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THE SYSTEM!

We keep telling you that "our system is the solution" and maybe you're wondering how we define that. The dictionary defines a system as, "a group of independent but interrelated elements comprising a unified whole…an organized set of interrelated ideas or principles…a functionally related group of elements…a condition of harmonious, orderly interaction." A synonym for system is "scheme" which is a systematic plan of action or an orderly combination of elements or related parts that are connected, adjusted, and integrated by design.

The ChemStation System is this: we manufacture your product locally, deliver it to you when you need it, and pump it into an environmentally friendly tank that you don't have to pay for. Our system does not include hidden costs for ordering, receiving, storing, or handling. There are no freight costs, no container deposits, and no disposal costs. And, to top off our system, we provide proportioning hardware so there's no more product lost to improper dilutions.

The System helps keep the environment free from those unsightly drums while providing you with custom-formulated, water-based, biodegradable cleaning compounds. It's all part of our System…Efficient, Economical, Environmental, and Safe. And, that's how we define "system." ■

SAFETY DURING A POWER FAILURE

Anticipating the consequences of a power interruption is essential where employee safety is dependent on power. Inspect and review your facilities, operations, processes, systems, and procedures to determine if hazards could arise from power interruptions, and to ensure that emergency procedures are adequate to address them.

Employee safety issues raised by a power interruption depend on circumstances. Fire suppression, emergency communications, lockout-tagout, ventilation, temperature control, and illumination are just a few examples of processes, systems, and procedures that could be affected by power interruptions.

Your workplace safety and health program should consider these issues, in addition to other hazards, and include corrective methods or procedures to protect employees. ■

SAVORING SEPTEMBER

September is a month of bizarre and unique holidays and observances. It's Classical Music Month, International Square Dancing Month, and Self-Improvement Month. September 3-9 is observed as National Waffle Week, and Lunch Prowl Week is September 18-22. On September 1, 1830, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was published. (Now you'll have that tune in your head for the rest of the day.) We celebrate Labor Day on the 4th this year. September 5 has two distinctions: on that day in 1698, Russian Czar Peter the Great imposed a tax on beards; on more recent calendars, it's celebrated as Be Late for Something Day. Join the crowd and celebrate Swap Ideas Day on September 10. On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott-Key composed the lyrics to "The Star Spangled Banner." Everyone has fun with International Talk Like a Pirate Day on the 19th, which is followed three days later on the 22nd by Elephant Appreciation Day. Finally, and most satisfyingly is Crush a Can Day on September 27.



WHAT'S IN YOUR FIRST AID KIT?

According to OSHA's Medical and First Aid standard at §1910.151(b), you need to have "adequate" first aid supplies readily available in the workplace. The kit contents should reflect the particular hazards of your workplace. A generic first aid kit adequate for small worksites might include:



- An absorbent compress
- Adhesive bandages and tape
- Individual-use antiseptics
- Burn treatment applications
- Triangular bandage
- Medical exam gloves

Kit contents should be inspected regularly and items past the expiration date disposed. Replace disposed items and add other items necessary to meet the hazards of your workplace.

- Assess your workplace for hazards to which employees are exposed. If you have a large operation or multiple operations are conducted at the same location, determine if there is a need for additional first aid kits, types of first aid equipment and supplies, and quantities of supplies/equipment in the kits.

Another resource to consider is contracting with a medical supply company. These companies not only restock your first aid kits, but they help determine what types and quantities of items should be in them. ■

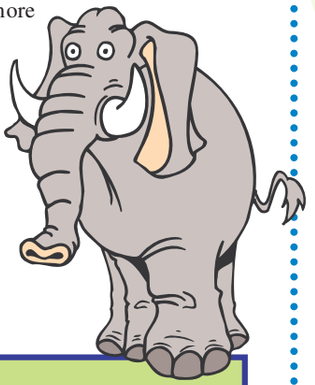
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Awesome Elephants

In honor of Elephant Appreciation Day (September 22), we'd like to share a few facts with you about the most noble of beasts.

Domesticated for thousands of years, elephants were first used as workers in logging, agriculture, and the military in Asia and Africa. They continue to be an important part of these cultures. Which brings us to the explanation of the two species of elephants…Asian and African. Asian elephants have smaller ears, which are straight at the bottom, and they are smaller in size than their African counterparts (6,615 to 11,020 pounds). African elephants have large ears (shaped like the continent of Africa) and weigh between 7,000 and 13,200 pounds.

Elephants are the largest living land animals and generally live between 60-70 years. They're entertaining, amusing, gentle, playful, and friendly. Most are extremely intelligent, have sharp memories, and are capable of learning more than 30 behaviors.



It is sad to say, their worst (and only) predator is human. National Geographic (February 2006) stated that, "It is estimated that by the early 2050s there will no longer be a viable population of Asian elephants." Both Asian and African elephants are on the Endangered Species List.



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Soapbox

It used to be only death and taxes were inevitable; now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.

Why do they call it a TV set when you only get one?

We have enough youth stuff…how about a fountain of smart?

Parachute jumping is something you can't practice…it has to be right the first time.

Bore, n. One who, upon being asked how they are, tells you.

Few people blame themselves until they have exhausted all other possibilities.

The number of people watching is proportionate to the stupidity of your actions.

A workable falsehood is more useful than a complex set of lies.

If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.

Ballerinas are always on their toes. Why not just get taller Ballerinas?

Think how deep the oceans would be if all those sponges didn't live there.

Most people who have seen and done it all can't remember most of it.

It may be that your purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Confidence – The feeling you have before you understand the situation.

Of life's two certainties, taxes and death…the former is the only one for which you can get an extension.

It is a mistake to let any mechanical object realize that you are in a hurry.

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