

Biographical notes for KIM NIBARGER

Kim Nibarger is a member of the United Steelworkers (USW) International Union Health, Safety and Environment Department. He worked as a chief operator for Shell Oil Products, US, at the Puget Sound Refinery in Anacortes, Washington prior to taking a leave of absence in 2004 to work for the former PACE Health and Safety Department as a Triangle of Prevention (TOP) program coordinator.

Mr. Nibarger has 17 years in refinery operations and served as a member and co-chair of the Joint Health and Safety Committee for 8 years. While at the Shell refinery, he was the Union's lead investigator on the team investigating a November 1998 accident that resulted in the loss of life for six workers. As a TOP program co-ordinator, his duties included root cause analysis of more than 50 serious chemical accidents nation wide. He has trained more than 250 USW (PACE) accident investigators.

Mr. Nibarger has testified at House and Senate committee hearings as well as the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board on issues pertaining to refinery safety.

In addition to regular assignments, he serves as an accident investigator for the USW Emergency Response Team. He was the USW investigator for the BP Texas City accident of March 2005. He has also conducted health and safety training classes internationally.