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Problem Solvers

Our facility in Greensboro, NC, delivers asphalt release products to a number of asphalt yards. During one of their deliveries it came to their attention that the customer was having a problem with rock dust. (The customer has an on-site rock crusher.) The amount of dust given off was great enough to cause a visit from the EPA.

With the help of a couple of chemists at our headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, the design capabilities of Greensboro's Operations Manager, and others at ChemStation of North Carolina …they were able to come up with a solution to solve the problem. The Operations Manager designed a fogging system to control the dust. One fogging unit is located directly over the crusher and it reduces about 50% of the dust. The second fogger is just outside the crusher and it reduces the remaining dust.





While airborne dust is the EPA's concern, the asphalt yard has a concern over the lost weight of rock. The yards use the rock dust as fines in the asphalt blends. When the dust drifts off, that is money leaving the yard! The new fogging system using ChemStation's dust control product is now reducing the dust, the loss to the yard, and is satisfying the EPA.

More proof that ChemStation's "Work With" partnership provides customized solutions for individual requirements.

Watch Your Step

Talking on your cell phone while leaving your office? Reading a report as you walk to your meeting? Watch it – many office accidents happen when people are trying to do too many things at once. Running into door frames, desks, filing cabinet drawers, and other protruding objects typically occurs when people aren't paying attention.

THINKING GREEN

It's Not Easy Being Green

How do consumers decide which product or action is more environmentally friendly? It isn't always a clear choice.

Paper vs. plastic. Both can be made from recycled materials and are recyclable. Paper is made by cutting down trees – which help absorb greenhouse gases – but then again, they're renewable. Plastic bags are often made of polyethylene, made from natural gas, which is abundant but not renewable.

But it takes more water and energy to make paper bags than it does to produce plastic bags. Neither breaks down particularly fast in a landfill, though paper is compostable; plastics don't biodegrade easily.

An alternative – using a reusable cloth or plastic bag.

By the Numbers



Gallons of soap delivered:
146,008,982 since 1984



Empty drums not in landfills:
2,654,709 since 1984

Photo Realistic Signage

Part of maintaining a safe work environment with industrial safety products includes displaying proper signage to keep occupants informed of the hazards that may exist. Signage is most effective when it is highly visible and sends a clear visual message at a glance.

These industrial safety products aren't merely available as brightly colored fixtures on walls anymore. Photo realistic signage is an industrial safety product that makes it clear to building occupants what hazards are in their immediate area.

For instance, in areas where eye protection is necessary, you can select a bright colored caution sign with the image of protective eyewear to send a clear message to those in the area. In areas where flammability is an issue, photo realistic signage showing a caution sign with the image of flames leaves the viewer well aware of the possible dangers.





OSHA Regulation Violations

Even with the amount of information available, OSHA regulation violations still do occur. Violations happen when a company fails to adhere to safety regulations. These violations can occur due to management or employees ignoring regulations, or failing to keep informed about current regulations.

Common violations seen by OSHA include failing to wear hearing protection or safety glasses, which were discovered as a result of employees losing their hearing or damaging their eyes. Another violation commonly seen involves a few companies who were cited for their haphazard way of documenting employee injuries. By not keeping proper records, it would be hard to assess what areas needed safety improvements. Another common violation found in some workplaces is blocked safety doors that need to be used to escape in the event of an emergency.

Celebrate National Pack Rat Day

May 17 is National Pack Rat Day. Admit it…you're probably a Pack Rat like the rest of us. If you are, you're in good company. You might as well come out of hiding behind those piles of valuable "stuff" and celebrate this fun day.

It's really easy to let things pile up. After all, each item you acquire along the road of life may have value or serve some meaningful purpose. You just never know. Making the decision to discard something of even remotely questionable value is difficult, if not impossible to do. We understand perfectly. Why? Because most of us are pack rats.

In keeping with the intent of Pack Rat Day, here are some Dos and Don'ts:

- Don't clean your room, basement, garage, or any other area today.
- Don't discard anything today...it may be valuable.
- Don't even empty the trash today. You might have accidentally thrown out something useful.
- Do keep an eye out for useful stuff being discarded by others.
- Do go to garage and rummage sales. They can be pack rat gold mines.
- Do look around your belongings and be thankful for what you have.
- Do spend time thinking of uses for your things. Justification for saving is satisfying.



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SOAPBOX

Nothing is so embarrassing as watching your boss do something you assured him couldn't be done.

Frustration is not having anyone to blame but yourself.

How much is all the gold in Fort Knox?
Roughly – $125 billion.

If at first you do succeed, try to hide your astonishment.

People who complain about the way the ball bounces usually dropped it.

Say no. Then negotiate.

There is never enough time to do it right, but always enough time to do it over.

Bureaucracy, n. A method for transforming energy into solid waste.

Due to recent budget cuts and downsizing, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

Pick good people. Talent never wears out.

If you think that OSHA is a small town in Wisconsin, you're in trouble.

The best way to make a fire with two sticks is to make sure one of them is a match.

Instead of calling in sick, call in well. Tell them how great you feel not having to go to work today.

It's not hard to meet expenses…they're everywhere.

It may be bad manners to talk with your mouth full, but it isn't too good either if you speak when your head is empty.

If you're not the lead dog, the scenery never changes.

No one ever sized up humans more accurately than the fellow who invented the pencil eraser.

Support bacteria…they're the only culture some people have.

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