



Cultivating Safety

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Objectives –

- Define safety compliance, culture, and systems
- Help initiate brewery safety commitment and culture
- Share ideas for maintaining participation and awareness
- Provide basic tools and methods for measuring safety performance
- Discuss hazard identification, risk minimization and control implementation
- Open channels for safety communication and discussion

Safety Survey

- Fall 2014: survey of BA community safety needs and safety awareness
- 79 participants (3% of BA registered breweries responded)
- 70% new to safety
- 91% believed in practicing safety
- 67% believed safety is to be practiced by all
- 82% believed practicing safety is a requirement



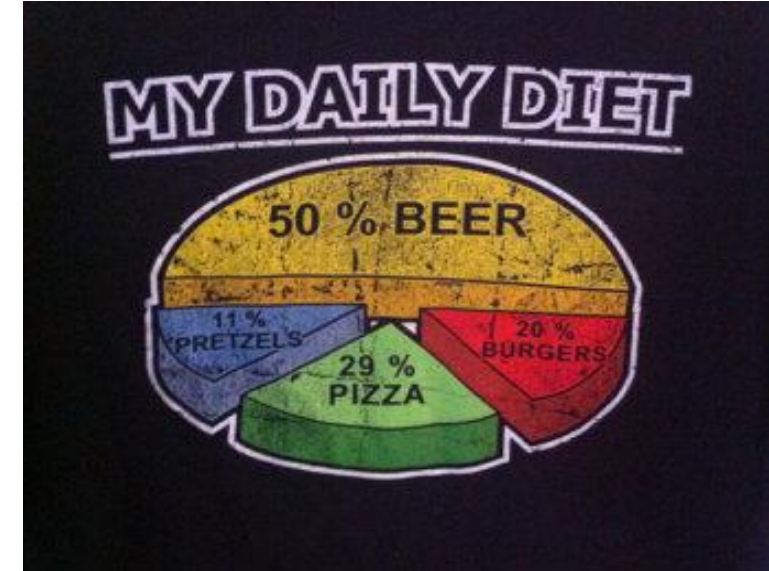
Good Points

- Over 80% of managers reported:
 - Demonstrating safe behavior, following safety rules, fixing hazards, and communicating safety messages
- Over 90% reported that employees:
 - ID hazards follow safety rules
 - 80% help improve unsafe conditions
 - 60% hold co-workers accountable and attend safety meetings
- Overall:
 - Had some level of written safety protocols and procedures



Room for Improvements

- Accountability
 - Better enforcement by management
 - Safety not integrated into personal performance evaluations
- Allocation of MONEY
 - Only 17% reported financially supporting safety efforts
 - 56% do not have defined safety roles or responsibilities
 - Many reported not having any industrial safety experience
- Allocation of time
 - Recordkeeping, tracking, and setting goals
 - Providing training and communication
 - Routine safety meetings and hazard assessments
 - Safety procedures and documents



Expressed Safety Needs

- Time

- For writing and organizing a Safety and Health Management System
- Allotting ample time to get a job done safely
- To start being safe in general

- Training

- How to integrate safety compliance into training
- Using right resources and best practices

- Resources

- Safety compliance guide and safety language brewers can understand
- Safety technology and safety design/engineering



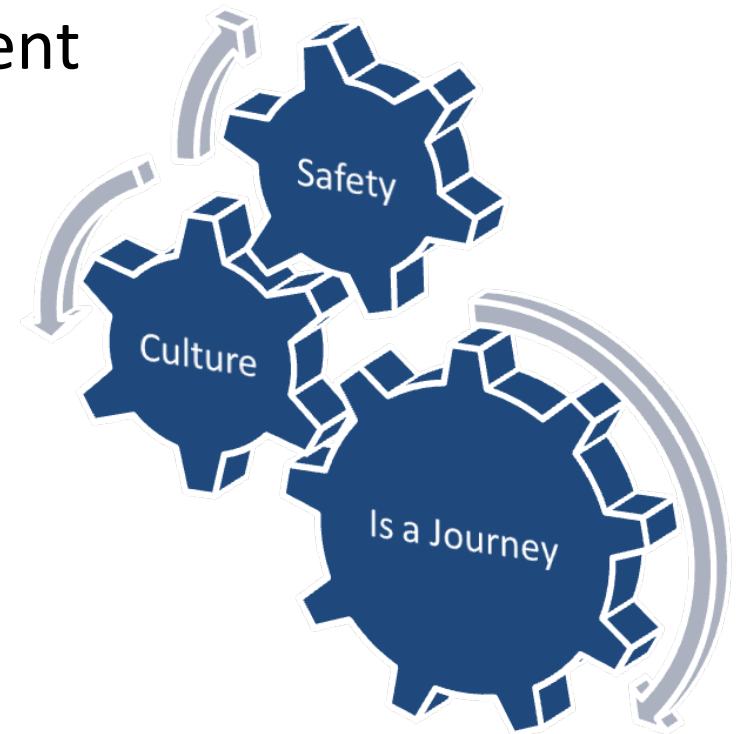
What is Safety?

