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Safety Topics

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Words of Wisdom

The only people you should ever want to get "even" with are those who have helped you.

— John Honeyfeld

How About a Spring Audit? (Safety, of course!)

I just had a conversation with Terry Jones earlier today and he informed me that an OSHA inspector had paid a visit to our plant in Clarksville, Tennessee. Is your plant ready for a visit from OSHA, IOSHA, KOSHA or whatever the local agency is called? The following is a list of things that can be checked and corrected that would make such a visit less painful.

Housekeeping – spilled material, air hoses and electrical cords on the floor, blocked fire extinguishers and emergency exits.

Electrical – frayed cords, extension cords being used as permanent wiring, unlabeled electrical panel boxes, cover plates missing, extension cords across ceiling joists attached to metal pipes or brackets and no ground fault circuit interrupters in use around sources of water, power box access blocked, ground plug missing on extension cords or tools.

Guarding – bench grinders with work rests and tongue guards not adjusted properly, compressors with pulley belts not guarded and conveyors without guarding at the tail pulley, idler pulleys, or head pulley.

Overhead Storage – inadequate guard-rail protection, ladders or stairs not designed to meet OSHA standards, load capacity not posted and overhead obstruction not protected or clearly identified.

Chemical Storage & Handling – MSDS not available, chemical containers not labeled properly, spill protection not provided where needed, improper containers for flammable liquids storage, employees must be trained.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

– availability of the PPE hazard assessment, employees not using proper PPE when and where required, appropriate PPE not available, PPE not properly maintained.

Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) – availability of the LOTO program, lack of appropriate lockout safety devices, lack of training for employees, and annual audit of the program not up to date.

First Aid and Eye Wash Stations – inadequate first aid supplies, eye wash station not immediately available where needed, trained first aid responders not available where emergency response more than 5 minutes away.

Hand & Power Tools – electrical power tools with defective wiring, tools not inspected on a regular basis.

Emergency Exit & Procedures – exits not clearly marked, inadequate emergency lighting available, emergency maps not posted, no annual training in emergency procedures.

Lighting – inadequate lighting for working conditions, especially after dark and before sunrise.

Use this as a less-than-complete self audit. If all of these things are in good order, you have very little to be concerned about a visit from regulators.

If you have questions about what is reviewed here, get in touch with Terry or me. We will gladly help out with compliance concerns.

For What It Is Worth!!

It is terrible, getting old!

A very old lady in a nursing home was walking down the hall lifting the edge of her nightgown at anyone she passed saying, "Super sex". The staff didn't know quite what to do. Their requests for her to stop had no effect.

A gentleman who was new to the facility and was seated in a chair was approached by the old lady and she lifted the edge of her nightgown and said, "Super sex".

The older man sat there for a short while then replied, "Soup".

* **Do you have a Safety** *
* **Topic idea for me? I** *
* **would like to hear from** *
* **you!** *



**The Goal Is Clear!
2007 As Our Safest Year!!**

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