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Safety Performance - How are we doing?

Safety is on everyone's mind these days. Nobody wants to get hurt - and DOE is emphasizing improved safety performance. The graph below has been developed to help us track how we are doing compared to our goals.

The end result of improved safety performance is avoiding accidents. Occupational injuries and illnesses come in many forms, ranging from minor to severe. A couple of injury and illness classifications that we need to pay attention are "Total Recordable Cases" and "Days Away Restricted or Transferred Cases." What do those buzz words mean?

Total Recordable Cases - Injury and illness cases requiring medical treatment beyond first aid.

Days Away Restricted or Transferred Cases - Recordable injury and illness cases resulting in days away from work, and/or days of restricted/transferred (temporary) work activity.

The guidelines for determining the classification of occupational injuries and illnesses are based on fairly complex rules that most of us shouldn't worry about. (3G475) The important thing is to BE SAFE, prevent injuries before they happen, and report all injuries or near misses so we can prevent them from happening to someone else.

The graph below will be a regular feature of the Porcelain Press to help you monitor our safety performance.



VPP Preparing for Three-Year Review

For the past three years, PNNL has held VPP STAR Status thanks to your safety efforts, performance and attitude. Once again, it is time to prove that we are worthy of this honor.

This summer, DOE will lead a team of VPP safety and health professionals to re-examine our safety and health systems and implementation that help us ensure worker safety and health at PNNL.

What you need to know

You may be approached by members of DOE's VPP team, who will ask about your perception of safety at the Laboratory. Most importantly, you should know:

- ◆ the hazards that you work with
- ◆ the controls used to mitigate the hazards of your work
- ◆ what to do if you have a question or concern regarding the safety of your work.

If you have any questions about safety, you should discuss them with your supervisor or with your Safety and Health Representative (see the Contact List in SBMS to find your assigned representative). (3K453)

As always, we urge you to keep striving for continual improvement. (37809)



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