- The condition of being protected from danger or injury
- Safety is a process meant to be constantly evolving and improving
- In a brewery it refers to:
 - Being aware of common hazards
 - Acting on hazards before someone gets hurt
 - Practicing proper techniques
 - USING COMMON SENSE



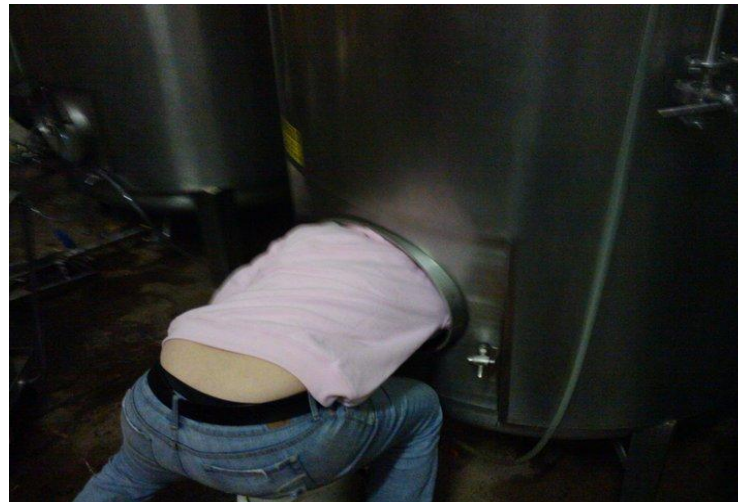
What is Safety Culture?

- More than just OSHA compliance
 - Regulations are the bare minimum standards for safety success
- Safety commitment, participation, and involvement
 - Supporting and maintaining a safe work environment
- Positive awareness and consideration for safety
- Regular communication and discussion
- Involves scheduling, support, and organization



Why Safety?

- We care about our employees and coworkers
- We save money, time and other limited resources
- It is the law
 - It takes one smart or disgruntled employee
 - It takes one catastrophic injury or fatality



