ChemStation®

(800) 554-8265 www.chemstation.com

INSIGHTS

Vol. XVIII No. 1, January 2006



The Wonders of Customization

Does the shoe fit? How easily would it be for you to walk into a shoe store and buy a size 10-3/4 shoe in a D- width? Not likely. You'll settle for a 10-1/2 D and have a short, sloppy fit or buy the size 11 C and walk around with a long, tight fit. No matter which way you go…the shoe doesn't fit!

ChemStation products don't come in a one-size-fits-all package. Each of our customers has unique cleaning problems and we find solutions for them. We provide custom-blended formulations to meet your needs and deliver it fresh! The wonders of customization guarantee that we'll be able to keep supplying you with the exact product you need. And if your needs change, we can do that too. ■

Forklift Evaluations

A recent OSHA Letter of Interpretation clarified 1910.178(l)(4)(iii), which requires that an evaluation of each powered industrial truck operator's performance be conducted at least once every three years.

The evaluation of performance required by the standard cannot be met by a written exam alone, OSHA said. "A written exam by itself does not indicate whether the operator is operating the powered industrial truck safely."

According to OSHA, in most cases, the person conducting the evaluation would do two things:

- Observe the powered industrial truck operator during normal operations to determine if the operator is performing safely
- Ask pertinent questions to ensure that the operator has the knowledge or experience needed to operate a truck safely

OSHA pointed out, that in some cases, the danger or complexity of the operation, the extent of the change in conditions, or the operator's need for additional skills, will require the evaluation to be lengthier and more detailed.



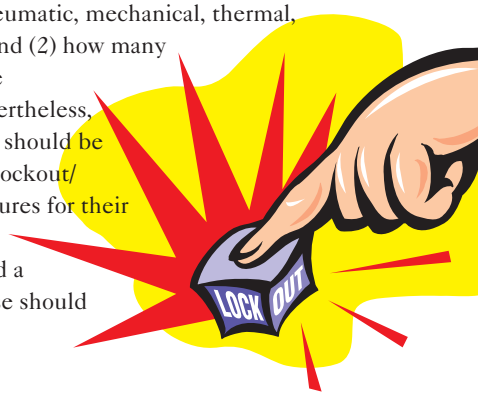
"The triennial evaluation ensures that the operator has retained the necessary knowledge and skills for safe operation of the vehicle. Therefore, a written exam alone would not be adequate to ensure that the operator has retained the necessary skills for safe vehicle operation." ■

Developing a Lockout/Tagout Program

If any employees of a company are required to perform hazardous maintenance or repair of machines and equipment, a formal, written Lockout/ Tagout must be developed and implemented. This program must include machine-specific procedures for shut-down and re-energizing equipment and training for "affected" employees (i.e., those who operate, service, or work near the equipment in question).

These procedures must be followed during the servicing or maintenance of machines, to avoid the "unexpected energization or start-up of the machinery or equipment, or the release of stored energy, which could cause injury to employees."

Procedures will vary, depending upon (1) wheth er the source of hazardous energy is electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, thermal, or chemical, and (2) how many employees are affected. Nevertheless, all employees should be familiar with lockout/ tagout procedures for their company's operations and a review of these should take place periodically.



If you need to simply update your policy, develop an employee training program, or you're starting from scratch, contact your ChemStation Account Representative for assistance. ■

Jump into January

Hooray! It's Celebration of Life Month, Coffee Gourmet International Month, National Hot Tea Month, and Oatmeal Month. As usual, January 1-7 is Diet Resolution Week. January 9-13 is National Thank Your Customers Week, and January 21-22 is Bald Eagle Appreciation Days. We all know that January 1 is New Year's Day, but it is also the day (in 1908) that the ball was first dropped at Times Square in New York City. You can celebrate Fruitcake Toss Day on the 7th. On January 11, 1973, American League baseball adopted the "Designated Hitter" rule. Speaking of designated hitters, Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day is celebrated on the 23rd when snowplow drivers everywhere try to see how many rural mailboxes they can knock down. Twenty extra points are given for boosting one into the next township. Baseball's American League was founded on January 29, 1900 and we end our monthly Jump into January by celebrating Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day on the 30th.



ChemStation®

Use Your Head

Hard hats are a very important part of your protective equipment. If you're working in a designated hard hat zone, or where there is a possible danger from falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock or burns, make sure your hard hat is where it belongs – on your head!

Hard hats must also be adjusted correctly. The top of the wearer's head should never be closer than 1-1/4 inches from the shell of the hat. Any improperly adjusted hard hat may offer little or no impact protection to the wearer.

Don't take risks with your personal safety. Hard hats should be worn on all jobs where hazards exist. ■





Send your comments to:

Insights Editor, ChemStation, 3400 Encrete Lane, Dayton OH 45439
Email: kdunlap@chemstation.com

Printed on recycled paper

Soapbox

You don't leave room for pudding, you MAKE room.

A compromise is an agreement whereby both parties get what neither of them wanted.

The things that come to those who wait are usually the things left by those who got there first.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press *Ctrl Alt Delete* and start all over?

The most difficult part of attaining perfection is finding something to do for an encore.

Therapy is expensive, popping bubble wrap is cheap… you choose!

Cleaning the house while your kids are growing up is like shoveling the path before it stops snowing.

There are 10 types of people in the world. Those who understand binary and those who don't.

42.7 percent of statistics are made up on the spot.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.

Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Sincerity is the key. Once you can fake that, you've got it made.

If at first you don't succeed…don't take up skydiving!