CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Emerson was founded in 1890 in St. Louis, Missouri, as a manufacturer of electric motors and fans. Over the past 27 years, the company has grown from a regional manufacturer into a global technology solutions powerhouse. Today, Emerson brings technology and engineering together to create innovative solutions for the benefit of customers in industrial, commercial and consumer markets around the world.

Emerson’s operating passion is “Consider it Solved” – applying employees’ expertise, experience and creativity to develop innovative technology solutions for customers to carry out projects faster, more safely and more efficiently. The company proudly attributes its success to the skills, integrity and commitment of its employees around the world. That’s why Emerson has created a workplace environment that encourages employees to excel with a customer-focused, results-driven culture where employee performance is recognized and rewarded.

Emerson is committed to creating a global workplace culture that supports and promotes diversity, embraces inclusion and cultivates respect for the individual, and creating an environment where people can make a difference. Their efforts and reputation have not gone unnoticed. Emerson has received recognition as one of Fortune magazine’s World’s Most Admired Companies, and Forbes magazine has ranked Emerson among America’s Best Employers.

SAFETY AND HEALTH – AN EMERSON CORE VALUE

The safety and health of all Emerson employees is a core value within the company. The company expects all levels of management and employees to not only anticipate hazards, but also to address them and stop employees if they deem a work environment or task to be unsafe.

DUPONT™ STOP® – EMPOWERING EMERSON EMPLOYEES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN WORKPLACE SAFETY BEHAVIORS

The award-winning STOP® safety training observation program from DuPont provides a path to workplace safety excellence at Emerson’s Rosemount™ measurement and analytical technologies.
At Emerson, the goal to create and sustain a safe and healthy work environment for all of its employees has resulted in a corporate led effort in three critical areas:

- Implementing global safety and health standards that are based on some of the strongest regulations from around the world.
- Tracking global injury trends from first aid, medical treatment, restricted, and lost time injuries.
- Conducting safety and health audits of its operations around the globe.

Corporate safety efforts are led by a Corporate Safety Council, which meets quarterly. The Council sets expectations, provides oversight and tracks progress of the global safety program to drive continuous improvements, reinforce the safety culture and reduce injuries in Emerson’s operations. All significant locations have a health and safety committee, which includes representation from members of the work force, to work proactively in addressing health and safety concerns, and in improving the safety culture.

THE NEXT STEP IN IMPROVING SAFETY CULTURE - DUPONT™ STOP®

Even after years of steady progress in improving safety performance the management team at Emerson’s plant in Boulder, Colorado – which manufactures Rosemount differential pressure flowmeters – decided to engage outside help to explore the next step in improving safety culture.

They turned to DuPont Sustainable Solutions (DSS) for assistance based on DuPont’s experience in behavior-based safety management programs. DuPont™ STOP®, an award-winning safety training observation program, is part of the DuPont Sustainable Solutions portfolio of workplace safety training offerings. STOP® programs are based on tested principles that have been proven to help reduce incidents and injuries. They use a combination of methods to give people the information, skills and willingness to work more safely, to maximize their learning and to apply what they learn to the real world culture of the facility.

At the Boulder site, DuPont worked with the management team to implement STOP® for Each Other to train the 110 employees – including supervisors, team leaders and plant workers – how to observe people as they work.

STOP® for Each Other is based on the idea that safety is the responsibility of everyone equally. It helps participants look at safety in a new way, so they can help themselves and their co-workers work safely. The program encourages a mindset where safety is a discussion that takes place every day, not just when completing a formal observation.

MEASURING SUCCESS AT THE PLANT SITE

By implementing the STOP® for Each Other training program, almost 90% of employees at the Emerson Boulder site are now actively participating in the safety program and in improving the safety culture.

According to Katrina Schneible, Emerson Compliance Manager for the site, the STOP® training has helped maintain an improved level of injuries and incidents at the facility, and employees are also applying the training at home. The site is lowering incident and injury rates, and is empowering employees to talk about safety. Thanks to the STOP® training, employees are now thinking about others and thinking about what they are doing daily from a safety point of view.

Emerson consistently measures health and safety performance to assure continuous improvement and high standards in every facility. STOP® was implemented to drive the cultural and behavior changes to maintain those gains.
At the Boulder site, corporate audits have also been very successful. Schneible notes that “STOP is an important tool used in accomplishing our strategic goals for each year.” Schneible added, “DuPont and STOP® helped us show what we can do in working together to identify hazards, holding one another accountable, and in communicating effectively to get everyone on the same page.”

Each employee is encouraged to complete a STOP observation once a month. There was an immediate increase in identifying hazards, and management has implemented numerous changes due to the observations. Each employee has also been trained to “See Safety” and “Use their Mind’s Eye” before performing a task or function. And there has been a reduction of near miss occurrences because of these increased observations. As a result, the site’s safety culture has improved.

“Currently we are at 326 days without a recordable injury. Hopefully we stay on track and hit the year! That would be the record for us.”

– Katrina Schneible, Emerson Compliance, Safety and Environmental Manager

Emerson’s commitment to continual evaluation and improvement of its health and safety standards will help to keep these numbers on a downward trend. Based on audit results and continuing STOP® observations, facility management now has the training and the tools in place to maintain safety compliance, and provide step-by-step plans to address any issues that are discovered.