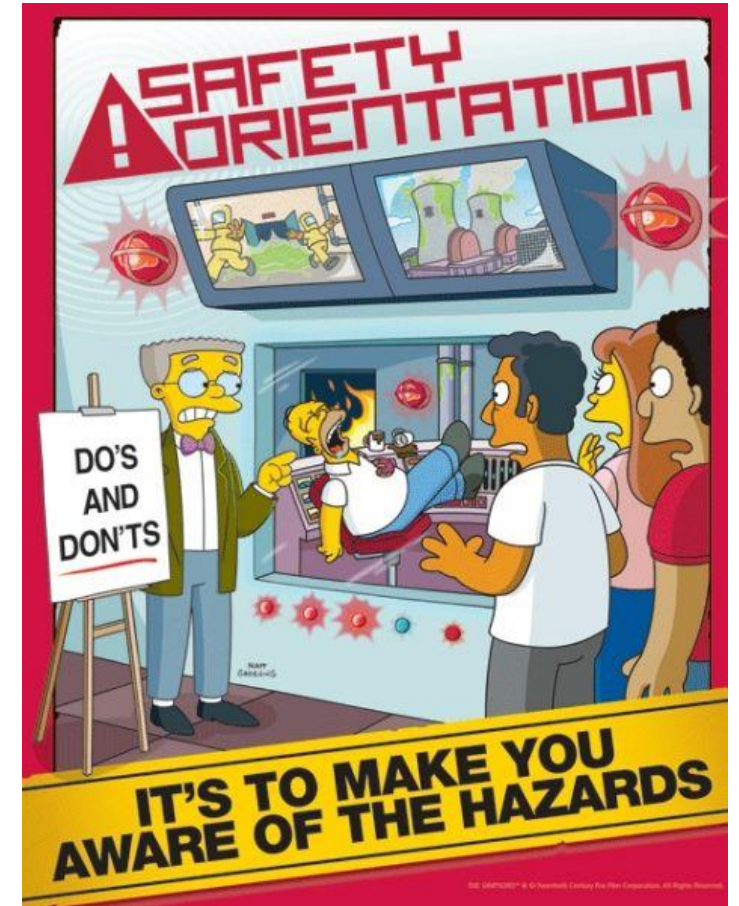
Valuing vs. Prioritizing Safety



- **Priorities** can change and fluctuate between levels of focus and importance
- **Values** maintain a constant level of focus and importance
- Examples:
 - Safety-oriented decisions and safe behaviors are second nature to management and staff
 - Safety is viewed as a positive benefit to a business rather than a barrier
 - Safety performance is measured in order to allow for continual improvement

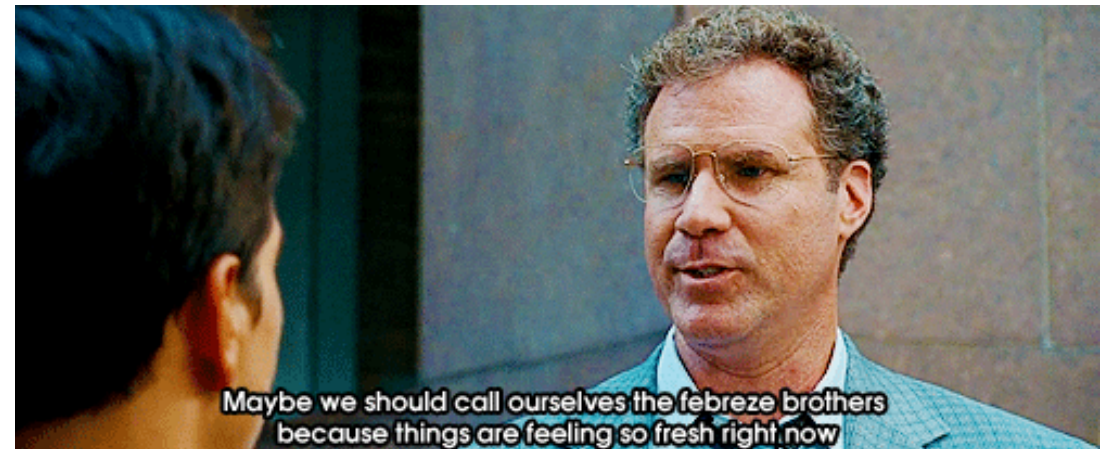
How can I get started?

- Just Start!
 - Safety is an ongoing process
 - No system is perfect
 - Failures may happen
 - Improvement is continual
 - Start small and don't be overwhelmed
 - Something is always better than nothing



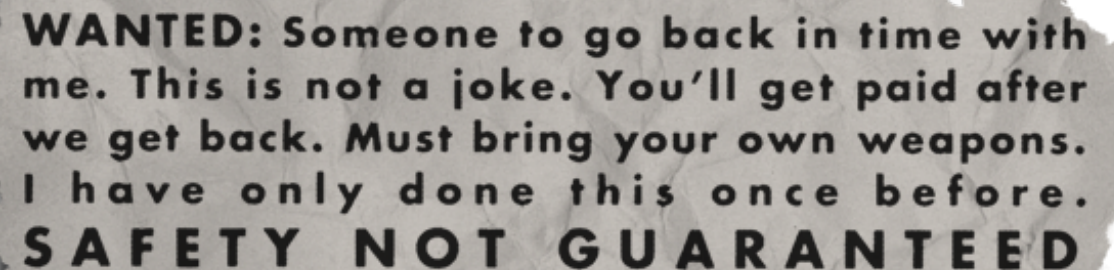
Safety Startup

- Schedule one 30-45 minute meeting to establish safety as a value by all
 - Have each person state one reason for:
 - Why safety is important to them
 - How they would like to see safety practiced at the brewery
 - Make your own definition for safety
 - What does safety mean to YOU?
 - Avoid dictionary or OSHA definitions



