard Engineer, at jmentzer@steeltank.com.
- UL is sending letters to UL file holders to plan the review of their storage tank related files in anticipation of the revised UL 142, edition 10, and the introduction of UL 142A. The published effective date for these changes is March 15, 2021. If you receive one of these letters please notify the [STI Technical Department](#), and provide us a copy of the letter so we can assist members during the review of the STI held files.

The most current Specification, Technical Bulletins,

and are subject to change based on the guidance of the WHO, CDC & PHAC, AHLA & USTA, and local health and government authorities.

These are some of the processes currently in place at the Fairmont and will be updated accordingly. All guest requests will be carried out in a thoughtful manner with your safety top of mind!

We hope that we can see you all at the 2021 Annual Meeting!

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NAM Reports on Manufacturers Outlook for Second Quarter

The vast majority of manufacturers have kept their doors open, according to the [Manufacturers' Outlook Survey](#) for the second quarter of 2020.

The bottom line: Despite a historic drop in optimism to 33.9% from last quarter's 75.6% and challenging business conditions, the vast majority (98.7%) of manufacturers have continued or only temporarily halted operations.

Combating the virus: The survey also shows that manufacturers are finding innovative solutions to keep businesses running and to protect workers and communities:

* **Almost 22%** are retooling to produce personal protective equipment

* **67%** are reengineering processes to reflect COVID-19 safety protocols

* **12%** are completely reevaluating the mission of the firm

Next steps: The NAM has been urging policymakers to take up its "[American Renewal Action Plan](#)" and to enact targeted liability reforms that will protect businesses that take part in the COVID-19 response effort.

NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons: "While these numbers show that we've faced difficult circumstances and that there is a challenging road ahead, manufacturers have proven that with our grit, determination and patriotic spirit, we can overcome any challenge facing the nation."

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Member News

We love to include news about our members.

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[Newberry Tanks' 'New Thinking' Receives Multiple Honors at The American Business Awards@](#)

Affiliate member **alliantgroup** hosted a Cybersecurity Webinar for STI/SPFA members in April. To learn more about alliantgroup or the webinar you can contact STI/SPFA staff.

Fred Ruinen of **Fisher Tank Company** was named Vice President

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and related documents can be found [here](#). You will need to log in with your member username and password to access the page. If you do not have access to the Members Only section of our website and need a username/password, please contact Elizabeth Whitney, ewhitney@steeltank.com, to request your member login credentials.

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Welcome New Members!

We're glad you've joined us! We hope that your member benefits will help better your business. Be sure to explore www.steeltank.com.

FABRICATOR MEMBERS

- Cal Valley Equipment LLC
- Hennig Inc.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- Core & Main LP

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We'd Love Your Ideas

STI/SPFA is looking to expand webinar and online education offerings. Do you have an idea or topic you'd like to see presented? You can submit ideas to kbruce@steeltank.com.

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About The Insider

The Insider is STI/SPFA's Members-Only e-newsletter, reporting news and information about the association, its members, and its activities on their behalf. To comment or submit copy, contact Katie Bruce, STI/SPFA Communications Manager at kbruce@steeltank.com.

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STI/SPFA News

Tim O'Toole was recently hired to replace Wayne Geyer as Executive Vice President. Geyer plans to retire at the end of 2020. Tim can be contacted at totoole@steeltank.com. [Read the full press release...](#)

Joe Mentzer has been with STI/SPFA as Standards Engineer since June 2019. Joe covers Aboveground Storage Tank information, answers member questions about STI/SPFA technologies, sits on a number of committees, and presents at various conferences and events. He was hired to replace Dana Schmidt who retired in the Fall of 2019. Joe can be contacted at jmentzer@steeltank.com.

A Benchmarking Survey is under consideration for STI/SPFA members. If you have thoughts or interest in a Benchmarking project please contact Tim O'Toole at totoole@steeltank.com.

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See It First...

Follow [STI/SPFA's LinkedIn company page](#) for industry news and conversation. STI/SPFA has both a company page, a [Steel Water Pipe Section Showcase Page](#) and a [Shop Fab Fuel Tank Section Showcase Page](#).



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