Start-up (cont'd)

- Come up with a list of at least ten safety rules
 - To be followed by everyone (including higher ups)
 - Everyone should be holding themselves and others accountable
 - Use these to eventually make a safety policy for everyone to enforce, and abide by.
- Brainstorm on:
 - Ways to recognize and reward safe behavior
 - How to correct actions that violate the rules
- It is up to managers to decide if safety is a condition of employment
 - Begin expressing this idea now



WANTED: Someone to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. I have only done this once before.
SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED

Establishing Safety Needs

- Decide what your specific safety needs are and address them.
 - Ask employees about:
 - What is currently done to practice/promote safety?
 - What do they like/dislike/ and how can it be made better?
 - What in the brewery has caused them injury (or near miss)?
- Prioritize YOUR needs: what requires attention first
- Take 5:
 - Set 5 safety goals based on what YOUR top 5 needs are
 - Try to achieve within the next 1-3 months.
 - Try to make the goals SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely)



Follow Through

- Make sure the goals are achieved.
 - This may require taking time out of production
 - Could overlap with maintenance
- Goal status updates—recurring and cyclical
 - To reinforce value and accountability
- Don't ignore specific safety issues or concerns
 - Prevent “Why should I report anything if it's never fixed?”



Keep Momentum Going

In addition to regular meetings:

- Encourage staff to update each other about
 - Daily or current hazards to be aware of
 - Shift change or at weekly production or staff meetings.
- Allow for workers to have a questioning attitude
 - Let anyone call a “time out” on production to discuss impromptu safety planning or hazardous conditions
- Assign safety responsibilities or nominate a safety champion
- Act as ambassador for communicating safety between organizational levels or between shifts



Momentum and Material for Meetings

- Create opportunities for ongoing safety communication
 - Schedule one 30 minute safety meeting each month
 - Share lessons learned and recognize workers demonstrating excellence in safety (caught in the act of safe behavior)
 - Discuss progress of current/ongoing safety needs and goals
 - Bring up and brainstorm on new safety needs and goals
 - Hold special topic trainings
 - (safe keg handling, chemical handling safety, or even present on an OSHA compliance topic such as confined spaces or Lock-Out-Tag-Out)



Small Steps to Improving Safety

- Better Planning
 - Workers are inheritors of poor system design and poor management decisions
 - Limit overloading staff with tasks and/or hours
 - Set achievable schedules/workload to minimize distractions and stress
- Better Training
 - Develop specific training parameters and qualifications
 - Training and frequent re-training is important
 - Hazard identification skills and anticipating outcomes
- Better Recordkeeping
 - Injuries/illnesses/process mistakes/near misses
 - Determines trends and helps anticipate where problems may occur



Management Support

- Accept that safety is a value and priority
 - It is inevitable that someone WILL get hurt
- Resources—time and money
- Trend Setting—set an example of safe brewing practices
- Enforcing—constant and consistent safety participation
- Maintaining
 - Follow through
 - Setting goals for improvements
- Communicating
 - Trainings, meetings, demonstrations, lessons learned, questioning attitude



As an employee, what can I do?

- Integrate safety into everyday operations
 - Point out areas of concern
 - Explain how you think you can improve them
- Decide the best way to communicate this to the leadership.
 - One-on-one discussion?
 - Bringing up the topic at a production meeting?
 - Email?
- Keep it respectful, constructive, and objective.
 - A good manager will see the value your concerns and support you
- In the end, your employer is required by law to provide you with a safe and healthy work environment



Employee Participation

- Following the rules—internal policies and compliance regulations
- Maintaining safe workplace
 - Housekeeping
 - Mindful work—staying aware and alert
- Hazard identification and ownership
 - If something seems wrong, say something
 - If problem can be controlled, fix it
- Accountability—we are all responsible for safety
- Extra participation
 - Safety Champion, Ask for training, Participate in audits, assessments, program development, present about a safety topic at a meeting



Manageable goals

- SMART Goals

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Realistic
- Timely

- Examples:

- Manager to discuss chemical safety for 15 minutes at 1 meeting this month
- Assistant brewer to develop a brewery chemical inventory by the end of the month
- Head brewer to review hazard communication standard and train staff on GHS by end of Q2

DOCK SAFETY!



Be sure to Chock when your on the Dock!



What is a safety program?

- Safety program = Safety and Health Management System (SHMS)
- Written documentation and recordkeeping
 - SOP's, OSHA 300 log, implementation programs
- Comprehensive
 - OSHA Compliance
 - Safety Culture
- Communication and Planning
 - Training, scheduling, management of change
- Continual improvement
 - Audits, Assessments, Performance Metrics, Controls



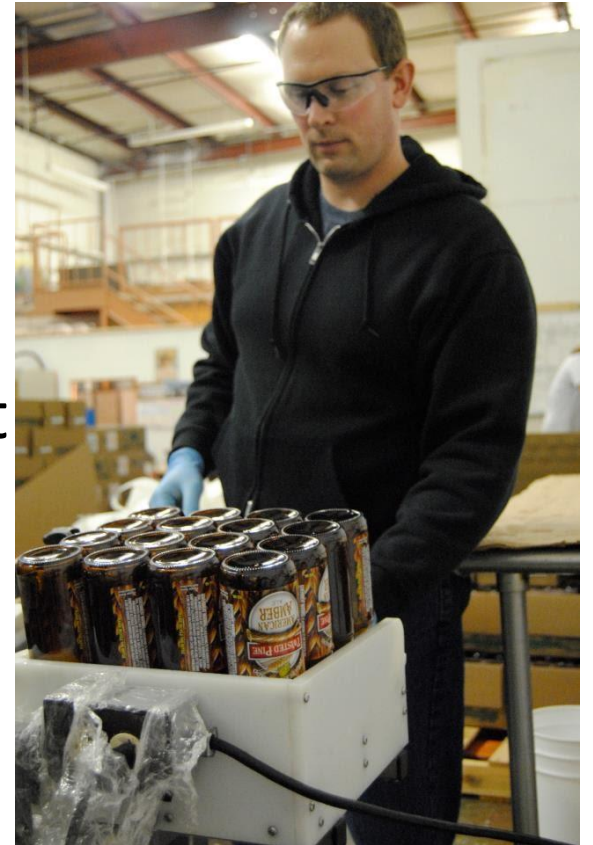
SMHS and Compliance

- ANSI Z-10 SHMS Standard
 - Elements for SHMS success
 - Structure, implementation, metrics, and culture
 - Comprehensive
 - Adaptable
- OSHA compliance programs
 - Mandated Safety Regulations
 - Structure safe working practices
 - Single item components and no improvement feedback loop



Superlist Compliance Checklist

- Jumping off point for SHMS development
- Step-by-step OSHA compliance checklist
 - For most common brewery hazards
- Basics for system metrics and benchmarking
- Additional components for culture and safety management
- Coming Soon: Best Practices Document (BMP)



Gap Analysis

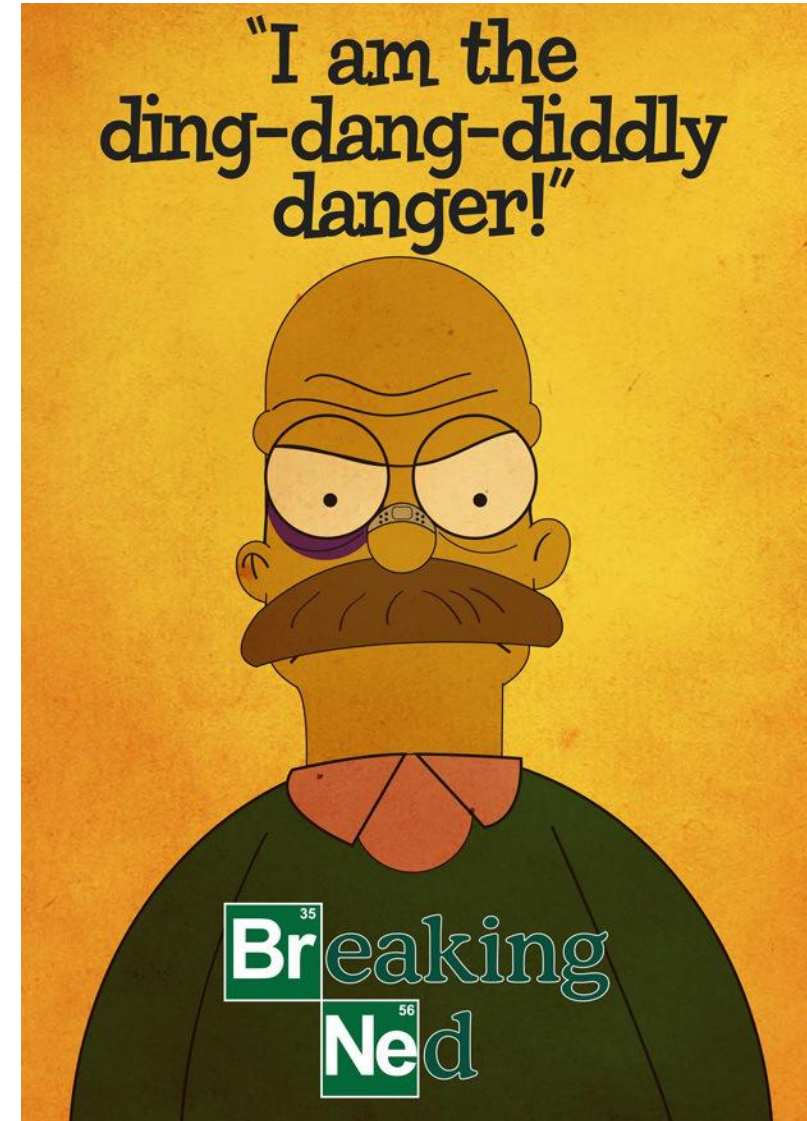
- Can be applied to:
 - Entire SHMS
 - A document, program, or procedure
 - Work in practice
- Asking:
 - Is this adequate?
 - Is this compliant?
 - Are actions matching writing?



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Hazard Assessment

- Identify and monitor on a routine basis
- Multiple times in multiple areas
- With multiple people (of all levels and departments)
- Corrective actions and controls



Brewery Hazards



The DIY Hazard Assessment

- Physical

- Energy that can hurt you

- Electrical, pressure, steam/heat, gravity, mechanical
 - Confined/hazardous spaces
 - Chemicals, flammables, sharps, noise, thermal stress
 - Motion (moving equipment, moving vehicles), elevation, walking/working surfaces

- Behavior

- Management—task planning, overall scheduling, available tools
 - Employees—Stress, fatigue, multitasking, personal life

- Inherent

- Designed into facility, process, or equipment
 - Human factors and ergonomics



Human Factors

- Accidents may be rooted in system and equipment defects
 - Poor design
 - Counterintuitive operation
 - Incorrect installation
 - Faulty maintenance
- Identify areas where these factors may present
- Plan and develop specific training parameters and qualifications
- Realize employees may not be at fault



Risk Minimization

- Hazard Prioritization— which do I minimize first?
 - Employee interaction/contact— Never to frequent
 - Risk (likelihood to cause harm)— Unlikely to high
 - Severity of outcome— First aid to Permanent injury/Death
- Hierarchy of controls
 - Engineering, Administrative, PPE
 - Feasibility of resources or technology
 - Many ways to minimize to acceptable level



Resources

- **Brewers Association Safety Sub Committee**
 - Safety Exchange—safetyexchange@brewersassociation.org
 - Best Practices Documents, Webinars, Safety Ambassador
- **Brewing Network**
 - Safety is not proprietary—ask others what they do
 - Vendors and suppliers—for product or equipment specific safety
 - Share lessons learned
- **Local OSHA Consultation**
- **ANSI Z-10 Standard**

Special Thanks!

- BA community who participated in survey
- Chuck Skyeck (Brewers Association)
- BA Safety Subcommittee
- Colorado State University Industrial Hygiene Department

Questions?!

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- **Safety Open House:**
 - **TODAY!!!**
- **Safety Exchange:**
 - safetyexchange@brewersassociation.org

BREWERS ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE RODEO

Network with your fellow members who contribute their experience and expertise to help achieve association goals.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM



◆ **Safety Subcommittee**
Open House
Level 1, D 137

◆ **Quality Subcommittee**
Open House
Level 1, D 139

◆ **Sustainability Subcommittee**
Open House
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◆ **Draught Beer Quality**
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Bring your ideas and suggestions!
Beer will be served!

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